

**SHIRLEY SEA ANGLING CLUB
(SOUTHAMPTON)**

RULE BOOK

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CLUB COLOURS: MAROON AND OLD GOLD

GENERAL RULES.

1. TITLE

1.1 The club shall be called SHIRLEY SEA ANGLING CLUB, hereafter to be referred to as 'the club' and shall be affiliated to the National Governing Body.

2. OBJECTS

2.1 To foster and promote the sport of Sea Angling at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation and competition.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The following are eligible for membership of the club:

3.1.1 Any paid up member from classes 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.5

3.1.2 Member from 3.2.4.

3.1.3 Membership shall be open to any person completing a membership application form and paying the relevant subscription & joining fee as determined by the Annual General Meeting of Members.

3.2 There shall be 5 classes of membership available. These are:

3.2.1. Full Member

3.2.2. Junior Member (Under 16 years of age)

3.2.3. Senior Citizen (60 and over)

3.2.4. Honorary Member

3.2.5. Family Member

4. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

4.1 Members of the Club whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the Rules or Bylaws may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the disciplinary sub committee where their entrance fee and subscriptions may be forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal to the management committee with regard to any decision affecting themselves, provided that notice of such appeal be submitted to the Administrator, in writing within seven days of the decision.

5. OFFICERS

5.1 The officers of the Club shall be as follows

President – Non- Executive Officer – usually an Honorary Position.

Chairperson }
Secretary } Executive Officers.
Treasurer }

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

6.1 All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, from, and by, the Members of the Club.

6.2 All Officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office of another office the following year

7. GENERAL COMMITTEE

7.1 The affairs of the club shall be controlled by a General Committee comprising of the Executive Officers of the Club and at least 5 other members elected from, and by, the full members of the Club. The General Committee shall meet again at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.

7.2 The duties of the General committee shall be:

7.2.1 To control the affairs of the Club on behalf of the Members.

7.2.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by members and should be audited before every Annual General meeting. The Club shall maintain a bank current account and the following Officers shall be authorised to sign Club cheques: two from the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

7.2.3 To co-opt additional members of the Committee as the Committee feels necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on the committee.

7.2.4 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

8.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than the end of January of each year. 21 clear days written notice shall be given to members of the Annual General meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member at their home address and posting notice on the Club notice board. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least 14 days in writing before the meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda not less than 14 days before the meeting.

8.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

8.2.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.

8.2.2 Receive the audited accounts for the year from the Treasurer.

8.2.3 Receive the annual report of the committee for the year from the Secretary.

8.2.4 Elect an Auditor.

8.2.5 Elect the Officers of the Club (i.e. President, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Records, Boat Commodores and other General Committee Members. (Committee to be made up of 2 from each Fishing section -. Shore, Shallow & Deep Boats)

8.2.6 Review Club Subscriptions rates and agree them for the forthcoming year.

8.2.7 Transact such business received in writing by the Secretary from members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.

8.3 Special General Meetings may be convened by the General Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing, from not less than 10 full Members of the Club. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.

8.4 Nomination of candidates for election of officers shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations can only be made by Full Members and seconded by another Full Member.

8.5 At all general meetings, the chair will be taken by the Chairperson or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the Club or by Full Members attending the meeting.

8.6 Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those Full Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

8.7 A quorum for the General meeting shall be 20 Full Members and 5 officers of the Club including 2 from the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

8.8 Each Full Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at General meetings.

9. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

9.1 Any proposed alterations to the Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the Club and seconded by another Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Full Members present at the meeting assuming that quorum has been achieved.

10. DISSOLUTION

10.1 If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

10.2 If after that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full members present at the meeting, the General committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

10.3 After discharging all debt and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Full Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation or charity having objects similar to those of the Club.

FISHING RULES

1. That Members shall fish in accordance to Angling Trust Rules and Club rules shown hereafter. A copy of the latest Angling Trust Rules and Club Rule Book should be available at all competitions, provided by the club, and any disputes, alleged breaking of the rules or where the rules are silent, should where possible be sorted out at the time of the occurrence, not necessarily at the end of the competition. In any event the matter should be brought to the notice of an Officer of the Club (including committee members) before the end of the weigh-in at the latest. As long as there are 3 or more Officers of the Club including committee members present to form a fishing sub committee then a ruling may be given. If the rules are considered by a majority vote to have been broken then the catch or part catch may be disallowed, if the matter is seen to have altered the result of the competition. The matter must be reported to the full committee at the next committee meeting where any decision may be endorsed or otherwise as the case may be. If the member wishes he/she may appeal in writing and can be heard by the committee, if there are insufficient officers or committee members present then the member can make a complaint in writing to the full committee, in time for the next committee meeting, otherwise the matter will be considered out of time.
 - 2.1. On club competitions only Juniors may have assistance in casting only.
 - 2.2. Ladies to cast for themselves except for 1st years fishing or when returning to angling after a long rest when assistance with casting only will be allowed. Also when a Lady member is ill or pregnant, on application to the Committee to get three months casting assistance. This to be reviewed at the end of the three month period.
3. Signing on fee to be paid to the Signing on Officer prior to commencement of fishing in Club Competitions. All signing on to be completed 15 minutes before competition starts to allow Signing on Officer time to get on beach ready for start of competition. There will be no exceptions to this rule, the onus is on the member to ensure that he/ she is signed on.
4. The duration of a competition may be amended to suit conditions on the day. For adverse weather conditions on shore comps a vote will take place at the signing on point by the members present 45 minutes before the scheduled start. The comp will either stay as it is or changed into a rover with 30 minutes added onto the end to allow members to get back to weigh in. On Shallow Boats a vote will be taken on the Slipway 30 -40 minutes before start time to decide whether to go afloat or not.

5. Mutilated fish not accepted, except in special circumstances i.e. Sting Ray (tails) which may be weighed in with fish.
6. No fish will be accepted after 30 minutes of lines up unless otherwise stated before the start of the competition. All sizeable and qualifying fish at the scales before time will be accepted. Weighing will be undertaken by a committee member or a person agreed by those present.
7. On Shore & Shallow Boat competitions only a maximum of 10 Mackerel per member per comp to be allowed to be weighed in.
8. On actual arrival at venue only one rod stake per person on beach before start of Club Competition.
9. Fish caught outside of Wessex Division Area in Club Competitions may be entered for Club Records or Fish of the Month. All fish entered for Club Records or Fish of the Month out of Club Competitions must be caught inside the Wessex Division Area.
10. Guests to be allowed to fish up to 3 comps per year and pay £1.00p on top of signing on fee. No points will be awarded to Guests but they will be able to claim any prizes that they might win.
11. All Men and Ladies above the age of 16 will fish in the Adults section and all Children under the age of 16 will fish in the Junior section.
12. Shore and Shallow Boat teams to be decided at the weigh in of the 3rd competition in each section. Each team will have a captain who will be decided on the finishing order in the previous years championship. The number of captains dependant on the number of members wishing to enter the teams. These captains will then draw from the hat the other two team members and then draw the team name which will be used for the rest of the year.
13. The minimum size for Flounders on all competitions is as laid down by the Southern Sea Fisheries minimum size limits which will be displayed on club notice board.
14. That all Piers are banned from all Club shore competitions, so as all members are fishing from the beach.

- 15.1. That all wading into the water to cast will be restricted to knee depth only.
- 15.2 In the interests of 'SAFETY' all continuous fishing on the shore will be above the water line
16. That fishing on Shore and Boat competitions will be with 2 rods with a maximum of 3 hooks spread between them. On shore competitions both rods to be in one rod Rest. The committee have the power to designate competitions one rod only.
17. All fishing will be to the Fish Sizes as printed in the Competition Cards and Wallet charts as determined by the Committee.
18. That all Ray's caught on Shore & Boat Competitions be fished for to the Ray Conversion Chart. All Ray's to be measured across the wings before release and weight according to the size to be taken from the Ray Chart for Total Weight, O/Pool, Fish Of The Month, etc.
19. Any record fish will be allowed from any Weight to Length Charts so that fish can be returned to the water to aid conservation.
20. **LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH** – Only 1 LS Dogfish to be brought to the scales for F.O.M or O/Pool. Remainder to be returned to the water with score marked on score card issued at signing on and witnessed if possible. All returned Dogfish will be awarded 700gms.
21. The Best 10 Scores of each member to count towards the Shore Championship at the end of each year.
22. Bass & Wrasse to be fished for according to the Bass & Wrasse Length to Weight Charts with fish caught marked on the Score Card issued.

NOTES & FUTURE RULES CHANGES

SHORE ROVER RULES.

1. Rover to start and finish at Crosshouse Car Park or designated car park.
2. Any member arriving back at car park after the finishing time will not be allowed to weigh in. Without exception.
3. No member to have a fishing spot reserved at all.
4. Fishing Limits will be the full Wessex area unless stipulated.
5. No fishing in Docks or private area i.e. Calshot Activities Centre, Beaulieu River, or any Marina, Dock or private areas.
6. All fish to be returned to the scales with the captor except in extenuating circumstances when fish can be left with another member to be returned to the scales for weighing.
7. Fishing is allowed on Town Quay, Southampton but members must clear all rubbish into bins or take home. Members are expected to be responsible for their actions whilst there and most important buy a Car Park Ticket on arrival or a fine will come through the post.

KNOCK-OUT RULES.

1. All draws for this competition will be carried out by not less than 3 Committee members or one Committee and two Club members.
2. 1st draw will be made from the membership present on that competition.
3. The heaviest bag of each pair at the end of the competition will be the winner who will go through to the next round. In the event of a tie then the member with the greater number of fish will be the winner. Should both members have the same number of fish then both will go through to the next round.
4. Should a member not have an opponent then that member must weigh in to go through.
5. When the Knock Out reaches the last two, if neither weighs in then the total weight over that K.O. competition will decide the winner .If equal then greater number of fish will decide the winner. If still equal then trophy will be shared.
6. If K.O competition reaches last competition of the year with more than two members left in then all left in on that competition will fish in the final with the

heaviest weight being the winner.

SHALLOW BOAT RULES.

1. All Boats must not leave before the starting signal has been sounded by the Shallow Boats Commodore. Any boats doing so will be disqualified.
2. All boats to be back at Itchen bridge by the finishing time stated. Late arrivals could be disqualified unless valid reason for lateness e.g. Engine breakdown etc.
3. A minimum of 50 feet must be allowed between two anchored boats when out fishing.
4. No fishing is allowed in the Docks or in any fairways.
5. Boats must be eligible for inspection at all times before, during and after competitions.
6. All members must have paid their Signing On fees before going afloat. Those members coming from moorings must let the Shallow Boat Commodore of their presence before commencing to fish.
7. All boats must not exceed the River Speed limit when leaving the Crosshouse area at the start of a competition. The speed limit is 6 KNOTS up to Dock head, any boat exceeding this limit will be disqualified.
8. There will be a restriction on the number of mullet allowed to be weighed in. Each member can weigh in up to a maximum of 5 of each type of mullet per competition. i.e. Thin Lip, Thick Lip & Golden Grey.
9. No Bass will be allowed to be weighed in on competitions between May 1st and October 31st as whole of Southampton Water and area around Fawley Power station off Calshot is a Bass Nursery Area during these dates. Any Bass caught to be measured and returned to the sea. Weights coming from the Bass Weight to Length Chart.
10. Fishing Limits is as published in the Competition Card. These limits may be altered due to adverse weather conditions by the Shallow Boats Commodore.
11. Smoothound's will be fished for to a Length to Weight conversion Chart. There will be no restriction to the number of Smoothound's to be caught and none need be brought back to the scales for O/Pool, Records, Fish of The Month as the Conversion Chart Weight for the longest fish will count for the O/Pool, Total Weight, Fish Of The Month, etc.
12. In the interests of conservation all boat anglers must try to use keep nets in the

water to try and keep their catches alive for release after weighing.

13. LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

13.1 All Lesser Spotted Dogfish to be counted as 700gms. Number of Dogfish caught to be marked on back of card issued at Signing On. Only 1 can be brought back to the scales for O/Pool, Club Record, Fish Of the Month or Specimen Fish but will only count as 700gms towards total weight

14. **WHITING :-** That all Whiting caught on the Shallow Boats comps between the sizes 27cm to 30cm to be returned to the water and given a nominal weight of 180gms. All Whiting returned to water must be marked on the Score Card issued at the signing on. All members to have an individual card each to avoid confusion.

DEEP BOAT RULES.

1. All members wishing to go on the Club Deep Boat trips must contact Deep Boat Commodore to book their seats. Full payment for trip must be made with the booking, No Payment - no Trip. Failure to turn up on day will result in lost payment unless place on boat can be filled. Places will reserved on a first come first served basis. All bookings must be made and paid for a minimum of 3 weeks before trip. Spaces may be available at short notice by contacting Deep Boat Commodore.
2. All members booked on competitions must be at departure point at least 30 minutes before departure time.
3. Draw for boat positions to be made 15 minutes before departure time of boat. Anyone not present at this time will have their position drawn for them.
4. All Deep Boat trips will be fished to the Wessex Division Points per Species system.
5. Position 1 on boat to record species caught by members fishing.
6. Any fish may be weighed on boat to be entered for Fish Of The Month and Angling Trust Specimen awards.
7. Deep Boat knockouts to be drawn at committee meeting prior to date of trip.
8. Mackerel may only be weighed in for Fish of the month and Specimen awards.
9. A minimum age for members wishing to fish Deep Boat trips is 16. At the discretion of the Deep Boat Commodore younger members might be allowed to

fish on these competitions but they must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

BOAT COMPOUND.

1. Any member putting their boat into the club compound will first sign the compound contract and adhere to the contract rules at all times.
2. If compound is full a waiting list will be drawn up with the top name being the next in line for a space when one becomes available.
3. Any member found to be negligent in the locking of the compound gates will be sent a written warning.
4. All Boat owners are expected to turn up for 50% of the Slip and Compound clear – ups during the year. Dates of these will be published in the Newsletters.
5. Club members can obtain a barrier key to allow midweek launchings. The key can be obtained from the Compound Steward at a cost of £10.

SUMMER SHORE PAIRS.

1. The Summer Shore Pairs will run over 6 or 7 Summer Shore competitions as decided at the AGM.
2. Cost will be £1 per comp or £5 if paid in full before start giving 1 free comp.
3. Event to be decided on a Points per Species System over the 6 / 7 comps
4. Pairs to be drawn from 2 Hats with Best anglers in one and remainder in the other. Best Anglers decided on previous years finishing order.
5. Winning Pairs to be presented with prizes at the Social which will be either cash or Tackle as decided by the committee.

SHALLOW BOAT PAIRS.

1. Shallow Boat Pairs to be run on the Shore Pairs Rules. Boat comps that pairs to be run over to be decided at the AGM.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

1. Club Membership is due on the 1st January each year.
2. Fishing waters applicable shall be the coastal waters of the Angling Trust Wessex Division Boundary.
3. Fish of the Month and Fish of the Year shall be treated as competitions and application to same shall be made at all times on the appropriate form and handed/ sent duly witnessed and signed by the entrant to the Hon. Records Officer. The onus is on the competitor at all times.
4. Fish of the Month to be based on Club Records and will be agreed by the Committee.
5. Request for transport, if available, must be made 28 days prior to a Competition.
6. All Cups, Trophies etc to be fished for under applicable sections.
7. All Cups and Trophies to be returned to the Cup Custodian by the latest date stated in newsletter. Any members with Cups and Trophies outstanding after the latest date set will be charged a fee, which will be advertised on notice board or newsletter before end of year, if cup custodian has to travel around to pick them up.
8. If any Championship is tied at the end of the year then that Championship will be shared. The Trophy will then be held an equal amount of time between the number of winners.

HAVE YOU READ YOUR RULES?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THEM?

IF NOT THEN JUST ASK?