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SHIRLEY SEA ANGLING CLUB

SOUTHAMPTON

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RULE BOOK

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 Year shall be treated as competitions and application made by forwarding photos of the fish both on a measure and with the captor to a Committee member. This should also be witnessed preferably by another club member. The same procedure applies to any potential club record claim.
4. Fish of the Month to be based on the summer shore pairs points per species system. The highest points rated fish will win but if there are multiple fish with equal points, the fish with the highest percentage of the existing club record (boat or shore) wins.
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/email. Any members with Cups and Trophies outstanding after the latest date set will be charged a fee, which will be advertised on facebook, email or newsletter before end of year.
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?

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. The pairs is £7 per person to be paid in full before the start of the first designated pairs competition.
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 cash payment as decided by the committee.
6. The lowest 2 scores for each pair (including 0) to be dropped at the end of the 6th or 7th match.

SHALLOW BOAT PAIRS.

1. Shallow Boat Pairs to be run on the Shore Pairs Rules.
Boat pairs competition to be decided annually at the AGM.

SHIRLEY SEA ANGLING CLUB (SOUTHAMPTON) 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 and joining fee, as determined by the Annual General meeting of members. New memberships will be vetted by the Shirley SAC committee before acceptance. Applicants can fish as a provisional member, still being awarded points until the application is approved at the next committee meeting. If their membership is declined then points will be removed.
- 3.2 There shall be 4 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

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 or 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.

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 be 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 measured 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.

SHALLOW BOAT RULES.

1. All Boats can leave 30 minutes before the starting time of the competition, but cannot start fishing until the designated fishing time.
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.
 - 2a. For **safety reasons** members must advise the boat commodore if they return early, or are not coming back to the finish of the competition. If lone fishing, try to fish in the vicinity of other members
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. Any bass caught to be measured and returned to the sea as directed by EEC Bass regulations at the time of fishing.
10. Fishing Limits are as published in the Competition Card. These limits may be altered due to adverse weather conditions by the Shallow Boats Commodore.
11. All fish to be recorded on the scorecard in line with the minimum sizes detailed on the Club length to weight chart. All fish to be rounded down to the nearest centimetre.
12. For **safety reasons** members must advise the boat commodore if they return early, or are not coming back to the finish of the competition. If lone fishing, try to fish in the vicinity of other members.

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.

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. Beaulieu River, or any Marina, Dock or private areas.
6. All competition cards to be returned to the stewards at end of competition by captor. In extenuating circumstances, a card can be returned by another club member.
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 catch to go through.
5. When the Knock Out reaches the last two, if neither competitor catches 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.

All anglers are stewards, at the end of the day we have a better chance of fair play if all witnesses follow the procedures and take collective responsibility. The same witness cannot be used consecutively and you are advised to vary your witness as much as possible by using one of the members fishing either side of you. Scorecards returned with the same witness for 2 consecutive Competitions fished will be refused.

NOTES & FUTURE RULES CHANGES

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 competition 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 Juniors may have assistance in casting only.

2.2 If for any reason a member is unable to cast for themselves during a match, they must seek the agreement from 2 committee members, one of them must be a shore representative, before getting assistance. If permission is granted on the day, that will apply to that match only. If longer term or permanent assistance is required for future matches this will be addressed at the next committee meeting.

3. For shore competitions signing on fee to be paid to Signing on Officer from 90 to 60mins before the start of the competition, and scorecard collected. In exceptional circumstances members that cannot attend the sign on must inform the Signing on Officer one hour before the start of the competition and pay signing on fee before they commence fishing.

4. If any member feels a competition should be moved for any reason, they must notify the Chairman, who will then contact the committee to make a decision by the Thursday before any shore or shallow boat competition. For shore matches the default venue will become a Rover. The decision will be posted on the Club Website and Club Facebook page, so please check.

4.1. The duration of a competition may be amended to suit conditions on the day for any unforeseen circumstances. On shore competitions a vote will take place at the signing on point by the members present 1 hour before the scheduled start time. The competition will either stay as it is, or a change to a new venue. For shallow boats, a vote will be taken on the slipway 30-40 minutes before the start time and may be amended for any unforeseen circumstances.

5. Mutilated fish will not be accepted, except in special circumstances i.e. Sting Ray (tails) which may be weighed in with fish.

6. All scorecards to be returned within 30 minutes of the end of the competition, unless otherwise stated before the start the match. No fish to be brought back with your scorecard. Scorecards must have the length of each fish witnessed in accordance with the Club rules, and converted to weight using the Club length to weight charts. Scorecards must be completed in full, totalled and then signed off by the witness before presenting to the shore/shallow boat officers.

7. On Shore & Shallow Boat competitions only a maximum of 10 Mackerel per member per competition to be allowed.

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 an additional £1 on top of the signing on fee. Guests must have their scorecard witnessed by an existing member and may witness a member's scorecard. Guest are not permitted to witness another guest's scorecard.

11. All Men and Ladies above the age of 16 will fish in the Adult 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 end of the 5th competition in each section. Each team to have a captain decided on the finishing position in previous year's championship. Two other members to be drawn to make up a team of 3. Only members who have fished at least 3 of the first 5 matches will be automatically included. Others may be added to make up team numbers.

13. That all Piers are banned from all Club shore competitions, so as all members are fishing from the beach.

14. That all wading into the water to cast will be restricted to knee depth only.

14.1 In the interests of 'SAFETY' all continuous fishing on the shore will above the water line

15. Fishing on Shore and Boat competitions will be with a maximum of 2 rods with a maximum of 3 hooks spread between them. Treble hooks on lures, spinners etc. having 3 points count as 3 hooks. On shore competitions both rods to be in one rod rest. The committee has the power to designate competitions as one rod only.

16. All fishing will be to the fish sizes as printed on the club length to weight chart

17. All rays caught on shore and boat competitions to be measured across the wings from underneath and laying eyes up. All rays to be recorded using the Club length to weight chart.

18. Any record fish will be allowed from any Weight to Length Charts so that fish can be returned to the water to aid conservation.

19. The lowest 3 scores of each member (including zero's), will be deducted from the total score of the shore championship at the end of the year.

20. All fish to be recorded on the Scorecard in line with the minimum sizes detailed on the Club Length to Weight Chart. Any recorded fish must be beached, under control and placed on the measure nose to tail (across wings for Rays) and witnessed before it is entered onto the scorecard. All fish to be rounded down to the nearest centimetre.

21. All fish must wherever possible be transported in a bucket of water to the witness, where it can be measured and then immediately returned to the sea. No more than 6 fish to be kept in the bucket at any one time, and all fish must be signed by a witness within ½ hour of the first fish being caught. If the fish is to be retained for eating it must be despatched and marked in an appropriate manner (e.g., tail fin cut) as agreed with the witness.