

Broadland and Coastal Cruising Club General Rules.

Name

The name of the Club shall be "The Broadland and Coastal Cruising Club" (BACCC)

Objective of the Club

To promote informal cruising in company and encourage safe boating on the Broads and at sea. To provide informative and enjoyable Club meetings.

The Structure

The Officers consist of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Editor or a combination. The committee shall consist of up to three additional members. A quorum shall be deemed as 55% of officers and committee members. All officers and committee members are to be elected annually at the AGM, held in October every year.

To terminate an officer or committee member's position, a majority vote of no confidence by the Club membership will null their position and an election by the Club membership will take place for a replacement.

Membership

All persons applying for membership shall fill in a Club membership form and convey this to the Membership Secretary. All such applications are then submitted to all attending Club members at the next meeting and will require a unanimous vote in favour to be accepted. Any objection from a member will be advised either orally or in writing to any committee member during that meeting. The details of any objection will remain confidential.

Membership fees will be set by the committee at the AGM. The current fee (2012) is £5.00 per person over the age of 18. Subscriptions are to be paid annually and fall due between the AGM and 31st December. Any member failing to renew by 31st December would be considered no longer a member, and will have to reapply for membership as if a new member. From the August meeting subscriptions may be reduced for the remainder of the year to any new member at a rate approved by the committee at the time.

Membership may be terminated without giving a reason publicly, although a complete committee majority must democratically decide termination. Except in extreme cases (e.g. criminal, serious abuse), a formal written warning of termination will be made to the member with a period of reasonable notice to give them a chance of appeal or corrective action.

Guests

Any member may not bring the same guest(s) to more than two meetings in any 12 month period. (It is expected that these persons wishing to attend more frequently would apply for membership.)

Conduct

Members (and guests) will at all times conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Any person failing to do so may be reported to the committee and in

extreme circumstances, expulsion from an event or the Club may be considered.

Awards

All the awards presented by the Club are perpetual awards and ownership remains with the Club at all time. The committee will decide on a suitable place to house and display the awards, but a formal certificate of achievement for the winner to take home and keep will accompany all awards.

The awards are:

“The Shackle of Success” will be awarded to the member who has fulfilled the spirit of the Club in the highest order. The recipient of this award can be discussed with the membership but the final decision will rest with the present incumbent.

“The Cock up of the Year” award shall be awarded to the member who, in the opinion of the previous holder, has made the biggest and/or funniest mistake of the year. The recipient of this award can be discussed with the membership but the final decision will rest with the present incumbent.

“The Charlotte Woodward Ladies Trophy” is to be awarded by the committee to the lady who has been deemed to have achieved something of note within the Club during the past year.

A.G.M.

An A.G.M. will be held in October of each year for the purpose of reviewing the past year, election of officers and committee and the award of annual Club trophies and certificates.

Cruising Rules

See separate sheet.

Dissolution of the Club

In the event of it becoming necessary to close down or dissolve the Broadland and Coastal Cruising Club, any decision shall only be taken at either:

- a) The Annual General Meeting or
- b) At an Extraordinary General Meeting

The date and time of which should be notified in writing to all current paid up members.

Any such decision should be the decision of all members attending that meeting, by way of a vote.

In the event of a decision to close the Broadland and Coastal Cruising Club:

All trophies should be returned to their original donors.

All other assets should be equally divided between all current members, who have been fully paid up members for the two previous years.

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Cruising Rules

1. All participating vessels must hold a current Broads license, B.S.S. and insurance. If going to sea a C.G.66 V.H.F. radio and lifesaving equipment.
2. Good seamanship and courtesy is to be adopted by all participating vessels and their occupants, and at no time should the club be brought into disrepute.
3. All local taxes and bylaws are to be observed at all times.
4. a **Cruise Leader** will be appointed by the participating skippers to be in overall control of the cruising event.
5. When on a coastal cruise it is the Cruise Leader's responsibility to ensure that H.M.C.G. or any other relevant body are kept informed and up to date at all times.
6. When port V.H.F. communications are required, it is recommended that all vessels monitor the port frequency, but only the Cruise Leader communicates with port control, unless;
 - a. Urgent relevant communication is needed by any vessel.
 - b. Port communications directly contacts a particular vessel.
7. When cruising in company, please remember it is just that. The Cruise Leader should authorise any vessel to exceed the speed of the company and remember your wash on slower vessels.
8. When cruising in confined waters please do not overtake, the only exception will be the Cruise Leader out of necessity.
9. When berthing, vessels are to moor up:
 - a. In the pre-arranged place only.
 - b. As instructed by the Cruise Leader.
 - c. As instructed by an Officer of the Port Authority.
10. If anyone is in dispute with the Cruise Leader it will be referred to any committee members present at the time. If the dispute is not resolved by the officers and:
 - a. The cruising rules are still not complied with, you will be asked to leave the cruise.
 - b. The matter will then be referred to the next full committee meeting where the member will be asked to explain their actions.

On the outcome of that committee meeting, the matter will be resolved or put on the agenda to be discussed by the full membership at the next available meeting. The decision of that meeting will be final. This may lead to the member being asked to leave the Club.

**Remember, have fun and enjoy the cruise, that's what it's all about.
A lot of preparation will have gone into the cruise, but it is you who makes it work.**