

Notes for Members

1. Assisting with race officer and rescue duties is a condition of membership at Loch Venachar Sailing Club. All sailing members are expected to undertake rescue boat training and to attend as rescue officer when rostered. We endeavour to ensure that inexperienced members are put on duty with an experienced person.
 - Members are given the option to “opt out” of rescue duty, however, the Club must actively discourage this or the burden will fall on very few members.
 - Training in the operation of rescue boats will be available at some point during the season for those not familiar with power boats or who would like to improve their skills.
 - If you are really unable or unwilling to carry out rescue duty an “opt out fee” of £30 may be paid with your subscription. Unless you opt out at this stage you are confirming your commitment to carry out rescue duty or race officer duty.
 - The rota for duties will be published in the handbook in “Venews” and on our website (www.venachar.org.uk/members). If you cannot manage the dates in the rota it is your responsibility to arrange a swap.
2. A junior member is a person who at January is 13 years of age but under 18 years of age and a student is a person in full time education. They have no voting rights but may be members in their own right or as part of a Family membership.
3. Cadet members are children under the age of 13 on 1st January and have no voting rights. Their membership must be as part of a Family or they must have a parent or guardian who is an Adult member or Beach member.
4. Family membership shall include one or two named co-habiting adults and all their children and all children within their guardianship under eighteen years of age or remaining in full time education. Each named adult will have one vote.
5. Beach membership is intended for members who are no longer active sailors but who wish to remain associated with the Club as non voting members, or for parents of junior or cadet members who do not wish to sail themselves. Other persons may be accepted into this limited class of membership at the discretion of the committee. Membership includes husband and wife.
6. Sailability Members are those who have joined through Loch Venachar Sailability and whose subscription is paid through that section.
7. Boat, board or canoe fees are payable if a boat, board, or canoe is to be kept at the Club. The reduced Topper fee applies to Toppers kept on the rack.
8. The board or canoe fee is waived where a full boat fee has been paid and where the board or canoe is kept on the rack on the side of the container or lying alongside a member’s boat.
9. Members are reminded that members, their guests and any visitors that use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club do so entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club, and the Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club sustained by members, their guests or any visitors to the Club or caused by the said members, their guests or any visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the Officers, Committee or servants of the Club.
10. Parental Responsibilities

Parents and guardians are warned that the Club is only able to provide safety cover during the hours of Club racing. Outside these hours parents and guardians have sole responsibility for their children and wards and must appreciate that the Club cannot be expected to exercise supervision or control. Loch Venachar Sailing Club requires all children, young people or vulnerable adults to be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian whilst using the changing facilities within the club house. LVSC is proud to promote its excellent teaching facilities and therefore the occasional photographing / videoing of children whilst involved in sailing activities at the Club does occur. This may include the publication of photographs in local / national press and on the internet. This practice will continue unless Parents / Guardians notify the Secretary of LVSC, in writing, that they do not want their son / daughter /ward to have their photograph taken. LVSC cannot guarantee protection from the indiscriminate photographing of children /young people / vulnerable adults at the clubhouse by non members. Members are requested to enquire with the Instructor / Committee member on duty that day prior to taking photographs of non family members of children / young people /vulnerable adults. The Parent /Guardian of children / young people / vulnerable adults being left unaccompanied at LVSC and who are not booked on to any course, must complete an emergency contact form prior to leaving their child / young person / vulnerable adult at the club house. This includes identifying a responsible adult willing to act in loco parentis.
11. Training

The Club runs training courses throughout the year. Further information on training can be obtained from The LVSC Training Centre. Contact Patricia Collins 01786 834028 or bookings@venachar.org.uk