



Herne Bay Amateur Rowing Club

Founded 1887

Life members

- Mr D Evans
- Mr R Plowman
- Mrs D Marman
- Mr J Hutton
- Mr K Groves
- Mr P Thornton
- Mrs P Welch
- Mr G Cooper
- Mr P Iddenden
- Mr A Mills
- Mr Epps
- Mrs C Epps

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The Rules of the Club

- 1a The name of the Club shall be 'Herne Bay Amateur Rowing Club'.
- 1b The aims and objectives of the Club are:
 - to promote and participate in the sport of competitive rowing;
 - to maintain active membership of the Coast Amateur Rowing Association (CARA) and/or such other rowing association(s) as may be appropriate, and to participate in the regattas organised by the association(s) concerned;
 - to provide and maintain a Clubhouse and such boats and equipment as may be required to enable Club members to participate in any races for which they are individually eligible;
 - to organise and provide the means for transporting boats, equipment and crews to and from regattas;
 - to encourage an interest in rowing amongst young persons and to enrol them as 'rowing members' of the Club, and to train them, in accordance with their aptitude, to scull, to row or to act as coxswain;
 - to enrol as 'non-rowing members' those persons who have an interest in the Club;
 - to foster good relations within the Club and to encourage social activities between members and with other Clubs.
- 2 The Club shall consist of a president, rowing members and non-rowing members (all being full members) and family members. The spouse/partner and any children under the age of 14 of any full member shall be entitled to become family members without the necessity of being elected to membership. All full members over the age of 18, including family members, shall have equal voting rights, but members under 18 have no voting rights.
- 3 The colours of the Club shall be blue blazer, royal blue singlet with white Maltese cross and navy blue shorts. No member shall row in a regatta unless in club colours.
- 4 The Committee shall comprise of the President, the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Captain, the Vice Captain, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, the Regatta Secretary, the Club Welfare Officer, the Club Safety Officer, Regatta Secretary, four rowing members and two non-rowing members, all to be elected by simple majority vote at the Annual General Meeting. With exception to the President who has a 2 year tenancy, all officers, and Committee members shall retire from office annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. No member shall be eligible for election to the Committee unless he/she has been a member of the Club for at least two years.
- 5 The Annual General Meeting shall take place before the end of January each year.
- 6 Annual subscriptions shall be such sums as shall be determined from time to time at a General Meeting. The Committee shall have absolute discretion to accept a reduced subscription from any member.
- 7 Subscriptions shall become due on 1st March each year. No member shall take part in any regatta unless the appropriate annual subscription has been paid in full.
- 8 The Committee shall meet at least once a month, and special meetings may be convened on the proposal of seven or more members. At any meeting relating to club business at least 3 committee members are required to form a quorum.
- 9 Any rowing members who may be present shall, if requested, assist in the launching, landing and housing of club property.
- 10 The stroke person must report in writing to the Captain or Hon. Secretary any damage to boats or blades.
- 11 Crews for regattas shall be selected by the Captain, Vice-Captain, and /or a selection panel nominated by the committee.
- 12 The Club's representative to the CARA Committee shall be elected annually by the Committee at the first Committee meeting held after the Annual General Meeting.
- 13 The entrance fees and boat expenses for Club crews contending in regattas with the consent of the Committee shall be out of Club funds. Such crews shall row in club colours. An agreed fee will be charged to each competitor to help cover the cost of boat transportation.
- 14 No Club boat shall be put afloat unless in the presence of a nominated experienced person or with the specific authority of the Captain or Vice Captain
- 15 All boats and blades shall be properly housed and washed down after use.

*A separate list of by-laws for rowers is available from the Captain or Vice Captain.

- 16 The Hon. Treasurer shall present the audited accounts at the Annual General Meeting.
- 17 All members must be amateurs according to the definition of CARA. CARA's rules governing boat racing are to be strictly observed.
- 18 Amendments or additions to these rules may be made only by simple majority decisions of members at a General Meeting, save that amendments or additions to this rule (18) or rule 1b shall only be made upon 75% of the entire membership of the entire Club voting in person in support of such amendments or additions at a General Meeting.
- 19 The Committee shall have the power to make by-laws* in respect of matters concerning the general administration of the Club.
- 20 A General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by written requisition to the Hon. Secretary signed by any ten members of the Club. A General Meeting shall not be held until notice of the date of the meeting has been displayed on the Club notice board(s) for a period of at least 14 days.
- 21 The Club shall not be dissolved except by a majority of three-quarters of the Club's entire membership present and voting at a General Meeting. Upon dissolution of the Club, any surplus assets and monies shall be passed to CARA to do with as they see fit, with the request that they be given to clubs in need of equipment and financial support.
- 22 The Club shall elect Trustees in whom shall be vested all property belonging to the Club.
- 23 Any member wishing to be considered as a coxswain must give evidence to the Hon. Secretary that he/she can swim at least 50 metres.
- 24 The keys of the boathouse and clubhouse shall be held by those members nominated by the Committee.
- 25 The Committee may elect a Social Committee to supervise social events and catering, but the Committee itself or a nominated 'Bar Manager' shall retain responsibility for the purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor.
- 26 The Captain shall be responsible for keeping the Boathouse in an orderly manner and may request any rowing member to help him/her.
- 27 The Captain has authority to detail one day per week for maintenance, and no boats shall be taken out on that day.
- 28 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone of any age who is interested in furthering the aims of the Club. Applications for membership shall be submitted in a form prescribed by the committee, accompanied by the relevant subscription fee. Election to membership shall be made by a simple majority vote of those persons present and voting at a committee meeting. If membership is denied, the person concerned must be informed in writing of the decision and given a good reason why they will not be admitted to membership. No potential member shall be denied membership of the club for any reasons that may be considered discriminatory. Any monies paid shall be refunded. That person shall then have a chance to appeal against the decision, accompanied by a friend, at the next committee meeting.
- 29 Members may bring guests to the Club, but no member shall, except with the approval of the Committee, introduce any person as a guest to the Club on more than five occasions in any one year. The member shall be responsible for the conduct of his/her guest and shall not leave the Club premises before his/her guest. The Committee shall have absolute discretion to refuse entry to the Club of any guest.
- 30 The Committee shall have the power to expel any member if, in the opinion of the Committee, his/her conduct has been or is likely to be prejudicial to the character or interests of the Club. The Committee shall not, however, expel any member without giving him/her the opportunity to explain his/her conduct. The Committee shall make any decision as to expulsion on a simple majority of those persons present and voting.
- 31 Intoxicating liquor may be supplied to or for consumption on the premises by those persons over the age of 18 who are:
 - a. Rowing members;
 - b. Non-rowing members;
 - c. Family members;
 - d. Bona fide guests of rowing members, non-rowing members or family members.
- 32 Intoxicating liquor may be sold to visitors to the Club, being members of other sports clubs attending for the purpose of participating in sporting activities with the Club, together with their bona fide guests.
- 33 The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor in the Club shall be such as are fixed from time to time by the committee and details of which shall be posted on Club notice boards(s).
- 34 Any oarsperson requesting entries to a regatta and failing to attend, without giving good reason to the Captain, shall be held responsible for the full entry fee
- 35 The club abides by the Policy and Procedures Relating to Child Protection and the Protection of Adults at Risk as set out by British Rowing (a copy of which can be obtained from the club secretary or welfare officer), and requires all members to accept them as a condition of membership. The location of these policies will be notified to all members. The contact details of the Club Welfare Officer is available at the club and on the website.