

Burnham Boatowners Sea Angling Association Rules 2010

1. The name of the Association shall be the Burnham Boat Owners Sea Angling Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.
2. The objects of the Association are to protect the interests of members with regards to the use of the sea and access thereto at Burnham-on-Sea, and to promote leisure pursuits on behalf of members.
3. The membership of the Association shall consist of Life Members, Ordinary Members and Honorary Members. All Life Members and paid-up Ordinary Members are hereinafter referred to as Active Members.
4. All Association Offices shall be honorary and Officers shall be elected at the AGM from the Membership by the Membership.
5. The Officers of the Association shall consist of President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Management Committee Members.
8. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any Active Member.
7. Any Meeting shall have the power to co-opt a Committee Member to act as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the co-opted Committee member will have the normal powers of the Chair.
8. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer will have normal voting powers as active members: in the event of voting being equal, the Chairman shall the casting vote.
9. The AGM shall be held on the third Thursday of November each year, if that date is convenient. Any Member who wishes to raise any matter at the AGM must inform the Honorary Secretary in writing giving fourteen days clear notice and reasons for so doing.
10. The monthly general meeting shall normally be held on the third Thursday of each month (with the exception of August).
11. Extraordinary General Meetings may be summoned by the Committee or by request in writing by six Active Members to the Honorary Secretary, giving fourteen days clear notice and reasons for doing so.
12. Committee Meetings shall be held monthly at a date agreed.
- 13a. The quorum of the AGM shall be 20% of the Active Members and no rules may be altered or repealed, nor new rules made, except at an AGM and such quorum shall be present.
- 13b. To ratify any motion raised at any meeting. 50% of members present must vote for or against the motion. In the event that more than 50% of members present abstain, then the motion will be rejected.
14. The quorum of the Committee Meeting shall be five Committee Members.
15. In the event of alterations or additions of the rules, all Active Members will be informed.
16. A register of attendance will be kept at all Meetings and each Member will sign the register. This register will be proof of attendance.
17. In order to attend Meetings, Ordinary Members shall have paid their subscriptions.
18. Minutes shall be kept at all Meetings. The minutes cannot be proposed or seconded by a Member who was not present at the Meeting to which the Minutes refer.
19. Annual subscriptions shall be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting and become payable at the following monthly meeting.

20. Any member who has not paid his/her subscriptions by or on the second General Meeting following the AGM shall be required to pay double the normal subscription. Failing to pay by the following AGM will require that Member having to attend an interview as a prospective New Member. (See Rule 17).
 21. The Association and its Officers will in no way hold itself/themselves responsible for any Member, junior or otherwise. Involved in an accident or incident in any location whatsoever, on land, foreshore or sea, for injury or damage sustained to that person or property of a person or any member of the public.
 22. Every prospective member will complete an Association Application Form duly signed by two Members as Proposer and Secunder.
 - 23a. Every prospective new member must be vetted by the Committee and the Committee reserves the right to refuse membership without explanation. The decision to accept a new member must be unanimously accepted by the Committee and by a majority vote by the membership.
 - 23b. All skippers (within 6 months of joining for new members) must have fitted a working VHF radio and obtained a certificate of competency to operate marine VHF. All skippers must carry the following items:
 - A life jacket for each person on board
 - A minimum of a handheld flare & a parachute flare which must be in date
 - A working VHF radio
 - Navigation Lights (port, starboard & anchor light).
- All Members not complying will be refused entry to club comps.
24. Any New Member who joins the Association between January to June will be liable to full Annual Subscription, and from July to December to half the Annual Subscription, payable on acceptance of Membership.
 25. Honorary Members will have full Association facilities but no voting powers.
 26. The Association's Bankers will be HSBC Bank, Burnham-on-Sea.
 27. Membership of the Association shall be open but subject to the Rules of Membership. Active Members shall be able to vote on any subject at the AGM with the exception of Rule 32.
 28. The Association can, only on receipt of a written statement from a member of good standing and of proof to the Association's satisfaction, immediately suspend any Member for Misconduct which is considered to be against the best interests of the Association. Expulsion of any Member from the Association can only take place at a General Meeting which the offending Member may attend. A quorum shall be present.
 29. In normal circumstances, the committee is to act in an Advisory capacity but, in exceptional circumstances, the committee would, with the authority of the association deal with the relevant matter, and finalize it.
 30. Each member will mark his or her boat with the lettering and numbers which appears on his or her membership card. The letters and numbers shall be at least 6" in height. The trailer shall also be marked with the same letters and numbers.
 31. The chairman has the power to defer the vote from one general meeting to another general meeting.
 32. In the event of the association wishing to change its meeting place, identity, or both, written application signed by the majority of its active members shall be made to the committee at least 90 days prior to the next AGM. Voting powers regarding this rule (32) are restricted to the residents of Sedgemoor District Council area only, notwithstanding existing members from outside that area who were members before the AGM of 1976.
 33. It is a condition of membership that all skippers must complete a CG66 boat registration form as mandatory; otherwise membership will not be renewed.