



Governance Rules

1. This Club is called the Yare Boat Club Ltd and its object shall be to encourage its members to make the best possible use of the waterways and in particular to encourage rowing and sculling on the river Yare.
2. The Club shall be affiliated to British Rowing Limited, the governing body for the sport of rowing (<https://www.britishrowing.org>).
3. The government and management of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of eight members. That Board, from their number, shall appoint a Chairman, Captain, Secretary and Treasurer. The rules of governance are set out in the Club's Articles of Association.
The Board shall also have the power to co-opt replacement members to the Board or to any Sub Committee, provided that all existing Board members, whether present at the meeting or not, shall agree to the co-option.
The Board may also appoint Vice Captains at their discretion, who do not necessarily have to be Directors.
4. (a) For the purpose of electing the Officers and members of the Board, a General Meeting shall be held in the first quarter of each year, at which ten members shall form a quorum. This meeting shall also receive and approve the Treasurer's accounts for the Year and the reports from various other Board members. Each member of the Club shall be given fourteen days' notice in writing (by email) of the meeting.
(b) Members who wish to nominate members of the Board shall give notice to the Secretary not less than thirty days before the date of the meeting.
(c) A Special General Meeting may be called on the written and signed requisition of six paid up members, stating the reason for the meeting and requiring the Secretary to call the meeting within twenty one days. The Secretary shall then give each member of the Club fourteen days notice of the meeting in writing, stating the purpose for which the meeting has been called.
(d) No alteration shall be made to these rules except at an Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
5. (a) The Board shall meet as and when necessary, four to form a quorum. Seven days notice is to be given by the Secretary to each Board member.
(b) The Board shall have power to call meetings for any purpose whatever, to elect new members, to expel or suspend any member upon due cause being shown, to control expenditure and to perform all the necessary business relating to the Club. Members of the Club having any business to bring before the Board must send to the Secretary notice of this matter at least seven days before the next Board meeting for it to be discussed at that meeting.
6. (a) The Club shall offer the following categories of membership:
Full, Concessionary, Associate (for scullers or rowers from other rowing Clubs who train regularly with Club members in Yare Boat Club boats in order to race in a composite crew), non-rowing including kayakers, and Cox.
They shall all pay an annual subscription according to their membership category, the subscription rates for all categories shall be fixed at each Annual General Meeting.
All subscriptions shall be payable in advance from the date of the Annual General Meeting. The Board shall have power to abate those subscriptions paid by members who have joined the Club

Associate members cannot be part of more than one composite crew with Yare Boat Club members. (If an associate member would like to race with more than one Yare Boat Club crew they have to become full Yare Boat Club members.)

Associate members do not have independent access to the boathouse, are not allowed to use singles, cannot bring other people onto Yare Boat Club premises and do not have voting rights at the AGM. (b) Declaration - Each new member of the Club shall complete a membership form on which they shall sign the following declaration:-

“Upon acceptance into membership of the Yare Boat Club I understand that rowing (or sculling) is undertaken at my own risk. I confirm that I do not suffer from any disability or medical condition which may render me unfit for strenuous exercise.* I also confirm that I am able to swim a minimum of 50 metres in light clothing, tread water for at least 2 minutes and swim underwater for at least 5 metres”.

* Should a medical condition exist, this will not necessarily preclude you from membership / participation, but it must be declared. Should you be in any doubt, advice should be sought from your family doctor.

(c) Upon completion of a membership form and payment of the required subscription, such a person will be granted membership and will be assessed by at least two Board members and allocated a status, as stated in the Club Safety Policy 2000. This person will then be supervised and coached accordingly.

(d) Equal Opportunities Policy - Membership is open to “All” [categories as itemised in 6(a)] and the Club will ensure that no member receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, disability, marital status, creed, social class, ethnicity, age or sexual orientation or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be relevant to performance. (e) Any member wishing to resign shall tender a letter of resignation before 1st January otherwise that member will be liable for a year’s full subscription.

(f) Subscription renewal notices will be sent out shortly after the AGM and once the new membership fees have been agreed.

(g) Any member whose subscription is in arrears two months after notice has been given in writing to that member, ceases ipso facto to belong to the Club.

7. Safety - The Committee shall appoint a member to act as Safety Adviser whose duty it will be to understand the requirements of the British Rowing Limited Code of Practice for Water Safety (Rowsafe) and advise on their prominent display, their observation and their implementation at all times.

8. The Club will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any member’s own boat, oars, sculls or any other fittings when stored on the Club premises. Permission must be given by the Board before any boat or equipment is stored. A member must insure his/her own boat for third party risks and may be asked to produce evidence that this has been done.

Failure to pay racking fees and associated membership fees within 60 days of becoming due will be taken as notice to quit. Yare Boat Club will notify the owner requesting removal by the end of a further 28 day period. Failure to do so after this time may lead to boats being removed at the discretion of the Board. Yare Boat Club will accept no responsibility for damage to equipment so removed. In the event of said equipment not being removed from the site within 60 days of the original written notification, Yare Boat Club will dispose of said equipment retaining such sums to cover the cost of disposal and the overdue racking fee. Any surplus will be returned to the owner.

9. The Club shall be non-profit making. All income from whatever source will be used for the running of the Club including the purchase of new equipment. There will be no distribution of Club assets in cash or kind to members or third parties.

10. In the event of dissolution of the Club, any remaining assets will be transferred to another CASC, a

registered Charity, or British Rowing Limited.

11. Liability - The Board shall manage the affairs of the Club. Financial or legal liability incurred in the rightful exercise of their office shall not, however, be the personal liability of the Board, but shall be the responsibility of the Club as a whole limited to £1 per member

Board Members for 2026

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Other Club Roles

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