



OXFORD DITCH CRUISING CLUB

HANDBOOK 2023

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OXFORD DITCH CRUISING CLUB

AIMS

1. To encourage and develop motor boating on the River Thames and its tributaries.
2. To provide facilities for information and advice on all matters pertaining to the sport in general.
3. To safeguard the rights and privileges of members and their craft on the River Thames and its tributaries.
4. To improve the quality of Boat Handling and Safety amongst members.

To further these aims the Officers and Committee will arrange and organize Rallies, Competitions, Social Occasions and other functions as appropriate.

OXFORD DITCH CRUISING CLUB

Founded 1953

Officers

Commodore

Stuart Francis - Sheer Beauty

Vice Commodore

Philip Sachse - Lady Lara

Rear Commodore

Derek Farrow

Hon. Secretary

Barbara Sachse - Lady Lara

Email: secretaryodcc@outlook.com

Hon. Treasurer

Sue Macdonald – Sheer Beauty

Committee

Marion Farrow

Chrissie Myhill – Cavas

Pauline Vallance – All's Fair

Wayne Vallance – All's Fair

Andy Wilson - Cavas

VISIT: www.oxfordditch.co.uk

RESPONSIBILITIES

Events Coordinator	Marion Farrow/Chrissie Myhill
Handbook	Barbara Sachse
Regalia	Andy Myhill
Website	Andy Wilson/Chris Dietrich

VICE PRESIDENTS **WITH YEAR OF ELECTION**

KEN CHAPPELL	1986
MALCOLM PAGE	1992
PHILIP SACHSE	2003
MARGARET RENNIE	2004
LYN PAGE	2005
DEREK FARROW	2012

TRUSTEES

KEN CHAPPELL
MALCOLM PAGE
PHILIP SACHSE

PAST COMMODORES

1953-54	Mr PV JONES
1954-59	Col WP D'ARCY DALTON
1959-62	Mr WJ DEAN
1962-63	Mr WJ OWENS
1963-66	Mr MHC LEWIS
1966-68	Mr PB MITCHELL
1968-71	Mr A PHIPPS
1971-74	Mr EW DODWELL
1974-76	Mr RJ FREE
1976-78	Mr DWJ SPRATT
1978-80	Mr WA THOMAS
1980-82	Mrs M FREE
1982-84	Mr D HALSTEAD
1984-86	Mr K CHAPELL
1986-88	Mr JEH BRADLEY
1988-90	Mrs HP BROWN
1990-92	Mr MS PAGE
1992	Mr KM BIRCHER
1993	Mr IR BURDESS
1993-95	Mr J BLAKE
1996	Mr J WEEKS
1996-98	Mr B REDSHAW
1999-2000	Mr M HALEY
2001-2002	Mr C RENNIE JP
2003	Mr P SACHSE
2004	Mrs M RENNIE
2005	Mrs L PAGE
2006-2007	Mr D CHARLTON
2008	Mr C FOLLEY
2009	Mr M BICKNELL
2010	Mr P DUNNING
2011- 2012	Mr D FARROW
2013	Mrs L PAGE
2014-2015	Mr C SEENEY
2016-2018	Mr DEREK FARROW
2018-	Mr STUART FRANCIS

BOATS AND THEIR OWNERS

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Owner</u>
ALL'S FAIR	P&W VALLANCE
BOUDICCA	K&J HAYES
CAVAS	A WILSON & C MYHILL
DIAMANT BLEU	E. ABBOTT
DRUMBEAT	J&S PALMER
FOREVER YOUNG	D&J MILLIGAN
LADY LARA	P&B SACHSE
LADY LYNDIA	L&T ROSE
RICOCHETTE	D HICKTON
SHEER BEAUTY	S FRANCIS & S MACDONALD
THIEF OF TIME	E&S COTTON
TOPS	S BELL
VIVI ADESSO	D&B ALLEN
WINNING SPIRIT	C DIETRICH

Data Protection Act

Members are reminded that the information provided in this handbook is solely for their own convenience and benefit. All members have a duty of care one to another and no information will be divulged to any other party. All members may view the information provided by them and kept on file on their behalf.

Details are those supplied to the Hon. Secretary by members and, where permission has been obtained, to use that information within the handbook.

PROGRAMME OF CLUB EVENTS 2023

Sun 5th March Fitting-out /70th Anniversary Lunch, The Maybush, Newbridge

Sun 2nd April Informal Lunch, Kings Arms, Sandford

June (TBD) Lunch at Abingdon

July (TBD) Afternoon tea at Beale Park (Safari picnic)

22nd Aug/2nd Sept Ham House Visit

Sun 12th November AGM & Laying-up Lunch (Venue TBD)

Sun 10th December Christmas Lunch (Venue TBD)

*For up to date details of events contact the Secretary
(secretaryodcc@outlook.com) or check the website www.oxfordditch.co.uk*

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS

Emma Abbott & Chris Dietrich

DIAMANT BLEU/WINNING SPIRIT
2003/2006

Eileen Alexander

1989

David & Brenda Allen

VIVI ADESSO
2022

Sheilah Bell

2007

Ken & Yvonne Chapell

1978

Ted & Sue Cotton	THIEF OF TIME 2008
Derek Davies	2003
Derek & Marion Farrow	2002
Jill Folley	1996
Stuart Francis & Sue Macdonald	SHEER BEAUTY 2014
Ken & Jan Hayes	BOUDICCA 2011

Doug Hickton

RICOCHETTE

1980

Debbie & John Milligan

FOREVER YOUNG

2022

Malcolm & Lyn Page

1987

John & Sue Palmer

DRUMBEAT

2000

Karen Rees

2004

Margaret Rennie

1995

Lynda & Terry Rose

LADY LYNDA

2022

Barbara Rowlett

1990

Philip & Barbara Sachse

LADY LARA

1995

Ann Seeney

1996

John & Grace Stripp

1994

Bob & Joy Tanner

1984

Wayne & Pauline Vallance

ALL'S FAIR
2015

Andy Wilson & Chrissie Myhill

CAVAS
2019

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE OXFORD DITCH CRUISING CLUB

1953 was a significant year in the history of our country. Among the notable events of that year were The Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the conquest of Everest by Sir Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tensing. Roger Bannister broke the four minute mile and England won the Ashes for the first time in twenty-one years and most importantly the Oxford Ditch Cruising Club was founded.

On Saturday 3rd January 1953 a group of water enthusiasts who met regularly in an Oxford Pub or at The Maybush at Newbridge decided to form a cruising club. On the following Thursday eight people met for the inaugural meeting. The first thing to do was to think of a name; the local rowers who had heard about the possibility of a motor boat club being formed had said they would be Ditchers, because their name for the Thames at Oxford was 'the Ditch', it was proposed that the club be called the Oxford Ditch Cruising Club and this was accepted.

The membership grew with 20 members by March 1953, 59 in 1962, 88 in 1967, and 135 in 1978. In the eighties the membership peaked at 175, but by then many older members were giving up boating. A campaign to recruit new members achieved 155 by 1989. Our 2013 membership stood at 67 with 25 boats in our 60th year.

In the early days boats were much more individual being mainly wooden and mostly powered by petrol engines. Some were built and fitted out by their owners but gradually glass fibre came on the scene and boats became more standard and also larger.

The first rally was held in June 1953 at Swift Ditch just above Abingdon and since then rallies have been held at various places on the river. In 1985 a 15ft square marquee was purchased which was replaced in the late 1990's by a frame type tent.

The Club has cruised the river extensively. In the early days cruises were mainly on the non-tidal river but slowly the call of the sea came

and cruises started to go tidal and in 1979 13 boats went to St Katharine's Dock in London.

The Club joined the Association of Thames Yacht Clubs in 1953 when there were only 13 member clubs. Over the years success has been achieved in boat handling competitions with team awards and twice winning the overall individual award.

Since 1995 the Club has been a member of the Thames Valley Rally (TVR); however the TVR was disbanded in 2010 although the annual Inter-Club Quiz continues.

The Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary on 5th March 2023 at the Maybush Pub, Newbridge, where the Club was founded in 1953.

The Club continues to look forward, with a varied programme of events and welcomes new members with a keen interest in motor boating.

CLUB REGALIA

Club Burgee
Club Tie
Cloth Blazer Badge
Cloth Cap Badge
Club Lapel Badge (Brooch with Pin)
Club Pin
Flat Metal Badge

Equipment is available for purchase from Andy Wilson
Tel: 07824 413752, email: andywilson_4@hotmail.com. Please make payment by bank transfer or cheque payable to Oxford Ditch Cruising Club and include postage and packing (current prices are on our website).

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION—ARBUCKLE TROPHY

1991	Mr KM Bircher	'A River Thames Landscape'
1992	No Entry	
1993	Mr J Blake	'A Club Rally'
1994	Mr J Blake	'Sunset over the Thames'
1995	Mrs H Grimes	'Sport on the Thames'
1996	Mr J Weeks	'Aboard your boat'
1997	Mrs E Alexander	'Fishing'
1998	No Competition	
1999	Mrs H Grimes & Mr P Wagstaffe	'The Weir'
2000-01	No Competition	
2002	Mr P Wagstaffe	'A Bridge over the River Thames'
2003	Mrs E Alexander	'Wildlife on the River Thames'
2004	Mrs M Rennie	'River Reflections'
2005	Mrs C Bicknell	'A Thames lock keeper at work'
2006	Mrs K Rees	'A River Thames Landscape'
2007	Mr I Fitzpatrick	'A Club Rally'
2008	Mr C Dietrich	'Sunset over the Thames'
2009	Mrs V White	'Sport on the Thames'
2010	Mrs S Fitzpatrick	'Aboard your boat'
2011	Mr I Fitzpatrick	'Fishing'
2012	Mr P Wagstaffe	'The Olympic Year on the River'
2013	No Entry	
2014	Mr & Mrs M Lodge	'A Family or Families enjoying the River Thames'
2015	Mr S Francis & Mrs S Macdonald	'Seen on the river - this made me smile'
2016	No Entry	
2017	Mr & Mrs W Vallance	'The River Thames'

Competition Rules

1. The competition is open to Club members only.
 2. Pictures should be taken after the AGM for the coming year.
 3. Entries limited to six per member.
 4. Any size print of selective enlargement will be accepted.
 5. Prints should be submitted on-mounted or on individual thin board (frames will not be accepted)
 6. Entries must be received by the Committee's nominated judge no later than seven days before the Laying-up Lunch
- The Arbuckle Trophy will be presented to the winner at this event.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY INFORMATION

Customer Service Line Tel: 03708 506506 (Mon-Fri 8-6)

Incident Hotline Tel: 0800 807060 (24 hrs)

Floodline Tel: 0345 988 1188

[Calls to 03 numbers cost the same as calls to standard geographic numbers
(i.e. numbers beginning with 01 or 02)]

E-mail: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Website: www.gov.uk/ea

Lock keepers' hours of duty:

July and August 09.00 – 18.30

May June and September 09.00 – 18.00

April and October 09.00 – 17.00

November to March 09.15 – 16.00

Lunch break 13.00 - 14.00

Teddington Lock has a 24 hour service all year.

Operating the lock yourself

Operating instructions are posted at locks. Read the operating instructions before you operate the lock.

If you are operating the lock yourself:

- stay close to the sluice controls while the sluices are in operation
- close the lock gates properly before slowly opening the sluices to fill or empty the lock
- leave the lock empty and shut the gates after use - there is a public right of way over the gates
- **in an emergency you should close all sluices before dealing with the situation**
- emergency contact details are displayed at each lock

LOCK INFORMATION

LOCK	FACILITIES	TEL.NO.	POST CODE
St Johns	SPRWLR/C	01367 252309	GL7 3HA
Buscot	L	01367 252434	SN7 8DA
Grafton	HL	01367 810251	OX18 2RY
Radcot	HWL	01367 240676	SN7 8JT
Rushey	SPRWLR/C	01367 870218	SN7 8RF
Shifford	HLE	01367 870247	OX18 2EJ
Northmoor	W	01865 862923	OX13 5JP
Pinkhill	WL	01865 881452	OX29 4JH
Eynsham	SPRHWLR/C	01865 881324	OX29 4BY
Kings	W	01865 553403	OX2 8PY
Godstow		01865 554784	OX2 8PJ
Osney	W	01865 247050	OX2 0AX
Iffley		01865 777277	OX4 4EJ
Sandford	E	01865 775889	OX4 4YD
Abingdon	SPRHW	01235 523044	OX14 3NW
Culham	WL	01235 522061	OX14 4NE
Clifton	W	01865 407821	OX14 3EH
Day's	SR	01865 407768	OX14 4RB
Benson	WE	01491 835255	OX10 6SL
Cleeve	HWL	01491 872608	RG8 0JY
Goring	RWER/C	01491 872687	RG8 9AE
Whitchurch		0118 984 2448	RG8 7DJ
Mapledurham	SPRWLR/C	0118 941 7776	RG8 8BE
Caversham		0118 957 5764	RG1 8BP
Sonning	L	0118 969 3992	RG4 0UR
Shiplake	SPRHWLE	0118 940 3350	RG9 3NA
Marsh		01491 572992	RG9 4HB
Hambledon	RR/C _(GLASS ONLY)	01491 571269	RG9 3AZ
Hurley	SRHWL	01628 824334	SL6 5ND
Temple	WL	01628 824333	SL7 1SA
Marlow	WL	01628 482867	SL7 1QA
Cookham	SRHLE	01628 520752	SL6 9SR
Boulters	WL	01628 624205	SL6 8TR
Bray	L	01628 621650	SL6 0EE

LOCK INFORMATION CONTINUED

LOCK	FACILITIES	TEL.NO.	POST CODE
Boveney	SPRHWL	01753 862764	SL4 6QQ
Romney	W	01753 860296	SL4 6HU
Old Windsor	WLE	01753 861822	SL4 2JZ
Bell Weir	L	01784 432333	TW20 0AA
Penton Hook	RWL	01784 452657	TW18 2JA
Chertsey	HW	01932 562208	KT16 8LD
Shepperton	SWL	01932 221840	TW17 9LJ
Sunbury	SWL	01932 782089	KT12 2JD
Molesey	SPRHWLE	020 8979 4482	KT8 9AW
Teddington	WL	020 8940 8723	TW11 9NG

Key to Facilities

S – Chemical Toilet Disposal

P - Sewage Pump-out

R - Refuse disposal

H - Water Hose provided for bulk supplies

W - Drinking Water Tap for portable containers only

L- Lavatory (some open during duty hours only)

E – Electric charging point

R/C – recycling facilities

Note: Water supplies at sanitary stations are unfit for drinking

HEADWAYS OF THAMES BRIDGES

LOCATION	HEADWAY (Metres in brackets)	
Halfpenny Bridge, Lechlade	15' 6"	(4.73)
St John's	13' 10"	(4.22)
Bloomers Hole Footbridge	11' 6"	(3.50)
Eaton Footbridge	9' 9"	(2.97)
Radcot Bridge	11' 4"	(3.45)
Old Man's Footbridge	14' 0"	(4.27)
Tadpole Bridge	14' 10"	(4.52)
Tenfoot Footbridge	12' 2"	(3.71)
Shifford Lock Cut Bridge	12' 0"	(3.66)
Newbridge	11' 6"	(3.50)
Hart's Footbridge	10' 9"	(3.27)
Swinford Bridge	14' 9"	(4.49)
Oxford Western Bypass Bridge	13' 6"	(4.11)
Godstow Bridge	8' 5"	(2.56)
Medley Footbridge	10' 1"	(3.05)
Osney Bridge	7' 6"	(2.28)
Osney Railway Bridge	11' 8"	(3.55)
Road Bridge	12' 2"	(3.71)
Grandpont Bridge	12' 10"	(3.91)
Folly Bridge	10' 3"	(3.12)
Donnington Bridge	16' 6"	(5.03)
Isis Bridge	16' 6"	(5.03)
Kennington Railway Bridge	13' 6"	(4.11)
Nuneham Railway Bridge	15' 9"	(4.80)
Abingdon Bridge	13' 11"	(4.24)
Culham Lock Cut Bridge	12' 5"	(3.78)
Culham Road Bridge	14' 9"	(4.49)
Appleford Railway Bridge	13' 0"	(3.96)
Clifton Lock Cut Footbridge	13' 4"	(4.06)
Clifton Hampden Bridge	13' 5"	(4.09)
Day's Footbridge	15' 3"	(4.64)
Shillingford Bridge	17' 3"	(5.26)
Wallingford Bridge	16' 5"	(5.00)
Wallingford By-pass Bridge	16' 9"	(5.10)
Moulsford Railway Bridge	21' 8"	(6.60)
Goring Bridge	16' 11"	(5.15)
Gatehampton Railway Bridge	22' 10"	(6.96)
Whitchurch Bridge	13' 7"	(4.14)

HEADWAYS OF THAMES BRIDGES (cont.)

LOCATION	HEADWAY (Metres in brackets)	
Caversham Bridge	15' 0"	(4.57)
Reading Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge	15' 0"	(4.57)
Reading Bridge	17' 8"	(5.38)
Sonning Bridge	14' 2"	(4.32)
Shiplake Railway Bridge	17' 10"	(5.43)
Henley Bridge	14' 3"	(4.34)
Hurley Upper Towpath Bridge	13' 1"	(3.98)
Hurley Lower Towpath Bridge	14' 5"	(4.39)
Temple Bridge	20' 6"	(6.26)
Marlow Bridge	12' 8"	(3.86)
Marlow By-Pass Bridge	19' 9"	(6.02)
Bourne End Railway Bridge	15' 6"	(4.72)
Cookham Bridge	15' 2"	(4.62)
Cookham Lock Cut Bridge	12' 6"	(3.81)
Boulton Lock Bridge	17' 3"	(5.26)
Maidenhead Bridge	18' 7"	(5.66)
Maidenhead Railway Bridge	32' 2"	(9.80)
M4 Motorway Bridge	25' 6"	(7.77)
Summerleaze Bridge	24' 0"	(7.30)
Windsor By-Pass Bridge	20' 6"	(6.25)
Windsor Railway Bridge	17' 9"	(5.41)
Windsor Bridge	13' 2"	(4.01)
Black Pott's Railway Bridge	19' 6"	(5.94)
Victoria Bridge	20' 3"	(6.17)
Albert Bridge	18' 8"	(5.69)
Old Windsor Lock Cut Bridge	14' 3"	(4.34)
Runnymede (M25) Bridge	23' 0"	(7.01)
Staines Bridge	19' 6"	(5.94)
Staines Railway Bridge	21' 0"	(6.40)
M3 Motorway Bridge	21' 4"	(6.50)
Chertsey Bridge	19' 1"	(5.82)
Desborough Channel Upper Bridge	17' 0"	(5.18)
Desborough Channel Lower Bridge	17' 0"	(5.18)
Walton Bridge	18' 3"	(5.56)
Sunbury Lock Cut Bridge	19' 6"	(5.94)
Hampton Court Bridge	19' 5"	(5.92)
Kingston Bridge	23' 11"	(7.29)
Kingston Railway Bridge	22' 4"	(6.81)
Teddington Lock Cut Bridge	18' 4"	(5.58)

MOORINGS FOR BOATS ON THE RIVER THAMES

Some visitor moorings are free; others you need to pay for. The maximum period you can stay varies - check on-site notices for information.

Environment Agency short-stay moorings; please contact the lock keeper for any enquiries:

- Lechlade - Riverside Pub
- St John's Lock - downstream
- Buscot Lock - upstream
- Shifford Lock - upstream - Electric boats are prioritised here if pre-booked by calling 03708 506 506 before 4pm on the day. After 4pm, mooring of electric/non-electric boats will be given on a first to arrive first to moor basis, but please note there is only room for 1 or 2 moorings.
- Northmoor Lock - upstream
- Eynsham Lock - upstream
- Eynsham Lock - downstream
- Kings Lock - upstream
- Kings Lock - downstream
- Oxford - East Street
- Iffley Lock - upstream
- Iffley Lock - downstream
- Sandford Lock - upstream
- Sandford Lock - downstream
- Abingdon Lock - upstream
- Culham Lock - upstream
- Clifton Lock - upstream
- Days Lock - upstream
- Benson Lock - upstream
- Cleeve Lock - downstream
- Goring Lock - upstream
- Goring Lock - downstream
- Goring - downstream of Goring Bridge
- Reading - Scours Lane (moor with care - water depth variable)
- Sonning - for 950 metres upstream of Sonning Lock (moor with care - water depth variable)
- Shiplake Lock - upstream
- Wargrave - opposite Lashbrook
- Hurley Lock – downstream

- Temple Lock – upstream
- Marlow - downstream of Marlow Lock
- Cookham Lock - downstream
- Boveney - opposite Maidenhead Road
- Boveney - downstream of Eton boathouse
- Boveney Lock - downstream
- Egham - towpath 620 metres upstream of Bell Weir Lock
- Bell Weir Lock - downstream
- Laleham - towpath between Blacksmiths Lane and Vicarage Lane
- Weybridge - opposite Shepperton Lock Island (Weybridge Point)
- Desborough - downstream end of Desborough Island on old river
- Walton - towpath opposite Shepperton Marina
- Walton - opposite Beasley's Ait (Gridley Miskin)
- Sunbury - Weir Hotel
- Molesey - Hurst Park
- Molesey Lock - upstream
- Kingston - Railway Wharf
- Teddington Lock - upstream

Pages 17-23 above - Information taken from www.environment-agency.gov.uk

ATYC MEMBER CLUBS WITH VISITOR MOORINGS

(fees charged where appropriate)

Upper Thames Motor Yacht Club, Sonning
 Penton Hook Yacht Club, Penton Hook
 Middle Thames Yacht Club, Sunbury
 Thames Motor Yacht Club, Molesey
 Small Boat Club, Kingston
 London River Yacht Club, Kingston

TIDEWAY INFORMATION

RICHMOND LOCK Tel: 020 8940 0634

CHISWICK QUAY MARINA Tel: 020 8994 8743

CHELSEA HARBOUR MARINA Tel: 020 7225 9100

ST KATHARINE DOCKS Tel: 020 7264 5312

VHF Channel 80 during scheduled locking times which are two hours before and one and a half hours after HW at London Bridge. Summer opening hours are 0600-2030. Winter opening hours are 0800-1800

LIMEHOUSE BASIN Tel: 020 7308 9930

VHF Channel 80. No lock access one and half hours either side of LW. (24 hours notice required for after hours locking)

Call "LIMEHOUSE MARINA" waiting pontoons in lock entrance. (Gives access to inland canal system). Moorings arranged by Cruising Association Tel: 020 7537 2828. Temporary membership to visiting yachtsmen. Clubhouse with bar and food facilities.

SOUTH DOCK MARINA Tel: 020 7252 2244

24hr VHF watch on Channel 80. Tidal window two and a half to two hours either side of HW London Bridge.

GREENWICH YACHT CLUB Tel: 020 8396 0321

VHF Channel M during club hours.

One 30' swinging mooring available by prior arrangement

Vacant members' moorings also made available.

GALLIONS POINT MARINA Tel: 020 7476 7054

VHF Channel 80 Locking available 5 hrs either side of HW.

THURROCK YACHT CLUB Tel: 01375 373720

Situated north shore upstream of Tilbury Grain Terminal: One visitor mooring

HOLEHAVEN CREEK Contact PLA Tel: 01474 562462

Swinging moorings on request. Semi-sheltered temporary anchorage in lee of Chainrock Jetty in area above creek entrance. Beware drying out.

HARBOUR MASTER INFORMATION

LONDON VTS

TEDDINGTON—CRAYFORD NESS

Tel: 020 8855 0315

VHF Channel 14 (primary) 22 (secondary)

CRAYFORD NESS—SEAWARD LIMIT

Tel: 01474 560311

VHF Channel 69 (18) Seaward Limit to Sea Reach No. 4

VHF Channel 68 (20) Sea Reach No. 4 to Crayford Ness

There is an 8 knot speed limit above Wandsworth Bridge.

There is a 12 knot speed limit below Wandsworth Bridge to Margaret Ness.

PLA Website

www.pla.co.uk

MEDWAY VTS

Tel: 0151 949 6656

VHF Channel 74

QUEENBOROUGH HARBOUR MOORINGS

Tel: 07456 459754

Sheltered Haven 40 miles from London Bridge

Navigators & General

Underwriters for the Oxford Ditch Cruising Club Scheme Since 1953

Membership Benefits include:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| • 12.5% discount | - on normal rates for Club Members |
| • 10% discount | - on normal rates for other boat owners |
| • Cruising extensions | - up to 30 days Coastal use at no extra cost |
| • Unquestionable Security | - Members of the Zurich Financial Services Group |
| • Reliable Claims Service | - fast and efficient response from staff with practical sailing experience |
| • Wide Policy Cover | - including personal accident cover, frost damage to machinery and theft of all items from the exterior of the vessel |
| • Increased 3rd Party Cover | - now three million pounds |

Tel: 01273 863420

E-mail: enquiries@navandgen.co.uk

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Boat Safety Scheme	Tel: 0333 202 1000
Canal & River Trust	Tel: 0303 040 4040
Maritime & Coastguard Agency	Tel: 023 8032 9100
Meteorological Office	Tel: 0370 900 0100
Port of London Authority	Tel: 01474 562200
Royal Yachting Association	Tel: 023 8060 4100
Small Ships Register	Tel: 029 2044 8813
UK Hydrographic Office	Tel: 01823 484444

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USEFUL WEBSITES

ATYC	www.atyc.org.uk
Environment Agency	www.gov.uk/ea
Oxford Ditch Cruising Club	www.oxfordditch.co.uk
Royal Museums Greenwich	www.rmg.co.uk
Royal Yachting Association	www.rya.org.uk
Tidal Information	www.pla.co.uk/Hydrography/Tidal-Information

OXFORD DITCH CRUISING CLUB RULES

TITLE

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HEADQUARTERS

4. The Club, being a Cruising Club, has no permanent Headquarters.

INSIGNIA

5. The Club burgee shall be a dark blue flag with a replica of the Club blazer badge in the centre and the Club's initials worked in light blue. Club burgees are for use only during the period of membership. Members must undertake not to loan or otherwise dispose of them and to return them whenever membership ceases.
6. The Commodores flag shall be of the same design with swallowtails.
- 6a. Past Commodores shall be entitled to fly a Club burgee with three tails.

7. The Vice-Commodore's and Rear-Commodore's flags shall be similar to the Commodore's with one and two white balls respectively at the hoist.

MEMBERSHIP

8. The Club shall consist of Honorary Members, joint or family members, individual members and junior members.
9. Persons eligible for joint or family or individual membership shall be the private owners of motor craft or others interested in pleasure motor boating.
10. All members must abide by the rules of the club.
11. Every candidate for joint or family or individual membership shall be proposed and seconded in writing to the Honorary Secretary by existing members, but the two parties of a joint or family membership may not be the proposer and seconder of any one application for membership. They shall be 18 years old or over and shall be elected by a majority of two-thirds of the Committee at the meeting next following receipt of such proposal by the Honorary Secretary.
12. Honorary members shall be proposed and seconded in writing by existing members and the nomination forwarded to the Honorary Secretary for submission to the Committee for consideration. If approved by the committee the nomination shall be put forward for election by the Club in general meeting. They shall be re-elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). They are not entitled to vote at any Club meeting and shall pay neither entrance fee nor subscription.
13. Junior members shall be persons of under 18 years of age being children of joint or family or individual members. Such members shall not be entitled to vote at any Club meetings.

ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

14. The annual subscription for joint or family membership shall cover two adults and all members of the family under the age of 18 years and shall be reviewed annually by the committee and submitted for approval to the AGM.
15. The annual subscription for individual members not qualifying for joint or family membership shall be reviewed annually by the committee and submitted for approval at each AGM.
16. The entrance fee for joint or family or individual membership shall be equal to forty per cent of the annual subscription currently approved, but this shall not apply to junior members upon attaining the age of 18 years.
17. (a) All subscriptions are due on the 1st January each year. Anyone joining the club after 1st September in any year shall be regarded as a fully paid up member for the ensuing calendar year. In the event of non-payment of the subscription by 31st March the membership shall be deemed to have lapsed and the member shall cease to be a member of the club. A member may be readmitted to membership if the Committee so agree after payment of a joining fee. This would be the normal course of action. Any defaulting member may ask the Committee to consider the special circumstances and if, in the opinion of the Committee, the explanation provided is satisfactory, the Committee may agree that membership of the club can continue without payment of a joining fee. In this case the outstanding membership fee must be paid within seven days of the decision being conveyed to the member.

(b) The club shall not be required to issue any notice advising members that subscriptions are due. Members are accordingly encouraged to pay subscriptions by standing order or bank transfer, details of which may be obtained from the Honorary Treasurer or the Honorary Secretary.

OFFICERS

18. These shall be as follows:

(a) **Flag Officers.** These shall consist of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear-Commodore and may be nominated from serving Committee members only unless no serving Committee member is willing to accept nomination. Members eligible for nomination shall be:

- (1) registered owners of private motor cruisers or
- (2) members actively engaged in boating on a member's private motor cruiser. The retiring Commodore shall upon concluding his/her term of office be elected to serve as an ex-officio Committee member for one year following retirement.

(b) **Honorary Secretary**

(c) **Honorary Treasurer**

(d) **An auditing sub-committee** for the ensuing year shall be appointed at the AGM.

All officers shall be elected at the AGM and hold office until the next succeeding AGM when they shall retire. In normal circumstances the office of Commodore shall not be held for a period exceeding two years, but subject to this each officer shall be eligible for re-election.

VICE PRESIDENTS

19. These may be elected at the AGM but only on the recommendation of the Committee. They may be elected to the committee. The office shall be relinquished on cessation of membership.

MANAGEMENT AND POWERS

20. The management and direction of the club shall be vested in a general Committee consisting of:
The Flag Officers
The Honorary Secretary
The Honorary Treasurer
The retiring Commodore and not more than six members.
The Committee shall be elected at the AGM each year.
21. The Committee shall manage the affairs of the club in accordance with the rules of the club and shall define the duties of the several officers who shall in all respects be subject to the control of the Committee.
22. The Committee has the right to fill vacancies arising amongst its officers and members until the next AGM or to co-opt members or others for special purposes and the furtherance of the Club's interests.
23. The Committee shall have the power to reprimand or suspend any member whose conduct in or out of the Club is considered to be prejudicial to the interests of the Club. If considered necessary, the Committee shall propose at an Extraordinary General Meeting the expulsion of the offending member and such decision shall be final.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

24. Nominations for Officers and Committee members shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, in writing, after the nominee's consent has been obtained.
25. Nominations shall normally be received by the Honorary Secretary before 30th September. Late nominations may be received by the Honorary Secretary after the above date up until seven days before the date of the AGM providing the nominee's consent is forwarded in writing.

MEETINGS

26. **Annual General Meeting.**

This shall be held not later than the end of November each year. It shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary by notice in writing to all members at least twenty one days before the date and a copy of the agenda, a list of nominations for officers and the Committee members to date and the audited statement of the accounts for the financial year ending the 31st August preceding the AGM, shall accompany such notice.

In any extraordinary circumstance, that the AGM cannot be held, then the Commodore shall arrange, via the Honorary Secretary, a “Virtual” meeting of all club members. This virtual meeting can be by any I.T. method current at the time, while meeting the requirements set out in rules 29 and 30.

27. **Extraordinary Meeting.**

This may be called at any time at the request of the majority of the Committee or on receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a request signed by not less than twelve members of the Club. No less than fourteen days notice must be given to all members.

28. **Committee meetings.**

The Commodore will normally preside but in his absence the Senior Flag Officer will take over. Five committee members shall form a quorum. If votes be equal, the vote of the Senior Flag Officer voting shall count as two votes.

In any extraordinary circumstance, that the Committee meeting cannot be held, then the Commodore shall arrange, via the Honorary Secretary, a “Virtual” meeting of committee members. This virtual meeting can be by any I.T. method current at the time, while meeting the requirements set out in rules 29 and 30.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

29. These rules may be added to or altered at any AGM or Extraordinary Meeting providing that the alteration or addition is carried by two thirds of those present at the meeting.
30. Any proposed alteration or addition must be received by the Honorary Secretary at least twenty eight days before the appropriate meeting is to be called and notice thereof must be given to the members by the Honorary Secretary when calling the meeting.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

31. A member may retire from membership at any time by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary, but any member retiring without having paid his/her subscription for the then current year shall be liable for the same.

TRUSTEES

32. The Committee shall elect not more than four and not less than three Trustees who shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed from office by a resolution of the Committee. The property of the Club (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Honorary Treasurer) shall be vested in them. They shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by resolution of the Committee and they shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the club property.
33. The Trustees of the Club shall consist of the three (or four) senior Past Commodores who are willing to serve on the recommendation of the Committee. If there are less than three Past Commodores, who are still Club Members then the most senior (i.e. longest serving) member should be invited to serve as a Trustee. If by reason of the death, resignation or removal of any Trustee it shall appear necessary to the Committee to appoint additional Trustee or Trustees the Committee shall do so by resolution and to give effect to such nomination the

Commodore for the time being is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees to the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and the Commodore shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee and the provisions of the Trustees Act 1925 shall apply to any such an appointment.

34. A member's boat must be insured and the third party cover shall be for a minimum of £2,000,000.
35. Dogs and pet animals. It shall be the responsibility of members who bring dogs or pet animals to events organised by the Club to keep them under control at all times. The Club shall not be liable for any accident injury or damage howsoever caused to any person, animal or property by a member's dog or pet animal.

DISSOLUTION

36. If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of the members present and such resolution shall at a Special General Meeting held not less than one month thereafter be confirmed by a majority of two thirds of the members voting thereon, the Committee and Trustees shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to release the property of the Club and after discharge of all liabilities shall divide the same in shares among all members in proportion to their completed years of membership and upon such division the Club shall be dissolved.

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