

Rochester Cruising Club Mooring By-Laws

All moorings and associated facilities provided by Rochester Cruising Club Ltd, for use by Club Members remains the property of Rochester Cruising Club at all times. The management of the moorings and associated facilities is vested in the position of Mooring Master, answerable to the duly elected General Committee and in accordance with the by-laws as set out below and as amended from time to time by AGM.

The Management Committee, Members and servants of Rochester Cruising Club will not be held responsible for any omissions or errors in these mooring by-laws save that any member may appeal in accordance with the by-laws and articles, should a dispute arise from the administration of these mooring by-laws.

- A. Only Club members shall be granted annual mooring facilities and is limited to one berth per member.
- B. A mooring application form shall be completed and lodged with the club for the duration of membership. The application shall be completed in full showing overall vessel dimensions including all fixtures and fittings, whether temporary or permanent, extending past the hull transom and prow.
- C. The Mooring Master in accordance with the current mooring by-laws will allocate moorings. All allocations will be made in accordance with Appendix A "Guidance for Mooring Allocation" attached to these by-laws. The allocation guidelines are to be considered as part of these by-laws and binding upon all members. The mooring by-laws will be displayed on the Club notice board. All new berths allocated by the Mooring Master will be displayed on the Club notice board for 14 days in advance of the berth being confirmed to allow members to appeal. Any appeals against an allocation must be made in writing within this period giving reasons for the appeal. The full Committee in line with the by-laws and Articles of association will consider any appeals. All first time berth allocations will be let subject to a one-year probationary period. With effect from January 1st 2001, no new berth allocations will be made to boats in excess of 50 (fifty) feet (15.24 metres) overall.
- D. Berths allocated on the inshore pontoons extending either side of the second walkway gate will be limited to vessels not exceeding 35 (thirty five) feet (10.67 metres) overall, with the exception of the first 2 (two) berths from the shore side down river end, which are classed as deep water berths. Such an allocation will be made at the discretion of the Mooring Master.
- E. Members shall not transfer or sub-let their allocated berth.
- F. A berth allocated shall not be occupied before the appropriate fee has been paid. Subsequent mooring changes, which require a corresponding alteration to payment or rebate, will initially be administered by the Mooring Master. Any rebate will be subject to an administration charge equal to one-month fee for the vessel in question.
- G. All boats on R.C.C. Ltd. moorings whether temporary or permanent are required to have third party insurance with a minimum indemnity limit of £2,000,000 (two million pounds sterling). A copy of the insurance certificate is to be deposited annually in the R.C.C. office. No use shall be made of the allocated berth until the current certificate is submitted.
- H. Boats shall be securely moored in the position, as allocated by the Mooring Master. All vessels secured to R.C.C. Ltd. moorings must use ropes and fenders suitable for the vessel and in a

serviceable condition.

- I. Whilst every effort will be made to contact the owner beforehand. A boat may be moved from a berth, or moved from one berth to another at the discretion of the Mooring Master or mooring sub-committee, without the prior consent of the owner or owners of the boat
- J. Berth holders who leave their mooring for a period exceeding 72(seventy two) hours must deposit a notice in the departure box on the reception and fuel pontoon, stating their period away and estimated time of return.
- K. Any member vacating his allocated berth for a period exceeding 3 months without giving prior notice to the Mooring Master or the R.C.C. Secretary, in writing, will automatically lose his right to that or any berth. The member concerned must obtain written confirmation of receipt of such notification from R.C.C. Any extension to the vacated period will be at the discretion of the general committee.
- L. Members that have been allocated trot moorings may be able to occupy a vacant pontoon berth on a temporary basis but only with the Mooring Master's consent and for the time he specifies. Any such berth so granted will be allocated on a revisable time basis so as to make such a facility available to all. The mooring charge will be the appropriate rate in force at that time.
- M. Non-berth holding members may be allowed to moor on the pontoons free of charge for up to 24(twenty four) hours, at the discretion of the Mooring Master, when a berth is available, for a maximum of 12(twelve) occasions in any 12(twelve) month period. Additional time will be charged at the normal visitors rates. No member is to moor on the pontoons without having first consulted the Mooring Master or member of his sub-committee.
- N. All berth holders must be prepared to take visiting craft alongside from time to time as circumstances may require. The Mooring Master or mooring sub-committee member will ensure that the visiting vessel uses suitable fenders and is appropriately moored and that the visitor is made aware of the need to treat R.C.C. Members' vessels with care and respect.
- O. All visitors will be charged the appropriate mooring fee in force at the time, except Clubs that have reciprocal arrangements that have been agreed by R.C.C. general committee.
- P. A tender is a dinghy not over 12(twelve) feet overall length, used to go to and from the parent craft and shall be subject to the same rules as the parent craft. Only dinghies whose parent craft occupies a R.C.C. Ltd. berth may be placed in the dinghy parking area free of charge. Where a security lock is used on a dinghy in the dinghy parking area, a duplicate key shall be lodged with the Mooring Master. Only one dinghy per parent craft will be allowed and all dinghies must be clearly marked with the name of the parent craft.
- Q. The reception and fuel pontoon is solely for obtaining fuel, landing and loading only. The Mooring Master in conjunction with the Fuel Officer will regulate use of the pontoon.
- R. The R.C.C. launch will not operate above Barge House Point or below Rochester Bridge, except in special circumstances as sanctioned by the general committee. Only persons authorised by the Mooring Master can operate the R.C.C. launch.
- S. In the interest of safety, no loose gear is to be stowed on the pontoons.
- T. Members are to be responsible for the safety and behaviour of their children and guests at all times

- U. Electrical cables and plugs from the pontoon electrical supply boxes to a berth holders vessel are the responsibility of the berth holder and must be of a suitable nature and free from defects. Such equipment must be of the correct rating and correctly installed to suit its intended purpose or shall be removed. It will be the berth holder's responsibility to ensure that his pontoon electrical outlet is locked whilst he is away from the berth. The berth holder will be responsible for payment of all electricity supplied through his designated meter.
- V. All barrows must be returned to the designated parking area by the main walkway gate immediately after they have transported their loads. All barrows must be returned in a clean condition. Any barrows used for the transportation of oily or dirty loads must be thoroughly cleaned before their return to the parking area.
- W. The walkway gates shall be kept locked at all times. Security keys will be available to boat owning members and visitors on payment of a deposit to the amount specified at the time. All keys must be returned to R.C.C. if the key holder ceases to be a member. All visitors' keys to be returned to the Mooring Master or mooring sub-committee on departure.
- X. The Rochester Cruising Club, its Directors, employees and servants, do not accept responsibility for any loss or damage, howsoever caused.

Appendix A
Mooring By-laws
Guidance for Allocation

1. All mooring applications shall be made on R.C.C. approved forms and signed by the applicant to acknowledge recognition of mooring by-laws.
2. All applicants shall be added to the waiting list in order, based upon seniority by date of membership acceptance.
3. Waiting list for berths on R.C.C. moorings shall be posted on the Club notice board. No amendments will be permitted except by the duly elected Mooring Master of the day.
4. Members will be responsible for checking and confirming that personal and vessel details on waiting list are correct.
5. The waiting list will show name of member applicant along with membership acceptance date, vessel name, vessel size and choices of class of mooring required.
6. Class of moorings will, in descending order be;
 - a) Full Tide pontoon (outside)
 - b) Full Tide pontoon (inside)
 - c) Half Tide pontoon
 - d) River trot mooring
7. Any berth becoming vacant or made available by what so ever means, shall be offered by the Mooring Master to the first member on the waiting list for that class of mooring meeting that requirement.

8. The dimensions of any vessel on the mooring waiting list shall be the overall length including any fixtures and fittings, whether temporary or permanent. The Mooring Master should check the dimensions prior to allocation.
9. If no vessel of a suitable size is available from the lists, the Mooring Master may allocate the berth in the best way he considers suitable to maximise the Club income. In all cases the Mooring Master will take applicants in order of membership seniority.
10. Any member, who has been allocated a berth, may apply to change to another mooring for the same vessel. The Mooring Master must be notified accordingly and application form duly completed. The Mooring Master will add that member to the waiting list in order of original membership seniority, provided that, continuity of membership has been maintained. If a multiple class application is initially made, this will remain valid.
11. Any member who has been allocated and occupied that berth and subsequently seeks a different sized mooring, must notify the Mooring Master accordingly and complete application form. If the application is for a larger vessel, the Mooring Master will add that member's details to the waiting list in order of membership seniority. If the application is for a smaller vessel the member may, at the discretion of the Mooring Master and dependant upon membership seniority, retain that berth by paying the mooring charges of the larger vessel. The Mooring Master, at the earliest opportunity will reallocate the smaller vessel to a berth of the correct size. Any member who has been allocated and occupied a berth for a particular vessel and subsequently seeks to change that vessel for another of the same size overall, must notify the Mooring master and complete a new application form.
