



ST MARY'S GIG CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the club shall be the St Mary's Gig Club (hereinafter referred to as 'the Club').

2. Club Aim and Objectives

The aim of the club is to promote, facilitate and develop the sport of gig rowing on St Mary's, Isles of Scilly.

In addition the club's objectives are:

- a.** To encourage participation in the sport of gig rowing through a membership policy based on inclusion and accessibility for all, the Club is particularly keen to promote the inclusion and accessibility of gig rowing for juniors of secondary school age.
- b.** To facilitate the sport of gig rowing in a safe manner by the provision of appropriate equipment and approved levels of teaching, supervision and coaching.
- c.** To encourage an active, friendly social life within the club for the benefit of the members.
- d.** To maintain boats and other club assets in such a way that ensures the long term viability and sustainability of the club.

3. General Committee

a. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and a minimum of 3 and up to 10 other members. In the event of an Officer

giving up office during the year, a replacement will be elected by the General Committee.

- b.** The Committee shall meet quarterly or as necessary to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the Club. Minutes shall be taken of all the proceedings of the Committee by the Secretary,
- c.** A quorum for a meeting of the General Committee shall consist of at least two Officers and three other committee members.
- d.** The Treasurer shall receive all monies due to the Club and shall, when required present to the Committee or Annual General Meeting (AGM) an account of receipts and disbursements.

4. General Committee Duties

The General Committee is responsible for:

- a.** The administration of the club.
- b.** The management of the assets of the Club, including the running and maintenance of any boats managed by the Club.
- c.** Control of the funds of the Club. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
- d.** The formulation and implementation of such Rules and Regulations of the Club as they shall from time to time think fit.

5. Membership Categories

There shall be the following categories of membership with power to vote at all General Meetings as indicated:

- a.** Adult Member – being an individual of 18 years or more on 1 April who shall have one vote.
- b.** Junior Member – being an individual of ten years or more on 1 April but below the age of 18 on 1 April who shall have no vote.

6. Membership Rules

- a.** Members shall pay annual subscriptions at the rates recommended by the General Committee and approved by the Annual General Meeting. Adjustments to annual subscriptions are to be recommended by the general committee and approved at the AGM. During their term of office the Chair will be exempt from paying membership fees
- b.** Subscriptions shall be paid by 1st April each year and only paid up members are entitled to vote at meetings and to row the Club's boats.

c. New members joining the Club part way through the year will be charged a reduced rate at a level agreed by the General Committee

d. Membership is non-discriminatory and is open to all persons interested in supporting the objectives of the club. The club committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

7. Annual General Meetings

a. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year on a date to be fixed by the General Committee, by giving no less than 10 days notice to members. The interval between these meetings must not be greater than 15 months.

b. Committee members will retire annually and be eligible for re-election. In the event of there being more nominations than vacancies, elections shall be by ballot. To ensure a broad level of representation and involvement in the running of the Club, members should not serve on the Committee for more than five consecutive years. The Committee can ask a member to serve for longer, at their discretion.

c. The agenda for the AGM comprises:

i) Chairperson's annual report

ii) Treasurer's annual report including a balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial period, and an estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the current financial period.

iii) Election of Officers for the Committee.

iv) Election of remaining ordinary Committee members

v) To decide on any resolutions duly submitted for consideration – setting of fees

vi) To discuss any other relevant business.

d. A group of no less than 10 paid up members who are entitled to vote may request, in writing and signed by all such members, the General Committee to call a Special General Meeting.

e. A quorum for an AGM shall consist of five general committee members and no less than two Officers, one of whom must be the Chair or Vice Chair and 8 paid up members eligible to vote.

f. Changes to the Constitution may only be made at a General Meeting called in accordance with the rules above.

8. Club Facilities and Assets

Members of the Club use the facilities provided by the Club entirely at their own risk, and by implication accept that:

a. The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members.

b. The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of facilities of the Club, sustained or caused by members or their guests, or caused by members or their guests, whether or not such injury could have been attributed or was occasioned by the neglect, fault or negligence of any of them, or the General Committee.

c. Whilst on the water the coxswain is considered in charge of the vessel and is ultimately responsible for the safety of the crew and ensuring they comply with the club rules.

d. All members of a crew taking a boat out have a shared responsibility for the care, protection and safe use of the gig both on the shore and on the water, including transporting the boat to the beach, launching, rowing, recovery to the beach, and storage in a good condition for use by the next crew.

9. Trustees

There shall be at least 3 and not more than 5 trustees of the Club, who will have the following duties:

a. In the event of no General Committee being formed or the General Committee being disbanded, the trustees will assume temporary responsibility for the running of the Club until a General Committee is formed. If a General Committee is still not formed after 9 months, then the club will be disbanded.

b. In the event of a major split within the Club, which cannot be resolved by the General Committee then the trustees will become responsible for the assets of the Club as above.

c. The trustees will have no responsibility for the running of the Club in normal circumstances, unless they hold any other position within the Club.

d. The appointment or removal of trustees will be the responsibility of the existing trustees, and written notification will be given to the Chairman of the General Committee of the Club when any change has taken place.

e. The trustees shall have no personal liability for any debts of the Club and shall be indemnified by the General Committee against any liability, costs, expenses or payments properly incurred or made by them.

f. Upon dissolution of the club, any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another CASC , a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.