

Club Rules

Constitution

1. The club will be known as the West Coast Sea Angling Club.
2. The aim of the club shall be to foster the sport of sea angling in all its diverse aspects.
3. The club shall have a management committee whose function will be to serve the membership, act in their best interests and to implement the rules and policies of the club.
4. The management committee will be comprised of the following club officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary and Fish Recorder.



General Rules

1. Club Officers will also be elected to serve in the interests of the club on extra mural bodies: - Guernsey Association of Angling Clubs and the Bailiwick Record Committee. These Officers have the right of attendance at management meetings, but their function is to report and advise the committee on matters that relate to their office.
2. Officers of the club will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will serve a term of one year. In the event of a post not being filled at the AGM, or an officer having to retire or withdraw from his or her position then a non-voting club member may be co-opted to fill the vacant post.
3. Committee meetings will be chaired by the President or in his/her absence the Vice-President. There will be a quorum of four at each committee meeting including the President or his deputy. Minutes of all official meetings will be recorded by the Secretary or in his absence a delegated club officer. Minutes are to be ratified and passed as correct at the next committee meeting.
4. Expenditure of club money is to be voted in and recorded by the Secretary in the management meeting minutes. The Treasurer will be responsible for presenting a summary of accounts at each committee meeting and an audited set of accounts at the AGM.
5. The management committee will meet at frequent intervals as requested by the club secretary. A member of the management committee will only be eligible for re-election if they have attended more than half of the committee meetings during their year of office.
6. Any three members of the management committee shall have the right to instruct the club secretary, by informing him in writing, to call a special meeting of the management committee.
7. The AGM will take place in January or February and not more than thirteen months shall elapse between AGM's. All current members are to be informed of an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), by the club secretary no less than twenty-one calendar days before the proposed meeting.
8. At any club meeting there will be a quorum of a quarter of the membership.
9. An EGM of the club can be called by the membership on presentation to the Secretary, of a directive signed by a quorum of the membership. The directive will specify the nature of concern/purpose and at the EGM only the relevant matter is to be discussed.
10. Membership or renewal is on application to the Club Secretary. In the interests of the club the management committee are empowered to refuse or renew membership.
11. Membership will only be effective on payment of club subscriptions and a membership form duly signed and completed as required and no one will be allowed to enter club competitions or partake in club events until such payment. Dues, which are determined by the committee, are to be paid within fourteen days of the AGM. The only exception to this rule is fish weighed into the Winter League can be entered from 1st of January to existing members only but should membership not be renewed within the 14days post AGM rule then any fish entered will be struck off.
12. Membership is open to persons of either gender from the age of which they turn 12 years of age. Adult membership will start when the individual is 16 years of age on the 1st January.
13. No club competition will take place until after the AGM has taken place in each year.

14. The granting of a life membership will require a majority vote of the membership attending an AGM. This privilege will still require a membership form to be duly signed and completed each year as noted in rule 11. The maximum number of life members of the club shall not exceed 3 at any time.
15. Life members retain full membership voting rights and remain eligible to stand for election to the management committee.
16. The Constitution, General Rules, and Fishing Competition Rules are binding on all club members. If a member breaches the rules or brings the club into disrepute the management committee are empowered to discipline, suspend or expel the offending person.
17. Any person leaving the club either voluntarily or under expulsion is not entitled to a refund of subscriptions, moneys or properties.
18. Any additions, amendments or deletions regarding the constitution or general rules of the club require a two-thirds vote of the majority attending an AGM or EGM called for the purpose of amending the constitution or rule(s).
19. Similarly to (rule 18) fishing competition rules may be amended by a majority of the membership provided a quorum is obtained. (See rule 9).
20. If the management committee identify an area where a new competition fishing rule is deemed necessary for the smooth running of future events the committee are mandated by the membership to impose such a rule until the next AGM. The Secretary is to inform the membership of any additional or amended competition rules before the next competition to which the new or amended rule applies.
21. Any Committee member shall be eligible to receive expenses: the sum to be decided by the management committee on a case by case basis.
22. Trophies, Cups and Shields are club property and are only on loan to the membership.

Fishing Competition Rules

1. The club is dedicated to preserving the environment both for fish and fisherman. Club members are therefore expected to return all undersize fish and clean up fishing marks of rubbish irrespective of origin.
2. Many club competitions are based upon the integrity of the individual. Any member deemed to be cheating would be expelled from the club.
3. Competitors can voluntarily enter a kitty at most club competitions. Species are nominated in the annual fishing programme and the kitty is awarded to the member with the heaviest specimen in the nominated category. In the event of none of the nominated species being caught then the entrants with the heaviest total weights shall share the kitty. Should nothing be weighed in, the kitty will be carried forward to the next competition of the same nature, i.e. from one Herm shore to the next Herm shore. The kitty where possible is to be shared by two participants at each competition.
4. Artificial lures count as one hook and can therefore be used on both boat and shore competitions.
5. Three rods with a maximum combined total of four hooks are permitted for club shore competitions. Pennell rigs will be classed as fishing 1 (one) hook.
6. For safety reasons members fishing in Herm during the hours of darkness are advised to fish in pairs. The most senior member in the Herm fishing party (in the absence of a committee member) is to ensure that the number of club competitors is to be accounted for before departing from Herm the following morning.
7. All weigh in and weigh outs for Guernsey shore competitions will take place by The Salerie Fuel Berth. Off Island and Herm competitions, Inter Island Quay.
8. In the event of adverse weather conditions and a competition being postponed the committee will endeavour to reschedule it. However, with a very full programme this may not be possible and if this happens results to date will stand.
9. Every competition has a time designated in the fishing programme to start and finish. These times will be strictly adhered to so that no competitor has advantage over another. It is recognised by the committee that it is unsportsmanlike conduct to set up fishing gear at fishing marks prior to weighing in for the start of any competition. It is accepted that there may be occasions when competitors cannot be at the start place of a competition. In this event members are expected to register their intent to fish with the secretary or committee member and indicate then if they wish to take part in the kitty.

10. During the designated Annual Harbour Competition the boundary shall be set only within St Peter Port Harbour. All participating members will be permitted to fish any mark which is not prohibited from within the back wall of the old Octopus Restaurant site to and including the pier at Salary Corner.
11. Members arriving in Herm early either through desire or on holiday are expected to meet the boat with the club fishermen on board and express their interest to fish and join the kitty.
12. Members wishing to fish or participate in any other angling competitions organised by the Club against other Clubs are asked to contact the Secretary at the earliest opportunity. At present there are no limits on numbers wishing to fish these events.
13. Members are encouraged to enter notable fish for monthly and quarterly vouchers or specimen fish prizes within the club. The Club Fish Recorder should be notified of any fish to be entered in the Club within two days of capture. The fish must be properly weighed on either Club scales or approved/certified commercial electronic scales such as butchers, fishmongers, restaurant, supermarket. If weighed on non-Club scales a valid weight certificate (i.e. a piece of paper detailing the fish, its weight and signed and dated by the person responsible for weighing) must be presented to the Fish Recorder within seven days of capture.
14. On occasions a fish may be caught by two anglers at the same time in the mouth, if this happens then the fish will not count for any club competitions.
15. Fish must be caught in a sporting manner and no foul hooked fish are to be weighed in. No person is allowed assistance other than to net, gaff or tail a fish.
16. The committee are mandated to set size limits and change the competition points when necessary. The system is to be reviewed annually before the competition season so that each member is issued with a current list.
17. Any fish filling a vacant Bailiwick Record (Boat or Shore), excluding the mini species list, will be awarded 100% for the purpose of deciding entries for the Winter and Summer League competition, Fish of the Month and Fish of the Quarter or best % trophies of the year.
18. All Herm competitors are advised to contact the Travel Trident office for departure boat times. On all night competitions anglers will leave on the last boat from Guernsey and return the following morning on the first boat. Travel arrangements for all day Herm competitions are that anglers will depart on the first Trident to Herm and return on the last boat of the day. Postponing or cancelling a Herm competition will only occur if a boat return cannot be guaranteed and if there is no reasonable date available remaining in the calendar year, then the event will be held in Guernsey and still count towards the Herm Championship (however note – to be eligible to win Herm Individual and Pairs Trophies a competitor must have had to fish in Herm in at least 1 competition during the season).
19. All species are eligible to be weighed in, provided they conform to club rules and size limits.