

RULES OF WATERFORD BOAT CLUB

1. The Club shall be known as "Cummann Badoireachta Phortlaire (Waterford Boat Club). It shall be strictly non-political and non-sectarian, and primarily intended to encourage all forms of amateur rowing and membership and associate membership shall be open to both Ladies and Gentlemen who wish to avail of the facilities offered. Boating facilities shall not be open to associate members. Candidates for admission as associate members shall be proposed subject to Rule 9 and will not have the privilege of voting and will pay a subscription to be decided at the A.G.M. whilst candidates for full membership shall pay a subscription to be decided at the A.G.M. and shall be proposed under Rule 9.
2. The Mayor of Waterford for the time being shall (subject to his consent to act) be patron of the club.
3. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Captain, two Vice-Captains, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Health & Safety Officer, Children's Officer, and Public Relations Officer and must be members of the club. If in the event of no candidate being elected to the position of Captain, the members present at the A.G.M or E.G.M. of the Club shall elect a subcommittee on rowing to function in place a Captain, and such a sub-committee should consist of both Vice Captains, if any, and the said sub-committee will not consist of any more than six members. Members of the sum-committee, unless officers and members of the committee shall not attend committee meetings unless requested by the committee, and without the privilege of voting. Such a sub-committee will elect a Chairman who shall have a casting vote. Such a sub-committee shall at all times be subject to the Club Committee, who decision on rowing matters shall be considers binding. Trustees shall be elected by the members, at the A.G.M each year.
4. The Committee of the Club shall consist of the Officer and three other members of the Club. The Committee shall manage the general business of the Club and have power to make such bye-laws (consistent with the rules) as they shall, from time to time think necessary for the wellbeing of the Club and their regulations shall be considered binding unless set aside at a General Meeting of the Club, to be assembled as hereinafter directed. The Committee shall have power to suspend, until the next General Meeting, or fine a sum not exceeding £5.00 any member who fails to confirm to the rules or bye laws of the Club, and any member of the Club who disturbs the harmony of the Club shall be subject to such censure as the Committee may impose. At each Committee meeting, four shall be necessary to form a quorum. The Committee shall hold periodic meetings.
5. The Officers and other members of the Committee, except one Vice-Captain who shall be appointed in due course by the Captain, should be proposed, seconded and elected by ballot at the AGM each year, or should the circumstances require it, at a special General Meeting. The election of the members of the Committee, other than Officers, shall follow the election of Officers, and shall be conducted as follows: three members shall be elected from candidates who shall be proposed and seconded by members at the present meeting. Any vacancies, which occur on the Committee during the year, shall be filled by the Committee, except Officers (excluding Health & Safety Officer, Public Relations Officer) who are appointed by a General Meeting. Any member of the Committee who absents himself from three consecutive meetings shall be called upon to explain their absence and if such explanation is not considered satisfactory, he should cease to become a member of the Committee or governing body, and no manager or servant employed by the Club, shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquor therein or in any profits from such sale.
6. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during the month of September or should circumstances prevent this, then at the soonest possible date thereafter. Twenty one days' notice of the meeting shall be given to the members by way of notice displayed on the club's noticeboards and in the local newspaper. A report from the outgoing committee, and an Abstract of Accounts for the past year, shall be presented, together with the Agenda paper, should there be any business to be considered, of which fourteen days written notice shall be given to the Secretary. A copy of the Report and the Accounts, a list showing the number of attendances of members of the Committee during the year and the list of members then belonging to the Club, together with an Agenda paper (if necessary) shall be sent to each member at least a week before the Annual General Meeting. At each Annual General Meeting, members shall elect two Honorary Auditors whose reports shall be attached to the financial accounts of the Club.
7. The Committee shall have the power to summon an EGM of the Club on giving seven days' notice through the Secretary to each member specifying the subject intended to be submitted and the discussion at the meeting shall be confined to that subject alone and the Secretary shall summon an EGM as above when he receives a written requisition signed by seven members of the Club stating distinctly the subject to be submitted together with a deposit from them to a sum sufficient to cover the expenses to be incurred in the summoning and holding of such a meeting. In the event of less than half of those present at the meeting voting in favour of the object for which it has been called, the sum deposited shall be applied to the payment of the expenses and the balance, if any, returned to the depositors.
8. No alteration of or addition to the Rules of the Club shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting of the Club or at an EGM to be called for that purpose, pursuant to Rule 7 not shall any such alteration or addition be valid unless ten days written notice of the intention to propose it shall have been given to the Secretary who shall post a notification of such proposed alteration or addition to each member before the meeting at which it is to be considered nor unless it shall have been passed by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present and voting at such a General Meeting.

9. Each candidate for admission shall be proposed by one member of the Club and seconded by another and the candidates name address and type of membership sought or other description shall be posted in the Club House or a conspicuous place at least one week before the day of ballot. All members shall be elected by the whole body of members, eleven members being necessary to constitute a ballot and one black bean in three to exclude. The ballot shall be held on a day to be named for that purpose by the Committee and shall be open on each occasion for one hour and shall be presided over by the Secretary or in his absence by a member of the Committee nominated by him. The sons and brothers of members between the ages of 14 and 17 may be elected members on payment of half subscription but without privilege of voting. An interval of not more than two weeks shall elapse between the nomination and election of ordinary members. Excisable liquor shall not be sold to any person under the age of 18 years.
10. Each candidate when applying for admission shall deposit with the Secretary an amount equal to the subscription fee which would be payable by him if elected. If the candidate is elected the sum so deposited shall be applied in payment of the subscription. If he is not elected it shall be returned to him forthwith.
11. The annual subscriptions of the Clubs shall be decided by the members at each Annual General Meeting and shall be deemed a debt payable to the Treasurer on behalf of the Club. It shall become payable on the 1st September each year. Thirty days grace will be allowed after this date before a member forfeits his voting rights. The Committee shall have the power (including legal proceedings) as they may consider necessary to recover on behalf of the Club subscriptions which are in arrears. Any member wishing to resign shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary before the Annual General Meeting; otherwise they shall be liable for the coming year's subscription. He shall not be eligible for re-election at any time while such subscription remains outstanding. Paying of Rowing Membership will entitle one parent or legal guardian of a rower to free Associate membership of Waterford Boat Club for that year.
12. Immediately after each General Meeting, the Treasurer shall post in the Clubhouse, a list of members that belong to that club, and from time to time record hereon the payment of subscriptions and resignations (if any) and shall add thereto the names of new members. On June 1st each year the Treasurer shall post in the Clubhouse a separate list containing the names of all members whose subscriptions are in arrears, and no member whose name appears on the list, shall be entitled to use the Club premises or boats, or be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club until his subscription is paid.
13. The Minute Book of the proceedings of the Committee shall be open to inspection by any member of the Club on written application to the Secretary.
14. Each member of the Club shall communicate his address to the Secretary and if he fails to do so, the Secretary shall not be responsible for his not having received any notice relating to the concerns of the Club.
15. The Captain of the Club shall have sole charge of the boats and oars of the Club, and also the management of all Club races and Regatta crews, subject to the approval of the Committee. The Captain shall be assisted by one and not more than two Vice Captains, one Vice Captain to be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and the second Vice-Captain to be chosen by the Captain. Should circumstances require it, the Captain must seek the approval of the Committee to remove or replace any of the Vice Captains. Should circumstances arise which for the wellbeing of the Club, the Captain may suspend from a crew any members or members, until the next meeting at which he will be in attendance. The Committee's decision on the matter will be considered binding. A Meeting of the Committee is considered such a suspension to be held within seven days.
16. No crew shall contend for any public prize under the name of the Club without sanction of the Committee, and the crews contending at the public Regatta shall be subject to approval of the Committee.
17. The necessary expenses or part thereof of the crews competing at Regattas may be defrayed by the Club, and all prizes won other than presentation prizes shall become Club property
18. The Club bar shall be run in accordance with all current applicable liquor laws as stipulated in Irish Law, the bar manager will be responsible for the adherence of such rules. The bar manager is appointed by the committee.
19. (1) Subject to the exceptions specified in paragraph (2) hereunder no excisable liquor shall be supplied for consumption on the Club premises to any person (other than a member of the clubbing lodging in the Club premises) or be consumed on the Club premises by any person (other than a member of the Club lodging in the club premises): (a) on any week day before 10.am or (i) During a period in summertime, after 11.30pm or (ii) during a period which is not a period of summer time after 11.00 pm (b) on St. Patricks day or any Sunday, before 12.30pm or between 2.00pm and 4.00pm or after 10.00pm, or (c) at any time on Christmas Day or Good Friday. (2) Excisable liquor may be supplied for consumption on the Club premises and be consumed on such Club premises by any person (a) during a period of summer time, between 11.30pm on any weekday and 12.30am of the following morning or (b) during a period which is not a period of summertime between the hours of 11.00pm on any weekday and 12.30am on the following morning or (b) during a period which is not a period of summer time between the hours of 11.00pm on any weekday and 12.30am on the following morning or (c) on St. Patricks Day or any Sunday between 2.00pm and 3.00pm or between 10.00pm and 11.00pm or (d) on Christmas Day between 1.00pm and 3.00pm or between 7.00pm and 10pm. If in each case the excisable liquor is (i) ordered by that person at the same time as a substantial meal is ordered by him (ii) consumed at the same time as and with the meal, (iii) supplied and consumed in the portion of the Club premises usually set apart for the supply of meals and (iv) paid for at the same time as the meal is paid for.

20. Any member who brings a non-member as a visitor to the Club is responsible for any and all damages and infringements of the Club Rules & Policies of that visitor. A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member, and that member shall upon the admission of such visitor to the Club premises or immediately upon him being supplied with such liquor enter his own name and the name and address of the visitor in a book which shall be kept for the purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.
21. A visitor shall not be supplied with excisable liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the Company of a member.
22. No excisable liquors shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the premises of the Club except to members of the Club between the hours of 10.30 in the morning and 10.00 at night.
23. Full members shall have the right of using the Club pleasure boats on the following conditions:-
 - (1) A full member must before taking out a boat personally enter in the boat engagement book in his name the number of the boat required and the hour at which he intends to take it and the probable hour of return.
 - (2) Any member wishing to engage a boat in advance may do so by making an entry as above but no boat can be engaged prior to the day before that on which it is required.
 - (3) The Caretaker shall not retain a boat for more than half an hour after the hour for which it is engaged.
 - (4) No member shall engage for the same hour, or take or keep out at the same time, more than one boat and every boat taken out by a member shall be returned by him together with its gear, to the Caretaker of the Club, when no longer required, and in any event not later than 11.00 pm on the day on which it was taken out.
 - (5) A member on returning a boat must assist the Caretaker in housing the boat and its gear.
24. Any member or members who shall take out a boat the property of the Club shall be liable for any damage to it or its gear while in his or their possession such damage to be assessed by the Captain, Vice-Captain and Secretary subject to the approval of the Committee.
25. No boat which is not the property of the Club shall be allowed on the Club premises, except with the sanction of the Committee not shall any boat the property of any individual member or members be removed from the Club premises when allowed to be there unless a written order from its owner or one of its owner is received.
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 - (1) No person shall launch a take away from the Club slip, an outrigger without the consent of the Captain, Vice-Captain or a person nominated to act in their absence.
 - (2) Any outrigger leaving the Club slip shall not make contact with land (except in emergency) until it is back at the Club Slip.
 - (3) When on the water, the oars of the outrigger shall on no account be taken from the riggers, except at the Club slip, unless the authority of the Captain or Vice-Captains.
27. Should circumstances arise which for the wellbeing of the Club might require the removal of any member, power to that effect shall be vested in the Committee, by a majority of two thirds vote or one black bean in three. Such notice to be posted in the Clubhouse.
28. An account shall be kept in the Bank in the name of Waterford Boat Club and the Treasurer shall lodge to the credit thereof all monies received on account of the Club, and these monies shall be drawn against by cheque signed by the Treasurer and one other Officer, and correct accounts and books shall be kept by the Treasurer showing the financial affairs and receipts and disbursements of the Club.
29. These Rules shall be printed, and a copy of them and of any bye-laws made under Rule 8 shall be presented to new members and made available to any member upon request, but no member of the Club shall be absolved from the effects of the rules or bye-laws on any allegation of not having received them. Please note the bye-laws contained in the rule book are updated and at present enforced.
30. All members are advised to provide adequate personal insurance against injury, loss of life and the Club Committee, Officers and Trustees shall not be held responsible for any injury or loss of life of a member whilst engaged in the usual activities of the Club.
31. The term of the Committee of the Club elected at the AGM shall be until the following AGM at which time their term expires but Committee members are eligible for re-election.
32. The Committee is authorised to borrow money on behalf of and in connection with the business of the Club on such terms as it considers reasonable and all such borrowings shall be in the names of the Trustees of the Club for the time being.