



RULES OF VESTA ROWING CLUB

Adopted by an Extraordinary General Meeting held 9 February 2005
As amended and updated up to any including the Annual General Meeting held 25 July 2019

1. NAME

The Club shall be called the "VESTA ROWING CLUB".

2. COLOURS

The colours shall be crimson and black in oblique stripes.

3. OBJECT

The object of the Club shall be the practice and promotion of Rowing and Sculling as an amateur sport. All its income will be used to further this object. Its Memorandum and Articles prohibit the Club from distributing any surpluses of income over expenditure or other assets to its Members.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Club shall be open to all those who are interested in taking up the sport of rowing and or sculling, subject only to the numbers of members that the Club's infrastructure can accommodate. The Club will ensure that the talents and resources of all Members are utilised to the full and that no Member receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, disability, marital status, creed, social class, ethnicity, age or sexual orientation or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be relevant to performance. However in relation to competition in open events the Club shall observe the rules of British Rowing.

5. CONSTITUTION

The Club is a company limited by guarantee and these rules are supplemental to the Memorandum and Articles of the company, which shall take precedence over these rules in the event of any inconsistency.

6. CANDIDATURE

Anyone desirous of becoming a Member shall apply to the Membership Secretary through the online portal stating his name and contact details and the Member who is recommending him. Membership fees are due in full in respect of the calendar month in which the candidate joins and are payable by direct debit on a monthly basis thereafter. The name of the candidate shall be brought before the next meeting of the Executive Committee where membership will either be confirmed or denied. The election of such candidate shall be the decision of the Executive Committee; the election shall be by ballot by simple majority. No candidate will be put forward for election unless and until he has entered into a payment agreement with the club.

7. NOTICE OF ELECTION

As soon as conveniently may be after his election, notice thereof shall be sent to such Member.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Subscriptions for the various classifications of members shall be such sums as are determined by the Members of the Club in General Meeting from time to time. Subscriptions are due in full in respect of the calendar month in which a Member is elected and are payable by direct debit on a monthly basis thereafter. No refunds will be given on Subscriptions due unless a Doctor's note proving medical grounds for a complete inability to train can be provided.



Any Member wishing to resign his Membership shall tender his resignation in writing to the Honorary Secretary, giving one month's notice of his intended date of resignation; the Secretary shall acknowledge due receipt of such resignation, and such acknowledgement alone shall constitute proof of such resignation. Subscriptions remain due for the full calendar month in which any such resignation shall take effect.

Any and all Members whose subscriptions and other liabilities are neither fully paid nor partially paid via an unbroken sequence of Direct Debit payments risk sanctions including but not limited to:

- Banning from rowing and/or sculling, and racing
- Removal of the privileges of membership of the Club and of the rights of Members
- Having their names posted in a conspicuous place in Club
- Expulsion

9. ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Members may represent the Club at Regattas and subject to Rule 30 may use the Club's boats, oars, sculls and equipment for the purpose of rowing on the tideway. For the avoidance of doubt, use of the gym, including ergometers, is only for Active Members.

10. LIFE ACTIVE MEMBERS

Life Active Membership may be obtained on such terms as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine. Except in so far as the rules relate to subscriptions, a Life Active Member shall be bound by each and every rule if he were an ordinary Active Member.

11. COACH MEMBERSHIP

Those Members who take an active part in coaching other Members on the water are entitled to certain of the rights and privileges of Active Membership at a reduced rate. The use of any boats or training equipment by a Coach Member must not prevent its use by an Active Member. Qualification for this rate will be at the discretion of the Captain and subject to annual review. It is expected that all those who regularly coach Members will also be a Member of the Club themselves. For the avoidance of doubt, a Coach Member is treated as an Active Member for the purposes of any votes of Members.

12. HONORARY MEMBERS

Members wishing to retain their membership of the Club but no longer wishing to be Active Members may take up Honorary Membership; the Subscription for which will be payable monthly. Honorary Members shall normally not be entitled to represent the Club at any Regatta or to use any of the Club's equipment for the purpose of rowing or training. Honorary Members may pay a fee to represent the Club at a regatta or use any of the equipment; such fee will be determined by the Members of the Club in General Meeting from time to time. Such fee will be payable weekly and will never be less than one third of the monthly cost of Subscription for Active Membership.

13. LIFE HONORARY MEMBERS

Life Honorary Membership may be obtained on such terms as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine. Additionally, the Executive Committee may confer Life Honorary membership on any person, irrespective of whether or not a Member of the Club, who has given sterling service to the Club or to the sport of rowing generally. Except in so far as the Rules relate to Subscriptions a Life Honorary Member shall be bound by each and every Rule if he were an ordinary Honorary Member.

14. TEMPORARY HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Committee, by resolution previously passed, may admit Members of other Clubs competing at local events to the privileges of Honorary Membership of the Club for the day of such local event and the



week previous thereto if necessary. Such Temporary Honorary Members are not allowed the use of the Club's boats or training equipment under any circumstances.

15. COXSWAIN MEMBERSHIP

Those Members wishing to cox for the Club will be entitled to certain of the rights and privileges of Active Membership at a reduced rate. The use of any boats or training equipment by a Coxswain Member must not prevent its use by an Active Member. Qualification for this rate will be at the discretion of the Captain and subject to annual review. It is expected that all those who cox for the Club will also be a Member of the Club themselves. For the avoidance of doubt, a Coxswain Member is treated as an Active Member for the purposes of any votes of Members.

16. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

An Active Member between the ages of 18 and 25 years who is in full time education shall be entitled to a reduced rate subscription as a Student Member for a maximum period of three years.

17. GRADUATE MEMBERSHIP

An Active Member in their first year of rowing after graduation from full time education and in their first year of membership of the Club shall be entitled to a reduced rate of subscription as a Graduate Member for one year only.

18. VOTING RIGHTS

No Member may vote at a General Meeting unless he has been a Member for a continuous period of six calendar months or more. No Member shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting unless all moneys presently payable by him to the Club have been paid. Any vote by such a Member shall be deemed to be invalid.

19. GENERAL MEETINGS

A General Meeting to be called the Annual General Meeting shall be held each year. All General Meetings other than the Annual General Meeting shall be called an Extraordinary General Meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary upon receipt by him of a requisition in writing to that effect; specifying the business in regard to which it is desired the meeting should be convened and signed by not less than ten Members. Such a General Meeting shall have the power only to deal with the business for which it has been convened.

At least twenty-one days' notice of every Annual General Meeting and every meeting convened to pass a Special Resolution shall be sent to each Member. Twelve Members, qualified to vote on the motion before it, shall form a quorum at any General Meeting.

20. OFFICERS

The Executive Officers of the Club are directors of Vesta Rowing Club Limited and constitute the Club's Executive Committee. The current posts are: the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Captain, House Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Entries Secretary, Membership Secretary, Honorary Bar Steward, and the Communications Officer.

The Non-executive Officers of the Club are not directors of Vesta Rowing Club Limited but are part of the Club's Executive Committee, subject to the provisions of Rule 22. The current posts are: the President, Deputy Captain, Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Bar Steward, Club Water Safety Adviser, and Chairman of the Vesta Open Events Committee.



The Executive Officers and Non-executive Officers (together “the Officers”) shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year. Any Officer ceasing to be a Member of the Club shall ipso facto vacate his office.

21. VICE PRESIDENTS

The Members in General Meeting may elect one or more Vice Presidents each year. Vice Presidents must be proposed and seconded by a current Vice President. Members seeking election as Vice Presidents at any General Meeting must obtain the signatures of their proposers and seconders, who must also be current Members of the Club, on a Nomination Form. Duly completed Nomination Forms must be submitted to the Secretary and nominations shall be posted in the Club House on a Nomination List. This list will be closed twenty-one days before the General Meeting.

Vice Presidents elected in previous General Meetings may be re-elected each year by the Members in General Meeting. Any Vice President who is not an Executive Officer of the Club is entitled to attend Executive Committee meetings but not to vote thereat.

22. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The general management of the Club shall be entrusted to and vested in an Executive Committee comprising the Officers who shall be elected by the Members in General Meeting. Executive Officers shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Executive Committee but Non-executive Officers shall not have a vote. Five Executive Officers of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum unless the Executive Committee resolve otherwise. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy which may occur in the Officers or otherwise in their body. At least seven days’ notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given. The Executive Committee may delegate powers to sub-committees that it may from time to time form. The Executive Committee may co-opt persons who are not members of the Executive Committee to the Executive Committee and to its sub-committees. Co-opted members do not have a vote.

Members seeking election as Officers at any General Meeting must obtain the signatures of their proposers and seconders, who must be current Members of the Club, on a Nomination Form. Duly completed Nomination Forms must be submitted to the Secretary and nominations shall be posted in the Club House on a Nomination List, which shall be available from twenty-one days before the date of the meeting and which shall remain open until the date of the General Meeting, except in the case of nominations for President where the list will be closed twenty-one days before the General Meeting. Presidents on leaving office shall be called “Past President” with the same rights as Vice-Presidents but shall not require re-election.

23. ROWING COMMITTEE

The management of the rowing and sculling in the Club shall be delegated to a Rowing Committee composed of the Captain (who shall be its Chairman), Deputy Captain and the any other Officers or Members as the Captain may co-opt from time to time. Decisions involving expenditure are subject to approval by the Executive Committee in accordance with the authorisation limits it agrees from time to time.

24. RULES OF THE CLUB

The Executive Committee shall have power to add, amend and repeal these Rules. Copies of the Rules of the Club shall be available on the website. Any Member who persists in the infraction of any of these Rules shall be liable to expulsion in manner provided herein.

25. EXPULSION

The Executive Committee may for any cause which to them may seem sufficient request any Member to resign his membership. If a Member so required to resign and omits for fourteen days to do so an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be convened stating that the object of the Meeting is to consider the request by the Executive Committee of the resignation of such Member. It shall be lawful for



the Meeting so concerned to resolve by a simple majority to expel such Member from the Club. Any Member so expelled shall not be eligible for re-election and shall have no right to, or claim upon, the Club, its property or funds.

26. ENTRY FOR RACES

No Member shall enter for any race or competition under the name of the Club without the sanction of the Captain, either directly, or indirectly through applicable authority delegated to Members he may select from time to time

27. TROPHIES & 1st VIII BLAZERS

Each Club Challenge Trophy shall be and remain the absolute property of the Club. The same shall not be taken out of the country. It shall be produced whenever the Executive Committee requires. All damage through loss or injury whilst the trophy is in the holder's possession must be made good by him. The Executive Committee may require the holder to give security for its safe custody. For the purposes of this rule Blazers issued to members of the Club's two 1st Vllls shall be regarded in the same light.

28. OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES

The determination of membership by resignation, expulsion or otherwise shall in no way relieve the Member from any outstanding liability of any kind whatsoever, and the Club reserves the right to pursue recovery of any such outstanding liability from that Member.

29. LIEN

The Club shall have a lien upon any and all private boats or other property of any Member in or on the Club premises for all moneys due to the Club from such Member, and shall have the right to enforce such lien by sale or otherwise. The proceeds of any such sale shall be applied in or towards the discharge of all moneys so due as aforesaid, and the residue (if any) paid to the Member.

30. CONTROL OVER ROWING ACTIVITIES

The Captain, or in his absence the Deputy Captain, or in the absence of both another member of the Executive Committee present, shall have entire control over the crews and boats, act as referee, and in the case of any dispute his decision shall be final.

31. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Any Member who wilfully, or by gross negligence, damages any property to which the Club is or may be entitled, or which may be entrusted to the Club, shall have the damaged property repaired at his own expense. Failing his having the same repaired promptly the Club may cause the same to be repaired and pay the expense thereof, and such expense shall be deemed to be a liability from such Member to the Club under Rule 28. Any question of whether the damage was or was not wilful, or due to gross negligence, shall be decided by the Executive Committee and their decision shall be final.

32. VESTA OPEN EVENTS COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting, the Club shall elect a Chairman and a Treasurer of the Vesta Open Events Committee (VOEC), who shall be responsible for the organisation of all Open Events, and be responsible to the Executive Committee for delivery of the same. The Chairman of the Vesta Open Events Committee shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Executive Committee, and participate as a member of that body, as governed by Rule 22.

33. INTERPRETATION

In these rules the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa.



34. UNIFORM

The uniform shall be the applicable racing attire in Club Colours (or equivalent) and other items as approved and stocked by the Executive Committee from time to time.

Members rowing or sculling in Club boats or representing the Club at Regattas shall wear Club uniform.

Members shall be entitled to wear the Club blazer which shall be of white flannel with Club buttons and trimmed with Club ribbon.

An honours cap shall be awarded at the Club's expense to all Active Members who win, whilst representing the Club, an elite level rowing event. This cap shall be of Club crimson embroidered with the Club flags and the year of the award. The Executive Committee shall be at liberty to award honours caps for other examples of high level performance and its decision as to whether an event is deemed to be at elite level shall be final.

An honours cap shall be awarded at the Club's expense to Members who are deemed by the Executive Committee to have given extraordinary service to the Club in that season. This cap shall be of white embroidered with club flags. Not more than four such honours caps will be awarded in any season and there is no requirement for any such honours cap to be awarded in a given season.

35. VISITORS

No visitor shall be permitted to row in a Club boat unless with the permission of the Captain or in his absence the Deputy Captain, or in the absence of all those a member of the Executive Committee present, and not to the exclusion of a Member of the Club.

36. SWIMMING

All Active Members, and those treated as Active Members under Rules 11, 15, 16 and 17, shall if called upon satisfy the Rowing Committee (or its appointed delegates) as to their competence in swimming and as to their physical fitness.

37. HOURS

The Club House shall be open on weekdays, except Fridays, from 6.00pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from 8.30am or during such other hours as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time.

The Club House shall be closed at 12 midnight throughout the year except on special occasions, for which the permission of the Executive Committee must be obtained.

Club keys, or other equivalent means of gaining access to the Club, may be issued to Members with the consent of the Captain and one of the Honorary Bar Steward or House Captain, and on such terms as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time.

38. HIRE OF EXTRA BOATS

In the event of there being more Members present than can be accommodated in the Club boats, it shall be at the discretion of the Captain (or in his absence such Members of the Committee as may be present) to hire extra boats.

39. CREWS FOR REGATTAS

All crews representing the Club at an Open Regatta shall be formed by the Captain or his appointed delegates. Each Member representing the Club at an Open Regatta shall pay all entry fees and boat transport costs in advance of entry. Crews qualifying into the Henley Royal or Henley Women's Regattas with the permission of the Captain shall have their entry fees paid, but shall still be liable for boat transport costs.



40. COMMAND OF CREW

The Member of the crew in the position of either coxswain or steersman in any Club boat shall have command of the crew.

41. USE OF PRIVATE BOATS

Any Member using a private boat or equipment without the consent of its owner shall thereby render himself liable to a vote of censure, and if need be, expulsion.

42. RACK RENTS FOR PRIVATE BOATS

The Club has a limited number of racks available to Active Members for the storage of private boats including single sculls, pairs and doubles. Honorary Members are ineligible for a rack.

Private boats and equipment being the property of Active Members may be kept in the Boat House (entirely at the owner's risk) on specified racks and with the consent of the Rowing Committee on payment of such rack rents as shall be determined by the Executive Committee from time to time. Private equipment must be clearly labelled as such.

A rack shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Rowing Committee. The Captain, or someone nominated in his stead, will maintain a list of current rack allocations and a waiting list for Active Members wishing to be allocated a rack. The allocation of racks will be based on the merits of the application and not necessarily on the length of time spent waiting for a rack.

The allocation of a rack is valid only for the current season (that being September to August); at the end of which the Rowing Committee may serve notice of the requirement to remove a private boat to any Active Member who it is deemed is not making sufficient use of their private boat. Twenty eight days' written notice will be given to an Active Member to remove their private boat from the Club, after which the Club reserves the right to remove the private boat from its rack. Notice shall be given to the Rowing Committee at the date of leaving a private boat or removing it from the Club premises. Active Members resigning their membership are required to remove their private boat from the Club not more than seven days after resignation, after which the Club reserves the right to remove the private boat from its rack.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Club does not accept any liability for private boats and equipment stored at the Club. Active Members must take out adequate insurance for their boat and equipment in the case of damage, loss, fire or theft, including the transportation of their boat to and from regattas. The Club has no obligation for the transportation of private boats to and from regattas.

43. VISITORS' EXPENSES

Any Member introducing a visitor into the Club premises shall be responsible for the visitor's expenses and for any damage caused by him to the property of the Club.

44. DEFAULTERS

No Member shall introduce any person who is a defaulter or who has been refused membership by or expelled from the Club.

45. REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments may be obtained in the Club House according to the list of prices displayed. Members must pay every expense they incur in the Club before leaving the Club House.



46. COMPLAINTS

All complaints regarding the employees, charges, or domestic arrangements of the Club or respecting any other matter shall be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary and shall be signed by the Member making the complaint.

47. REMOVAL OF CLUB PROPERTY

No Member or their guest(s) or other visitor(s) shall take away from the Club on any pretence whatever any article which is the property of the Club.

48. ALLOCATION OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The allocation of duties and responsibilities between the Executive Committee, the Rowing Committee and the Officers, shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee, and descriptions of those duties of each Officer shall be made available to all Members prior to the Annual General Meeting each year.

49. THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE CLUB

Determined by the Executive Committee from time to time and appointed by the Members in general meeting.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

Chairman of the Executive Committee

Captain

House Captain

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Honorary Bar Steward

Communications Officer

Entries Secretary

NON-EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

President

Deputy Captain

Assistant Honorary Treasurer

Assistant Honorary Bar Steward

Club Water Safety Adviser

Chairman VEOC

Past Presidents

Vice Presidents