

RODBENDERS SAC

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. NAME OF CLUB

The Club shall be known as RODBENDERS SAC.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the club shall be to promote and stimulate the sport of sea angling and social activity for members.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the club shall be open; new members to be recommended on application to the Executive Committee by at least two fully paid up members. The Committee's decision shall be final.

4. CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Members are expected to adhere to the club rules at all times and to conduct themselves with integrity and in a sportsmanlike way. Any member who is held to have deliberately contravened those rules or whose actions are deemed by the Executive Committee to have brought or are likely to bring the club into disrepute will be liable to the cancellation of their membership with no refund of subscription.

5. MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards and a copy of the constitution and rules shall be supplied free to all members.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription shall be £10.00 for Senior Members (who are also members of The Angling Trust), £12.00 for non-Angling Trust members and £1.00 for Juniors paid annually by 28 February. Junior Members to be 16 years and under i.e. up to 16th birthday.

The subscriptions paid by new Senior members who join the club after this date will be at a pro rata rate determined by the number of months remaining in that particular angling year.

A reduced subscription of half the normal rate may be payable by those who are either of retirement age or who are students.

Family membership (to include wife/partner and children under 16)) shall be £14.00.

7. CLUB AUDIT

The accounts of the club shall be made up to 30 November each year and shall be audited annually by two auditors recommended by the members.

8. ASSETS OF THE CLUB

All monies of the club shall be invested in Lloyds Bank. The authorisation of withdrawals shall be made on the signatures of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer only i.e. any two.

9. MANAGEMENT

Management of all club affairs and representation to be by the Executive Committee, consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Records Officer and Social Secretary. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional club officers.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All Officers of the club to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting to be held prior to the new season; an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened at the request of not less than 12 members.

11. VOTING

All fully paid up members to be entitled to one vote at Annual General Meetings. The Chairman shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.

12. AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND CONSTITUTION

No alterations of club rules shall be made except by resolution at the A.G.M. and acceptance by majority decision. A quorum shall comprise of seven members other than those on the Executive Committee.

Any proposal(s) to amend the club constitution or rules must be made in writing and forwarded to the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the A.G.M. for inclusion on the agenda for circulation to the membership.

13. CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings to be held once a month to assist in arranging club activities and forwarding general information.

14. WINDING UP

In the event of the club winding up all monies and assets to be realised and dispersed only among all fully paid up members.

(Amended January 2019)

RULES

1. Members are strongly recommended that they become Members of The Angling Trust but a decision whether or not to do so is a matter of personal choice. ALL members are eligible to compete for club awards provided:-
 - THAT THE APPROPRIATE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID; and
 - THAT THEY DO NOT COMPETE FOR OTHER CLUB'S AWARDS – the only permitted exceptions shall be National, Specimen Groups and Plymouth Federation awards.

(However, anglers should note that neither the Angling Trust nor the Wyvern Division will accept, for either monthly or annual awards, any fish that have formed part of a catch that has been or is intended to be sold).
2. Club affiliations shall be at the discretion of members.
3. As a club affiliated to The Angling Trust members must comply with their rules and it is in members' interests that they familiarise themselves with these rules.
4. The Executive Committee shall select representatives and delegates to other Bodies.
5. A non-voting associate (or "country") membership may be offered, at the discretion of the Committee, to individuals residing outside the Port of Plymouth area following a written application to the Secretary, for a nominal subscription of £3.00.
6. Members wishing to weigh-in fish for club awards are required to comply with the weighing procedures set out below:-
 - (i) Except as may be otherwise decided for specific competitions, all fish (with the exception of mini-species) caught within an area including Devon and Cornwall and extending to a line drawn between the Severn Bridge – Weymouth – Portland Bill shall be weighed against the Plymouth Federation of SACs Specimen Fish List and where appropriate, be eligible for submission for Plymouth Federation of SACs, Wyvern Region and Angling Trust awards.

Junior members -The minimum weights set out in the Specimen Fish List shall not apply to junior members; all fish will be eligible for consideration for the junior Fish of the Month and annual awards provided they meet the Angling Trust's recommended retention size for the species and are returned to sea alive immediately after weighing. .

Fish caught outside this area will also be acceptable for weigh-in for awards as provided under the Angling Trust Specimen Fish Awards Scheme.

Entries for club awards shall normally only be registered if the fish:-

- (a) Has been weighed on the club scales and subsequently recorded by the Records Officer;
- (b) Has been weighed on electronic digital scales that are owned by a club member that have been measured for accuracy against the club scales. Members' scales are required to be checked on an annual basis and will not be accepted if there is a reading of more than 0.5 oz. above the weight shown on the club scales;
- (c) Has been weighed on other scales which carry a current Certificate of Test issued by a Trading Standards Officer provided
 - (1) the weighing is undertaken or witnessed by another club member or a member of another recognised angling club and appropriately recorded or is accompanied by a photograph of the captor with their fish; in a case where the witness is not a member of a recognised angling club, the entry must include the name and contact telephone number of the witness who may subsequently be contacted by the Records Officer for verification purposes;
 - (2) in a case where there is no witness to the capture or its weight, the captor supplies a video recording showing the scales being zeroed and the fish subsequently being weighed so backing up the entry on the weigh-in slip, but subject to acceptance being at the discretion of the Records Officer;

- (3) in the case of boat caught fish that are weighed and released at sea, the entry is accompanied by a photo of the captor with the fish, the weight recorded being certified by the boat skipper as being the lowest registered on the scales and the latter's name and contact telephone number is entered on the weigh-in slip for possible verification by the Records Officer.

NOTE: Fish accepted for registration as per paragraphs (2) and (3) above are ineligible for submission for awards made by the Angling Trust, Wyvern and Plymouth Federation of SACs

- (4) In cases where fish are caught in competitions and there is a substantial delay between the weight at actual time of capture and the weight recorded at the stipulated weigh-in time, only the former weight will be accepted for all award purposes.

OR MOST EXCEPTIONALLY

- (5) Weighed on other scales carrying a current Certificate of Test e.g. Tackle Shop, Butcher or other Tradesman provided the weight and species are recorded at the time of weighing on a receipt, bill, etc on which the name and address of the business is printed.

the acceptance of fish weighed on scales other than club scales are however, subject to the further proviso that weigh-in slips, etc. are received by the Records Officer NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS FROM THE DATE OF CAPTURE.

7. Fish which are caught from a boat by either the boat owner or skipper as part of a commercially intended catch will not be accepted for entry for any club, local or national awards.

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