

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

CONSTITUTION

1. The club shall be known as the *Glossopdale Sea Angling Club*. It shall be open to all persons over 12 years old (consistent with operational considerations) who pay membership and abide by the rules.
2. The object of the club is to encourage the sport of sea angling in the local community and to promote further social contact among its members.
3. The business of the club is conducted by a committee, elected from and by the membership, consisting of: chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and treasurer.
4. General meetings shall be held on the first Sunday of each month, unless otherwise arranged at a previous meeting. (The date for the next meeting shall be published in the immediately preceding minutes.)

There is no minimum number for a quorum. NO CLUB BUSINESS SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE OFFICER PRESENT.

5. Sub-committees may be established, with the agreement of the membership at a General Meeting, to consider specific issues pertaining to the club's activities. All decisions of such sub-committees must be agreed by the membership at a general meeting.
6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the General Meeting of November. The agenda shall include:
 - Presentation of audited accounts.
 - Election of officers.
 - Proposed rule changes. (Proposal

shall be notified to the membership at least two weeks in advance of the meeting).

- Annual subscription for the coming year.
- Announcement and donation of club prizes.

7. A Special General Meeting may be called by either the Committee or by a petition to the Secretary, signed by five members. No business shall be transacted at this SGM other than that for which the meeting was called. The date and agenda shall be notified to all members at least 14 days before the meeting

8. The accounts shall be audited, and signed by the auditor(s), before submission to the AGM. (Year end to be October 31st.)

[Audit to be by: a) professional auditor OR b) two ordinary club members.]

9. Rules can be changed only at the AGM (or SGM convened for that purpose).

10. If a question arises that is not provided for in these rules, the same shall be dealt with at a General Meeting whose decision shall be final. (*Exception:* Any decision amending a current rule or leading to a new rule shall hold only until the next AGM (or SGM convened) when the amendment shall be debated and accepted into the rule book only if accepted there.)

11. The club can in no way be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage to any club member or property whilst engaged in any event organised by the club.

12. The Committee will organise all trophies and prizes according to the financial state of the Club.

13. A register of Club-owned equipment shall be set up and maintained by the Vice Chairman. It shall be the responsibility of the designated holder of the equipment to maintain it in good condition and to monitor its issue and return.

14. All money and other assets of the Club are owned by the current paid-up membership. In the event of the Club being dissolved all non-money assets shall be sold and, after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities, the total remaining

assets be given to a relevant charity e.g. RNLI, or a nationally recognised pro-angling work group. All money or other assets shall be accounted for. The Treasurer at the time of dissolution shall hold the closing accounts for at least two years thereafter.

15. Members breaking Club rules shall be dealt with by the committee, whose decision shall be final. (Extenuating circumstances shall be taken into consideration.)

RULES

1.GENERAL

1.1 Membership subs to be paid before going on a trip (trial members excepted) or else a premium of 25% of membership subs, per trip, shall be charged (refundable on joining).

1.2 Members are responsible for making their own way to and from trips unless:

a) it is agreed at a previous meeting that communal transport shall be hired, in which case the cost of the transport is counted as a part of the trip cost.

b) it is agreed at a previous meeting that an overnight stay is required and a group booking is made, in which case the cost of the overnight stay is counted as part of the trip cost.

1.3 A deposit is to be paid at the time of booking a place on a trip.

1.4 The deposit is forfeited if you are unable to sail on a trip. The full cost of the trip is payable if you drop out within two weeks of the day of the trip, unless a replacement can be found.

1.5 Members owing unpaid fees shall be barred from further trips.

2 BOAT.

2.1 The skipper is to be obeyed at all times regarding boat safety and procedures.

NOTE The skipper is to be told of rules marked * below.

2.2 The boat steward (a club position, either the club chairman or his appointee) to be obeyed at all times regarding fishing and behaviour (unless this conflicts with Rule2.1).

2.3 Fishing positions shall be drawn for each day's fishing. (No.1 is starboard-forward, No. N is port-forward)

2.4 Casting shall only be done with the terminal tackle outside the boat.

3 FISH

3.1 No undersize fish shall be kept. NFSA size limits apply.

3.2 All unwanted fish shall be returned alive to the sea, if possible.

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3.4* Big fish that are not wanted e.g.conger are to be unhooked in the water, if possible.

3.5* Gaff not to be used on unwanted fish, if possible.