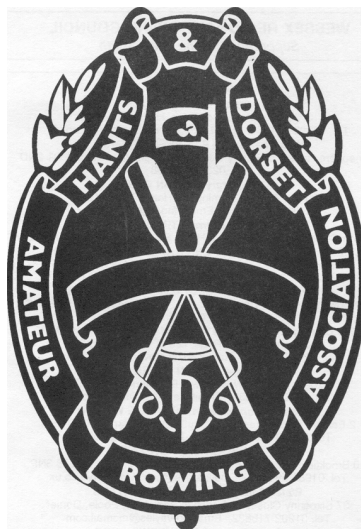


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GENERAL RULES.

1. - The name of the Association shall be "The Hants and Dorset Amateur Rowing Association".
2. - The objects of the Association shall be to promote and regulate rowing and sculling and boat racing generally within the area covered by the members of the Association and to cooperate with other sporting associations in promoting the said activities and sporting activities generally.
3. - The Association shall consist of rowing clubs and Regattas willing to bind themselves to observe the Rules of the Association whose principal Headquarters are situate within the counties of Hampshire, Dorset, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. Other Clubs and regattas from outside the district named may be admitted under special circumstances but their membership may then be subject to special conditions and restrictions in accordance with such circumstances. Applications by clubs or regattas to join shall be submitted to the hon. secretary at least one month before the Annual General Meeting accompanied by the appropriate subscription or regatta permit fee (which shall be returned if not elected) and a majority of two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote at such a meeting shall be required to admit to membership.
4. - Every club or regatta on becoming affiliated shall send to the hon. secretary the name and address of its secretary or other proper officer to whom all communications shall be sent and shall promptly notify any changes and all notices sent by the Association to the name and address last given shall be deemed to have been properly sent whether received or not. If agreed by the Club, Regatta or Individual Electronic Mail is as an acceptable form of communication.
5. - Each affiliated club or regatta shall pay to the Association an annual subscription or regatta permit fee at the rates fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting such payment to be made before the first Regatta counting championship points or the 1st June which ever shall be earlier in each year. Any club in arrears shall lose its power to vote and shall not be eligible to compete at any regatta and any regatta in arrears shall be liable to have their permit to hold a regatta withdrawn.
6. - The management of the Association shall be invested in the officers namely the President, Chairman, Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and a committee consisting of two delegates from each affiliated club and one delegate from each affiliated Regatta (hereinafter called the Executive Committee).
7. - The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year as a general rule in April to transact the following business and one months notice in writing of the date and place and time of the meeting shall be given with an agenda setting out the business to be transacted which shall include:
 - (a) To approve the minutes of the last AGM and any other general meetings and to deal with any matters arising.
 - (b) To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December last.
 - (c) To elect the officers and other members of the executive Committee and an Hon. Auditor.
 - (d) To elect racing officials comprising umpires, starters, judges and their assistants.
 - (e) To ratify Regatta dates
 - (f) To agree rates of subscriptions, permit fees and entry fees for the year.
 - (g) to deal with any other business authorised by the Executive Committee or requisitioned in accordance with these rules.
8. - The officers elected at the AGM shall hold office until the next AGM and shall be eligible for re-election except that the President shall not serve for more than two and the Chairman shall not serve for more than five years. Additional Officers may be elected at the discretion of the meeting to assist in the management of the Association who shall be entitled to attend all meetings and have one vote each. In addition honorary life members may be elected who shall be entitled to attend all meetings and take part in discussions but shall have no voting power unless empowered to do so under rules 6 or 9 hereof. Vacancies in officers arising during the year may be filled by the Executive Committee to hold office until the next AGM. The AGM can promote Vice Presidents of the Association to the position of Life Vice President or elect Life Vice Presidents who shall be entitled to attend all meetings and have one vote each. Live Vice Presidents can be removed by an AGM but do not have to be re-elected annually. A Life

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Vice President should be someone who has made a significant contribution to the Hants & Dorset Rowing Association or Coastal Rowing.

9. - At the AGM each club shall be entitled to have two additional delegates and each regatta one additional delegate to vote in addition to their members of the Executive Committee and they shall nominate at the meeting their members entitled to vote.

10. - A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held in the autumn of each year to review the past regatta season and matters arising there from and to consider any matters to be referred to the AGM, clubs and regattas wishing to have matters placed on the agenda shall notify the hon. secretary thereof before the 30th September and the hon. secretary shall give at least three weeks notice in writing of such meeting and the agenda. Unless determined at a previous meeting the date and place of the meeting shall be fixed by the hon. secretary.

11. - Additional meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by any two of them namely the President, Chairman, Hon. secretary or Hon. Treasurer or requisitioned in writing by three affiliated clubs or regattas, who shall deposit with the Hon. Secretary the sum of £20 or such other sum as the Association shall from time to time prescribe to cover the cost of the meeting, stating the objects of the meeting and the names of those requisitioning the same and the meeting may decide whether the circumstances for calling the meeting justified the whole or part of such sum so deposited being refunded.

12. - At all meetings voting shall be by a show of hands of those entitled to vote and no one shall be entitled to more than one vote save the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes. Resolutions shall be carried or lost by a simple majority save that no rules of the Association shall be repealed or altered and no new rule shall be made save by a two-thirds majority of those voting at an AGM. Any proposed alterations to the rules shall be submitted to the hon. secretary in writing by the 28th February who shall circulate them at least six weeks before the AGM and any Club or Regatta wishing to submit an amendment to the proposed alterations shall give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary and each affiliated Club and Regatta at least two weeks before the AGM. Any alterations or amendments so circulated in advance and passed at the AGM shall take immediate effect. Any amendment to the rules not so circulated in advance but passed by a two-thirds majority at an AGM shall take immediate effect and be binding on Clubs and Regattas but notice thereof must be given on the agenda of the next AGM and unless ratified there by a two-thirds majority shall thereupon lapse. At all meetings if the Chairman shall so decree or if ten members present and entitled to vote shall so request voting may be by secret ballot when voting cards shall be issued to those entitled to vote and two scrutineers shall be appointed to count the votes and the same rules as to a majority shall apply. Alterations or additions to the Associations Rules may be submitted for consideration at an AGM by any affiliated Club, Regatta, Executive Officer or Sub Committee of the Association.

13. - The Officers present at a regatta together with one representative of each club and regatta present shall constitute an emergency committee to consider all matters of dispute referred to it by the organising regatta committee, the umpires and other racing officials of the day or any three clubs requisitioning the same by written notice to the senior officer present. Such emergency committee shall be empowered to withhold points from any or all championship races where the conditions do not conform to the best interests of rowing, make decisions about postponements and row-offs and exercise disciplinary powers against any competitors or club considered by it guilty of conduct prejudicial to the best interests of rowing. If it is held a disciplinary offence has been committed the emergency committee shall have power to reprimand a competitor or club and/or suspend the offender from racing in future regattas until a meeting of the Executive Committee can be convened or impose a fine not exceeding £10 on a competitor or club or may refer the matter to the Executive Committee who may suspend or fine without limit. Any Club aggrieved by the decision of the emergency committee may seek a meeting of the executive committee under rule 11 by notice to the hon. secretary within seven days of the emergency committee's decision when the Executive Committee shall reconsider the matter as soon as possible and either ratify, reverse or amend the decision of the emergency committee.

14. - The quorum at a general meeting shall be 15 persons present and entitled to vote, at an Executive Committee Meeting 11 such persons and at an Emergency committee 7 such persons.

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15. - The Executive Committee shall have full power to enquire into the conduct of any club regatta or individual in respect of whom a complaint has been made and for that purpose may require the attendance of specific officials and other persons and the production of all books, letters and other documents. They shall have full power to deal with all offending or defaulting clubs regattas or individuals as they may think fit including imposing fines and suspensions or withholding championship points but any motion imposing such action shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

16. - The Association may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees or other bodies or to individuals from amongst its members or otherwise provided the powers so delegated are specified in each case.

17. - The Executive Committee may make byelaws which shall be binding on the Association until the next AGM at which they must be ratified in order to remain in force.

18. - The treasurer shall be responsible for the accounts and the funds of the Association and shall cause an audited account to be published for perusal at the AGM. No officer shall have power to incur expenditure or commit the Association to expenditure in excess of £30 without the consent of the Associations general meeting. All monies received on behalf of the Association shall be paid into bankers or building societies appointed by the Association and all cheques on and directions to the bankers shall be signed by the hon. treasurer or any two other officers of the Association.

19. - The Association may acquire property and may appoint not less than two or more than four Trustees in whom all property of the Association other than cash under the control of the treasurer shall be vested. The Trustees shall hold office until death resignation or removal from an office by a resolution passed at the AGM. The Trustees may deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale mortgage charge lease or otherwise as directed by the Association in general meeting.

20. - The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the Association from and against any liability cost expenses and payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them in relation to the trusts of the property of the Association or in relation to any legal proceedings or which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of the trustees.

21. - Neither the Association nor any officer or committee member there of shall be liable to any club regatta or individual whether a member of the Association or not for any loss or damage or injury to any property or person occurring from whatever cause in or about any property of the Association or in or about any event promoted by or held under the rules of the Association and any club or regatta staging any event held under the name of the Association shall display a notice to this effect in any programme or in a prominent position at the event.

22. - The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting, or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by, any officer club or regatta shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolutions at any meeting.

23. - A motion to dissolve the Association may only be made at an Annual General Meeting and to effect a dissolution at least three quarters of the persons present and entitled to vote must vote in favour of dissolution and if carried the property and surplus funds of the Association shall be returned to the original donors, distributed amongst the affiliated clubs and regattas or donated to some other association having its main objects the promotion of rowing and other sporting activities as such Annual General Meeting may decide.

24. - The Association Rules for boat racing and regatta rules and conditions governing the Associations championship trophies shall be an integral part of these Rules and all amendments and additions there to shall be made in accordance with these General Rules.

25. - If clarification or interpretation of any of the existing Association Rules as they stand is required then such clarification or interpretation will be made by the Executive Officers of the Association, that is the President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary any three of the four Executive Officers being able to make such a decision.

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26. - Priority is given to any organising committee for the sale of clothing and memorabilia to raise funds for the South Coast Championships Regatta each time it is held under the auspices of the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association. This does not preclude Clubs or Regatta's raising funds at their own events.

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1. -(a) The course shall be not less than 1½ miles or more than 2 miles unless a shorter or longer course shall have been approved by the Executive Committee or an Emergency Committee. All buoys or marks shall be turned on the starboard side and shall be of a type approved by the Executive Committee. They shall be set evenly spaced not less than 60ft. apart and it is the responsibility of the regatta committee to ensure that they remain in a proper line throughout the regatta and that sufficient buoys are provided to provide one buoy for each crew in each race. If the umpire is not satisfied with the position of the buoys he shall have power to suspend racing until they have been rectified, or before the start or in the case of a row off or re-row he can direct crews which individual buoys they must take, any crew disobeying his instructions shall be liable to disqualification.

(b) Umpires may disqualify without protest any boat turning a wrong buoy or otherwise infringing the Rules and a turn means that the whole boat should be seen to have turned round the turning buoy.

2. - (a) The Regatta committee shall publish full particulars of the course in their programme and it is a recommendation to them where ever possible that not more than 8 crews race abreast.

(b) Any objection or protest against the fairness of the course shall be made before the race is started and shall be dealt with by the Regatta Committee.

3. - Each boat shall keep its own water throughout the race. A boats own water is its due course parallel with the course of other competing boats from its station at the start to the finish to enable it to reach the finish line in the shortest possible time but providing it allows at least one length of clear water may cross the path of another competitor to enable it to reach the winning post in the shortest possible time but any boat failing to keep its own water does so at its own risk in the event of a foul or interference occurring.

4. - It shall be considered a foul when after a race has started any competitor by his oar, boat, scull or person comes into contact with the oar, boat, scull or person of another competitor unless in the opinion of the Umpire it does not influence the result of a race.

5. - The Umpire may caution any competitors when he considers there is a possibility of a foul occurring and may give warnings of any obstructions on the course but the Umpire shall not otherwise during the race direct the course of a competitor.

6. - The umpire shall have power to disqualify a boat committing a foul or otherwise deliberately interfering with the proper course of other competitors and he shall be the sole judge of a boat's proper course during the race.

7. - Every boat shall abide by its accidents but if during a race a boat shall be fouled or interfered with or the course otherwise obstructed the umpire shall have the power to

(a) disqualify the offending crew and allow the race to continue.

(b) stop the race and order the crews other than any he disqualifies to return to the start to re-row at a time determined by the regatta committee.

(c) If he is unable to reach an immediate decision allow the race to continue and consider any representations made to him at its end when he may exercise his power to disqualify and order a re-row but he should always reach his decision as quickly as possible and avoid deferring his decision where possible.

8. - Any Crew disqualified by the starter or umpire shall immediately leave the course and deliberate failure to do so shall be a disciplinary offence reportable to the Association.

9. - During the race crews must not be paced by other boats or receive any outside instructions other than by the umpire under rule 5 and any crew receiving any extraneous assistance may be disqualified. Extraneous assistance shall include help given to the crew once the race has started to empty out or re-launch their boat or replace equipment other than handing over spares or tools to carry out any repairs.

10. - (a) The whole course must be completed by a competitor before he can be held to have won a heat or final unless prevented by damage resulting from a foul when the umpire shall have discretion to deem him to have completed the course. Boats shall have completed the course when the bow reaches the

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finishing line. Crews may also be deemed to have completed the course during heats, at the discretion of the officials, if the format of the race is such that all crews competing will qualify for the final.

(b) A dead heat for first place in a final shall be decided by a re-row between the dead heat crews on the same day over the same course at a time to be laid down by the regatta committee and any competitor or crew refusing to re-row shall be adjudged to have lost the re-row. Providing the regatta committee and the dead heat crews agree the row-off can be deferred to take place on another date over a different course but again any competitor or crew refusing or failing to re-row shall be adjudged to have lost the race. If the dead heat crews fail to agree on the re-row date or course the re-row must take place on the same day over the same course and if both crews decline to re-row the prize shall be shared but the point shall be forfeited.

(c) If a competitor other than a coxswain falls out of a boat the crew may still be placed but if the coxswain leaves the boat the crew shall be deemed not to have completed the course.

11. - The jurisdiction of the umpire shall extend over the whole race from start to finish and his decision shall not be over-ruled but he may re-consider his decision following representations being made but once he has announced his decision on such representations it is absolutely final and without further appeal. He may if he thinks proper reserve his decision providing in every case such decision is given as quickly as possible and before the presentation of prizes on regatta day and no decision can be challenged after prize giving.

12. - The judges shall decide the order the boats cross the finishing line and such decision shall be final and without appeal but they may reserve or reconsider their opinion in the same manner as umpires.

13. - If the umpire has disqualified a crew or is otherwise dissatisfied with the proper conduct of a race he shall hoist a red flag in which case the judges shall make no announcement of the result until the decision of the umpires has been notified to them.

14. - A crew wishing to protest regarding an incident during the course of the race shall notify the umpire immediately at the conclusion of the race before going ashore or if this is not possible the stroke accompanied by the club captain or other senior official of the club concerned shall immediately notify the judge who shall communicate the same to the umpire for his decision. Any protest made by a race competitor or accompanied by abusive language or other improper conduct will be rejected without consideration, the names of individuals and crews responsible will be reported to the Hants & Dorset Executive Officers who will automatically impose a fine of £10 on the Club they represent without appeal. The Executive committee shall also have the power to exclude crews from racing in future Regattas.

14B. - The Executive Committee shall automatically impose a fine of £10 on a Club if it is reported to the Executive Officers that a registered member of that Club, or a known supporter of that Club has:

1. Continued to use abusive language or threatening behaviour whilst addressing a racing official carrying out his/her official duties at a Regatta after being warned that his/her conduct is unacceptable.
2. Physically or verbally abused or threatened another competitor, regatta helper or member of the public.
3. Conducted themselves in a way considered to be Unsportsmanlike or bringing the good name of our sport into disrepute.

15. - Any other protest shall be considered by the judges who may refer it to the umpires and/or regatta committee or emergency committee as appropriate who may make decisions but only subject to Rules 11 and 12 that the decisions of the umpires and judges are final and cannot be over-ruled. Any dispute not satisfactorily resolved may be referred to a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association who cannot interfere with the result of the race yet who may withhold Championship points.

The Start.

16. -(a) The starter shall raise a red flag to notify crews to come under starters orders and any boat not at the start at the signal being given shall be liable to be disqualified or the race started in its absence. Any boat taking up a position other than as advertised in the programme or direction by the starter or umpire shall be liable to be disqualified.

(b) When the starter is ready he shall lower the red flag and replace it by raising a yellow flag measuring at least 2' x 2' and the race shall be started by the dropping of the yellow flag which may be accompanied by a verbal "Set" - pause - "Go" the "Go" to coincide with the dropping of the flag which is the overriding signal.

(c) Any boat failing to obey an instruction to get back behind the starting line from the starter or umpire or starting over the line or starting to row before the dropping of the white flag shall be liable to disqualification.

(d) The starter shall have control of the start with the power to disqualify and if he considers the start false he shall at once recall the boats to their stations and any boat refusing to start again shall be liable to disqualification.

(e) Once the race has started to the satisfaction of the starter the control of the race shall pass to the umpire or umpires.

(f) If after the yellow flag has been raised the line shall become unsatisfactory or an obstruction shall appear on the course the red flag will be re-hoisted and the yellow lowered to indicate that the start is delayed and crews must obey any instructions given by the starter or umpire or may be liable to disqualification.

(g) The raising of an arm by a crew member or coxswain on the start is an indication to the starter that the crew considers it is not ready to start for some reason but the decision when to start rests entirely with the starter.

17. - Coxswains must wear life-jackets of approved type (current BS standard) and the manual inflation toggle if fitted must be visible during the course of a race and must be able to swim and clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that they are capable of performing their duties adequately and with safety.

18. - Boats competing in races in which championship points are awarded shall be restricted to 30ft. for fours and 22ft. 6ins. for pairs and sculls.

19. - Numbers not less than 6ins. in size on a 9in. x 9in. background shall be worn on the bows of all competing boats. The numbers to be fluorescent Yellow on a black background. Any crew starting without identification numbers shall be disqualified.

20. - Within 7 days of each regatta clubs shall forward to the Association the names of their winning crews in order to claim championship points and failing to do so may result in the loss of such points at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

21. - Regatta secretaries shall forward to the Association a full list of racing results of all open events and a marked copy of the programme incorporating any name and other changes shall be sufficient for this purpose. The names of the winning crew plus the name of the Clubs who finish in the first three places in each event are required. For sculling events the names of the first three scullers to finish plus their clubs is required.

22. - All Association Championship trophies shall be under the control of the Association who shall govern the conditions subject to any overriding conditions laid down by the donor of the trophy.

23. - Entrance fees for championship races shall not exceed the scale last laid down by the Association at an Annual General Meeting including in the case of a late entry any additional penalty payable.

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24. - Clubs representing the Association must reside within the boundaries of Hampshire, Dorset, the Isle of Wight or Channel Islands.

25. - Crews reaching the final of an event and then failing to appear without adequate explanation may be disqualified from the following Regatta.

26. Regattas and Heads staging events outside the area of the Association wishing to hold events or divisions of events for members of the Association (and other Coastal Clubs) may apply to the Association for a permit paying with their application a fee of £20 at least two months before the event and if granted may advertise the event as being held under the rules of the Association in which case the rules of the Association shall be observed and the Association shall use its best endeavours to provide its own officials or the organiser will ensure that their officials shall enforce the Associations rules if six or more coastal crews compete but if less than six coastal crews take part such events shall be classified as non-status invitation race without effecting status.

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A.- (a) In these Rules "oarsman/woman" shall include "sculler", "rowing", "sculling", regatta, a race or processional event unless the contrary intention is expressed. Regatta does not include an Invitation race or Races restricted to entries by invitation only. The season shall extend from the 1st January to the 31st December in each year.

(b) The Rules governing racing laid down by the Association shall be observed by all regattas, clubs and competitors taking part in any regatta affiliated to the Association.

(c) No oarsman/woman shall compete in any rowing event held under the rules of the Association unless he/she is a member of a club affiliated to this or other Association recognised by the A.R.A as an amateur as defined by the A.R.A.

(d) No member of an affiliated club shall compete at any regatta not held under the Rules of this or other Association recognised by the A.R.A.

B. -Status of Classification of Oarsman/Woman.

Oarsman.

The Association will decide annually at its AGM if a single Novice win or two wins will be required before promotion to Junior status. Rule B -Status of Classification of Oarsman/Woman, section (a) will be applied accordingly.

(a) Novice Oarsman. *Single win before promotion to Junior status.* A Novice Oarsman is one who has never won an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarsman wins a Novice race he becomes a Junior Oarman.

or -

(a). Novice Oarsman. *Two wins before promotion to Junior status.* A Novice oarsman is one who has never won or only won one open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Man wins his second Novice race he becomes a Junior. Single Novice Fours wins will be wiped clean at the end of the season, subject to no oarsman/women having a Novice win wiped clear twice (Note. This applies to Novice Fours events only and not to Novice Single Sculls where any win is carried over to the new season).

(b). Junior Oarsman. A junior oarsman is one who has won a novice race at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status. Immediately he wins a junior race he becomes a junior senior oarsman, but he may continue to row in junior racing for the rest of the season in which he has won.

(c). Junior Senior Oarsman. A junior senior oarsman is one who is no longer eligible to compete as a junior but has not qualified as a senior. When he has won a junior senior race he may continue to row in junior senior racing for the rest of the season in which he has won.

(d) Senior Oarsman. A senior oarsman is one who has won a senior race at an open regatta.

(e) Veteran Oarsman/Woman. A Veteran Oarsman/Woman is one who has attained the age of 40 years on the day of the Regatta. A Veteran fours crew must have a minimum age of 40. Mixed crews are allowed and one member of a crew can be from another Club as long as they meet the criteria of a Veteran, but a composite crew can not be awarded a Hants & Dorset Championship point – the point being awarded to the first full Club crew to finish as long as two full club crews started the race.

Oarswoman.

The Association will decide annually at its AGM if a single Novice win or two wins will be required before promotion to Junior status. Rule B -Status of Classification of Oarsman/Woman, section (f) will be applied accordingly.

(f) Novice Oarswoman. *Single win before promotion to Junior status.* A Novice Oarswomen is one who has never won an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarswomen wins a Novice race she becomes a Junior Oarwoman.

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or -

(f) Novice Oarswoman. *Two wins before promotion to Junior status.* A Novice Oarswoman is one who has never won or only won one open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarswoman wins a second Novice race she becomes a Junior Oarswoman. Single Novice Fours wins will be wiped clean at the end of the season, subject to no oarsman/women having a Novice win wiped clean twice (Note. This applies to Novice Fours events only and not to Novice Single Sculls where any win is carried over to the new season).

(g) Junior Oarswoman. A junior oarswoman one who has won a novice race at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status. When she has won a Junior race she may continue to row in Junior racing for the rest of the season in which she has won.

(h) Senior Oarswoman. A senior oarswoman is one who has won a senior race at an open regatta.

Scullers.

(i) A Junior Sculler is one who has won two Novices races at open Regattas and promotion to Junior status. When he/she has won a Junior sculling race he/she may continue to row in Junior Sculling races for the rest of the season in which he/she has won.

(j) Senior Sculler. A senior sculler is one who has won a senior Sculling race at an open regatta.

(k) Under no circumstances can an oarsman/woman be reinstated to a lower status after he/she has won a race which qualifies him/her for a higher status.

(l) [Removed at AGM 1/3/03]

(m) If no Championship Points are awarded then there is no change to an Oarsman's/Oarswoman's status.

(n) J16 Oarsman/women – A J16 Oarsman/Women is a competitor who has not attained sixteen years of age before the first of September preceding the event. J16 Crews can be mixed J16 races are not Championship events.

Note: ARA J16 age qualification rule states (part relevant to J16 only) –

3-3-3 Juniors.

c. A J16 is a competitor who had not attained the age sixteen years years of age before the first day of September preceding the event.

(p) A Novice Sculler is one who has never won a sculling race at any open Regatta. Immediately a Novice Sculler wins a second Novice race he/she becomes a Junior sculler.

Note 1. - An oarsman/woman's status shall be in accordance with the classifications set out above and shall take immediate effect.

Note 2. - If an oarsman/woman wins rowing in a higher status to the one for which he/she is qualified the Rules governing classifications immediately apply.

Note 3. - Coxswains. There is no classification.

Note 4. - The status of an oarsman/woman shall not effect his/her status as a sculler or vice versa.

Note 5. - The Associations Rules as to status shall apply to competitors from other associations competing in events held under the Rules of the Association.

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Note 6. - Any Oarswoman who has won a Junior Sweep Oar event, ie. Coxed Four or Coxless Pairs since their inauguration as Championship events (1985 for Junior Fours when the two statuses were introduced and 1991 for Ladies Pairs) and must register and compete at Senior level.

Note 7. - The Ladies Pairs event is a Senior Ladies Pairs event, ie: all Ladies regardless of status can compete in the Ladies pairs but if they win a Ladies pairs event they immediately assume Senior Ladies Status.

Note 8. - Sculling events are individual H&D Championship events - not Club Championships - so Junior Ladies will carry championship status with a Championship medal awarded. Novice events, with two wins before promotion are a Club Championship only with no medal awarded.

Note 9. - Any sculler who had won a Coastal Junior or Senior sculling event is a Senior Sculler. All others would start the season as Novice Scullers - so for at least the first six regattas in the first season there would probably be no Junior Sculling events for Men. With no Novice status for Ladies Scullers Novice Ladies Scullers would have to scull at Junior.

Note 10. - Veterans

- 1) If one Veteran crew member is from another Club the Crew shall take the name of the Club with most members.
- 2) The Championship will be a Club Championship the Club winning most points being declared Hants & Dorset Champions and four Championship Medals only being awarded to the names nominated by the winning Club.
- 3) If one crew member is from another Club he/she must be registered with the Hants & Dorset ARA for that Club.
- 4) If one crew member is from another Club he/she should wear the racing colors of that Club.

C.- No oarsman/woman shall compete for more than one affiliated club in regattas counting for championship points in any one season unless permission is granted under Rule E. Oarsman/woman from one club rowing for another should be immediately disqualified with the rest of the crew.

D.- At least 7 days before the first regatta of the season each affiliated club must register with the Association a list of all oarsman/woman who will be racing for the Club with their status and any additional oarsman/woman must be so registered at least 7 days before competing in any event counting championship points.

E.- An oarsman/woman wishing to change clubs must notify both clubs in writing and obtain written permission from both clubs before being eligible to row for the second club in the same season. Any oarsman/woman having been refused permission shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties. All transfers must be registered with the Association under Rule D and accompanied by a fee of £1.

F.- Any club or member of a club violating the above rules is liable to suspension for a period determined by the Executive Committee.

G. - Regatta committees shall state on their bills, programmes, notices and advertisements the time of the first race and that the races are held under the rules of the Association and with the consent of the Association they may publish additional rules and byelaws providing they do not conflict with those of the Association which in all cases shall prevail.

H.- Regatta committees shall give adequate notice to all affiliated clubs of the closing date for entries which must not close more than three weeks before the event and the time and place of the draw which shall take place at least three clear days before the regatta and the regatta committee shall not divulge the names of entrants until such entries have closed but shall do so on request by an affiliated club after the closing date. Regatta committees may reject any entry not detailing the surname and initial of each individual entrant and shall do so if one club enters two crews for the same event without names or if the names are not provided 3 clear days before the regatta. The regatta committee shall publish the names and details of individual crews in a programme a copy of which must be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Association before the regatta and copies of which must be distributed to each official officiating at the

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regatta and to each club competing and exhibited at the regatta committee headquarters. Wherever possible such names and details should be published in the official programme.

I.- All entries must be submitted on the Association forms by the competing club together with the entry fee. Any alterations to crews must be given to the regatta committee in writing at least one hour before the race is timed to start with the names of the substitutes. Not more than half the crew may be substituted and no substitution is permitted in a single sculling races. A Novice crew who has won at another regatta and gained promotion to Junior status after the draw has been made shall be automatically entitled to race in the junior event without payment of a further fee and regatta committees should make provision in the draw for such entries whenever possible but any new novice crew picked by a club to replace the crew who have become juniors shall be treated as a late entry. Names of Novice Crews are not required before the day of the Regatta but must be submitted before the start of the Regatta after which any changes are subject to the usual rules. Novice Oarsman/Women must be registered with the Association in accordance with Rule D.

J.- The regatta committee shall investigate any questionable entry irrespective of any objection being received and may reject any entry which they do not hold to be in accordance with these rules. Any objections to the qualifications of a competitor or crew shall be made to the Regatta secretary in writing immediately a query arises and in any case before the prize distribution and the regatta committee may then withhold prizes until the outcome of any investigation is announced. After the prize giving any objection must be sent to the secretary of the Association in writing and the association shall have no power to disturb the prizes so distributed but may withhold points or take other appropriate disciplinary action.

K.- Regatta committees may refuse entries received after the closing date and subject to the consent of the Executive Committee of the Association being first obtained may limit the number of crews accepted from each club in each event.

L.- The draw shall take place once entries have closed and representatives of clubs entered shall be permitted to be present at the draw. All boats must race in the position they are drawn, No 1. position counting from nearest to the starter. Where a race is rowed in heats it shall be permissible for a regatta committee to cede crews in a manner approved by the executive committee in writing.

M.- All clubs must register their colors with designs with the Association and competitors must race in their registered colors with oars painted accordingly and Regatta Committees must publish these colors and designs in their Programmes. *Members of the crew can wear garments under their racing vests as long as they are WHITE and the garment can have a stripe or stripes of any color on the sleeve – but the garment must not reduce the ability of the Racing Officials to determine the Club involved.*

N.- Umpires, Starters and judges for championship events must be licensed by the Association. Regatta committees shall apply to the Association for the names and addresses of such officials.

O.- The regatta committee shall ensure that the umpires shall have suitable boats to keep them in contact with the competitors throughout the race; if this is impossible for any reason regatta committees must appoint sufficient umpires either afloat or ashore to cover all sections of the course and such umpires will be responsible for decisions in the section of the course allotted to them. Where possible two umpires shall be appointed to each section.

P.- Regatta committees shall advise all competing clubs the telephone numbers of responsible officials available at stated times on the morning of the regatta to advise clubs on weather conditions and the advisability of proceeding to the regatta.

Q.- Entry fees shall be as prescribed by the Association at its Annual General Meetings and may be returned to the Clubs where a race or Regatta is cancelled at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.

R.- In the event of a Regatta being postponed the programme will remain as originally drawn unless the consent of the Association is obtained to a re-draw and in the event of the regatta not being completed the results of completed races shall stand but any races where the final has not been rowed shall be declared

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void and the regatta committee may arrange to complete the remainder of the programme on a postponement date over the same course but any proposal to row the same over a different course must be with the approval of the Association.

S.- In addition to the Rules the Association may from time to time make recommendations for the guidance of regatta committees which although not absolutely binding such committees shall be expected to use their best endeavours to adopt and failure to do so without reasonable explanation may be taken into account in deciding whether points shall be awarded to a regatta. Recommendations can similarly be made to clubs and failure to comply without reasonable explanation can be referred to the Association in general meeting as a breach of discipline.

T. Regattas applying for Championship points must undertake to include races for all events for which Championship points are awarded unless the executive committee authorise any events to be omitted.

U. One or more rescue boats must be provided to give adequate assistance to boats in difficulty and to keep the course clear and provision should also be made for a boat or boats other than the umpires boat to be responsible for keeping the turning bouys in position.

V. The regatta committee should ensure that medical and life saving services are available if required.

W. All Coxswains must be members of a Hants & Dorset Club.

X. Any scratching made after the the first race of the Regatta has come under starters orders will have a £5 per seat Association fine imposed on the Crew. The Club will be advised in writing of the fine within one month of the end of the Regatta Season and will have a further month to appeal, in writing to the Association. Appeals will be considered by the Associations Executive Officers (at least three from President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary)) if the fine has been received by the Association and the Club will be advised of the result in writing and Club advised of the result. The decision of the Association Officers will be final.

Note to rule: A crew will not be penalised if withdrawn from a race after the start because of concern for their safety due to the prevailing weather or sea conditions and the experience and/or competence of the crew.

Y. Composite Novice crews will be allowed under the following rules –

a) This will be controlled by the controller of the regatta.

b) The controller will take the names of all novices (both men and women) that wish to race in composite crews on that day. The captains will provide them at check in. The controller will then draw the names for crews on a random basis.

c) The regatta should allow provision for 'Comp' 1, 2 etc in the program to prevent any disruption to the program.

d) The rowers should all compete in their own club colours.

e) If a composite crew should win then there will not be a H&D championship point awarded for that race however the members of the crew will be deemed to have won a qualifying race at novice.

f) The composite crew would be awarded prizes.

Z. Any crew, or individual, selected and invited to represent the Association in a Championship event at a South Coast Championship Regatta who declines the invitation will not be allowed to enter any of the Open or invitation events at that Regatta.

XA. At every Hants & Dorset ARA Championship Regatta there shall be a Club Briefing, of all pre-race information prior to the start of the Regatta. Failure to attend will automatically disqualify a Club from competing in the regatta until they have received the briefing. However an individual club briefing can be given allowing that Club to compete in the Regatta but this will incur a penalty of £25 to the Association. A register of Clubs represented at the meeting will be maintained by the Regatta organizers and this must be forwarded to the Association Secretary with the Regatta Results. Club Race Officials can represent their Clubs at briefings provided they then brief their clubs and Clubs can, in special circumstances, be represented by a nominated member of another Club, as long as the Club in question notifies the Regatta of the nominee prior to the start of the meeting and the nominee then briefs the Club in question. The penalty imposed is subject to appeal, in writing and on payment of the penalty, to the Associations Executive Officers whose decision will be final.

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO
THE REGATTA COMMITTEES.

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1.- Where possible at least two starters, judges and umpires should be appointed to serve together and if the umpires cannot supervise the entire course each section should be covered by two umpires.

2.- Adequate walkie/talkie equipment should be provided to communicate between the starters, judges, each umpiring position, regatta control and Safety Boats. The starter should have amplifier equipment to cover the whole starting line and the umpires boats should be provided with hand loudhailers for communicating to the crews. Public address equipment ashore should cover the entire boat park area.

3.- Copies of the programme or details of the times of the races should be sent to all competing clubs and the officials before the regatta.

4.- The starting line should be marked by two posts ashore clearly visible to the crews.

5.- Regattas prone to postponement should agree a provisional date for postponement with the Association in advance and a decision should be made where possible sufficiently early to save clubs wasting a journey.

6. Late entries after the draw has taken place must always be added on the outside of the draw and should not be accepted if this would overcrowd the draw however when a crews start number exceeds the number of bouys at the turn crews should be re-numbered (not redrawn).

7.- Regatta committees are urged to invite assistant racing officials to assist the starters, umpires and judges and to train them to become fully licensed officials.

8.- *Deleted at the H&D AGM of 13/3/04.*

9.- Regatta committees should print in their programme the location of the nearest telephone that can be used in an emergency. Where there is not a suitable telephone at the Regatta site a mobile phone should be available at the Regatta Control.

10. - The Association may appoint a safety Sub-Committee who may inspect, at any Regatta, Club boats, equipment and life jackets and may serve notice on the clubs of any defects found which must be rectified before the next Regatta or if considered life threatening before the next race.

11. - Late entries should not be accepted if they disrupt the published programme - ie, if they force a re-draw or additional heats in any event.

12. - The first late entry from a Club in an event should be accepted on a first come first serve basis but second late entries from the same club in the same event should only be accepted when all other Clubs have had the opportunity to make their late entries.

13. - That where more than one event is taking place within a race then the lane draw should be grouped to make it easier for officials and competitors alike.

14. - Regatta Programs should include the scheduled start time of the Regatta and the anticipated start time of each race.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE HANTS AND DORSET
AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES.

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The Championship Trophies.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association Championship Cup for Senior Fours.

The Marie Fraser Cup for Junior Senior Fours.

The Alderman Moulard Cup for Junior Fours.

The Westover Challenge Cup for Novice Fours.

The Southsea R. C. Bowl for Senior Pairs.

The Westover Lord Roberts Shield for Junior Pairs.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association
Championship Cup for Senior Ladies Fours.

The P. J. Sherwin Cup for Junior Ladies Fours.

The A. Fraser Cup for Novice Ladies Fours.

The Christchurch Regatta Cup for Senior Sculls.

The Frank Gillingham Cup for Junior Sculls.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association
Championship Cup for Senior Ladies Pairs, donated
by Southampton A. R. C.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association
Coxswain of the Year Tankard.

John Broom Trophy for Ladies Senior Sculls.

The Hersey Cups for Mens Novice Sculls Championship.

The Ladies Junior Sculls Trophy.

Ladies Novice Sculls - The Toby Trowbridge Trophy – (formally the National Championship Coastal Event Aggregate Trophy) donated by Christchurch Rowing Club.

The Veteran Fours Trophy. Donated by Itchen Imperial R. C. in memory of Alfie Flack.

The Archie Fraser Memorial Trophy for best performing Hants & Dorset Club in all events at the Southcoast Championship Regatta.

Championship Club – the R. S. O. "Hank" Carr Trophy donated by Barbara Carr in memory of "Hank"

The Daily Echo Trophy in memory of Arthur Chatfield. Awarded annually to an individual for Service to the Association and Coastal Rowing.

Conditions Governing the Trophies.

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1. The Trophies shall be awarded as grand aggregate prizes to be held for one year by the Clubs obtaining the greatest number of points in the respective races at regattas recognised by the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association for Championship points. A win shall count one point.

2. The Trophies shall be competed for only at Towns where Regattas exist affiliated to the Association and whose regattas are held under its rules. No point shall be awarded unless at least two Clubs are entered for the event at the start of the Regatta except in Single Sculling events where no point shall be awarded unless two Scullers are entered for the event at the start of the Regatta.

3. In the event of two or more Clubs having the same number of points, the matter shall be decided by a race or races of the Clubs concerned, such race or races to be held as directed by the Association except in the case of Novice Fours where the Championship will be shared between the Clubs with the greatest number of points.

4. The Trophies shall be returned in good condition, to the Hon. secretary of the Association at the Autumn Delegates Meeting or on a date decided by the Hon. Secretary.

5. The Trophies cannot be won outright.

6. In the event of the Hants & Dorset A.R.A. ceasing to function, the trophies (other than the Senior Four Cup) shall be returned to the donors or heirs, to be held in trust until such time as the Association shall resume its activities.

7. The Trophies shall be presented to the winning Clubs as and where decided by the Association.

8. If a race is won by a Club not affiliated to the Hants & Dorset A. R. A. then the Championship point shall be awarded to the first affiliated crew home in the final, except in the case of Novice Fours, when no point shall be awarded. If no affiliated crew is in the final no point shall be awarded.

9. The Club winning a trophy shall bear the cost of insuring it for the ensuing year at the last valuation approved by the Association and in the event of any loss or damage shall bear the cost of reinstating or replacing the same including replacing any engraving of past winners.

10. A Hants & Dorset Championship will only be awarded if at least three Championship points have been awarded at Championship Regatta 's during the season.

11) Additional Championship Medals may be awarded subject to the following conditions being met - 1) Applicants must have competed as a member of the championship crew and won at least three Championship points in that crew' before qualification for a medal can be discussed. 2) Clubs must submit a written request prior to delegates meeting where said request is to be read out with supporting evidence, however decision and vote would be deferred to the Associations AGM to allow all parties time to investigate evidence and circumstances and to eliminate any problems at the presentation dinner. 3) Clubs must prove qualifying points were needed to secure the championship. Once a Championship is won any additional wins would not count towards qualification for an additional medal to be awarded. 4) The application will be discussed between the members of the Executive Committee before the AGM and a recommendation as to whether to accept or decline the application would be announced at the meeting.

COMPARISONS BETWEEN HANTS & DORSET ARA & RIVER STATUS.
As amended at the Hants & Dorset ARA AGM of 21st March, 2009.

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Not yet endorsed by the British Rowing.

HANTS & DORSET - EQUIVALENT BRITISH ROWING POINTS/STATUS.

Notes:

If you have lost your Novice status on the Coast/Hants & Dorset ARA - you are NOT a Novice on the River.

No number of Coastal Senior wins would raise a Coastal Senior Oarsman to Elite status or give them more than

5 points for a Man and three points for a women.

Points won at British Rowing events would add to this total and would effect Hants & Dorset status.

Reflects changes to ARA/British Rowing status/point system that became effective on 1/4/09.

SWEEP.	MEN		LADIES	
H&D STATUS	EQUIVALENT TO - BR POINTS	EQUIVALENT TO - BR STATUS (subject to Total points in boat.)	EQUIVALENT TO - BR POINTS/	EQUIVALENT TO BR STATUS (subject to Total points in boat)
NOVICE	ZERO	NOVICE	ZERO	NOVICE
JUNIOR	ONE	Intermediate 3	ONE	Intermediate 3
JUNIOR SENIOR	TWO	Intermediate 3		
SENIOR	THREE	Intermediate 2	TWO	Intermediate 3
WINNING SENIOR	FOUR	Intermediate 2		
SENIOR WHO HAS WON H&D or SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIP	FIVE	Intermediate 1	THREE	Intermediate 2

SCULLING.	MEN		LADIES	
H&D STATUS	EQUIVALENT TO - BR POINTS	EQUIVALENT TO -BR STATUS (subject to Total points in boat.)	EQUIVALENT TO - BR POINTS	EQUIVALENT TO -BR STATUS (subject to Total points in boat.)
NOVICE	ZERO	NOVICE	ZERO	NOVICE
JUNIOR	ONE	Intermediate 3	ONE	Intermediate 3
SENIOR	TWO	Intermediate 3	TWO	Intermediate 3
SENIOR WHO HAS WON H&D CHAMPIONSHIP	THREE	Intermediate 2	THREE	Intermediate 2

BRITISH ROWING POINTS/STATUS - EQUIVALENT HANTS & DORSET STATUS.	
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MEN			LADIES		
BR POINTS	EQUIVALENT TO -BR STATUS	HANTS & DORSET STATUS.	BR POINTS	EQUIVALENT TO - BR STATUS	HANTS & DORSET STATUS.
(subject to Total points in boat)			(subject to Total points in boat)		
ZERO	NOVICE	NOVICE	ZERO	NOVICE	NOVICE
ONE	INTERMEDIATE 3	JUNIOR	ONE	INTERMEDIATE 3	JUNIOR
TWO	INTERMEDIATE 3	JUNIOR SENIOR	TWO	INTERMEDIATE 3	SENIOR
THREE	INTERMEDIATE 2	SENIOR	THREE	INTERMEDIATE 2	SENIOR
FOUR	INTERMEDIATE 2	SENIOR	FOUR	INTERMEDIATE 2	SENIOR
FIVE/SIX	INTERMEDIATE 1	SENIOR	FIVE/SIX	INTERMEDIATE 1	SENIOR
SEVEN to NINE	SENIOR	SENIOR	SEVEN to NINE	SENIOR	SENIOR
TEN to TWELVE	ELITE	SENIOR	TEN to TWELVE	ELITE	SENIOR
SCULLING.					
MEN			LADIES		
BR POINTS	EQUIVALENT TO -BR STATUS	HANTS & DORSET STATUS.	BR POINTS	EQUIVALENT TO -BR STATUS	HANTS & DORSET STATUS.
(subject to Total points in boat)			(subject to Total points in boat)		
ZERO	NOVICE	NOVICE	ZERO	NOVICE	NOVICE
ONE	INTERMEDIATE 3	JUNIOR	ONE	INTERMEDIATE 3	JUNIOR
TWO	INTERMEDIATE 3	SENIOR	TWO	INTERMEDIATE 3	SENIOR
THREE	INTERMEDIATE 2	SENIOR	THREE	INTERMEDIATE 2	SENIOR
FOUR	INTERMEDIATE 2	SENIOR	FOUR	INTERMEDIATE 2	SENIOR
FIVE/SIX	INTERMEDIATE 1	SENIOR	FIVE/SIX	INTERMEDIATE 1	SENIOR
SEVEN to NINE	SENIOR	SENIOR	SEVEN to NINE	SENIOR	SENIOR
TEN to TWELVE	ELITE	SENIOR	TEN to TWELVE	ELITE	SENIOR
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– **Rules and Recommendations.**

Including all additions and amendments up to 01/01/09.

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As amended by the South Coats Council Meeting of 01/01/09.

RULES

The Regatta

1. The Regatta shall be called:- **“South Coast Championship Regatta”**

The Administration

2. A Council shall be formed of three delegates from each Association, Coast ARA, Hants & Dorset ARA and the West of England ARA, to be responsible for the general arrangements, and to act as Trustees for the trophies. There shall be one vote per delegate. The Honorary Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by the Council in addition to the nine delegates and shall be present in this capacity at all meetings but shall not have the power to vote. He shall hold office for a period of four years and shall be eligible for re-election.
3. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January each year. The Council shall elect a Chairman to take the Chair for a three year term on rotation between the three Associations. The Chairman shall have control of the meeting, and shall retain the power to vote, but shall not have a casting vote. In the event of equality of votes, the motion shall be deemed to be “Not carried”.
4. The three Council members representing each Association shall be nominated by their respective Associations at their Annual General Meetings and shall hold office for the ensuing year. In the absence of a nominated Council Member, his Association may provide a substitute who shall be entitled to exercise his voting right.
5. A special meeting of the South Coast Championship Regatta Council shall be convened by the Honorary Secretary of the Council on the written request of any one Association. The date, place and time of the meeting to be announced within four weeks of the written request and held within six weeks.
6. Each Association is to be responsible for the expense of running its own Championship Regatta, but the three Associations shall share the cost of insuring the trophies equally. In the event of the Championship Regattas ceasing, the trophies shall be returned to the association donating same.
7. The Championship Regatta shall be held in four year cycles, twice in the West of England and once each in the Coast and Hants & Dorset. The actual order or sequence and the site of each Championship Regatta shall be approved by the Council. The proposed venue shall be notified to the Honorary Secretary to the Council two months before the Annual General Meeting two years in advance of the Championship Regatta to enable any representations from Clubs to be considered at the Annual General Meeting. At each Annual General Meeting of the Council, the organising committee on behalf of the host Association organising the Championship Regatta two years hence will submit a written resume, with a chart of the course, tides, start time and date of the Regatta. The Championship Regatta will be advertised to be held no later than the second weekend in September. Failure to submit these details will result in the next Association in rotation being offered the event.
8. The Council in General Meeting may make recommendations generally as guidance for local organising committees on all matters relating to the organisation of Championship Regattas, and may also as a condition for approving the venue of a particular Championship Regatta issue directives to the local organising committee of that Championship Regatta relating to such organisation; and if the organising Championship Regatta committee considers they are unable to comply with such general recommendations or directives, they should notify the Honorary Secretary to the Council in writing with

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their reason, and thereupon the Honorary Secretary shall notify the Council members, and if requested, under Rule.5. call a Special Meeting.

9. Each Association shall contribute £250.00 per annum, or such sum as shall be unanimously be agreed agreed by the three Associations at the previous Annual General Meeting, to the South Coast Championship Regatta Council fund by 30th May, which shall be banked by the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the Council in a deposit account. The Secretary of the Association organising the Championship Regatta can claim up to the total of £375.00 from this fund towards the cost of that year 's Championship Regatta without reference to the Council. The remaining funds from the contributions are to be used to offset the cost of insuring the trophies and for the Council 's administration.

10. Any sums not claimed, and any interest, may be disbursed at the discretion of the South Coast Championship Regatta Council.

11. All correspondence shall go through the Honorary Secretary to the Council.

The Championship Regatta arrangements

12. (a) The Championship course and supporting races shall be a straight 2000 metres (one and half miles) maximum, 1650 metres (one mile) minimum, with stake boat start where conditions permit. Championship events will be held for Men's Senior, Men's Junior/Senior, Men's Junior, Ladies' Senior, Ladies' Junior coxed fours and Veteran coxed fours. The draw for positions for the Championship races shall be made on the Friday evening preceding the Championship Regatta. (b) Before any crews are boated for the Championship Regatta, separate and adequate safety boats shall be on station and no race shall commence until such time as they are ; and all safety aspects detailed in the South Coast Championship Regatta Water Safety Guidelines and the ARA Water Safety Code, are adhered to.

13. Both the start and finish lines WILL BE clearly marked by two posts, securely fixed ashore, clearly visible to all competing crews, starters and judges respectively.

14. The host Association shall specify the type of boat to be used (i.e. coastal or river) and these shall be used in the Championship races and in all supporting events. Championship crews may row their own boats or make their own arrangements to borrow boats for use in practice and for Championship races provided such boats are constructed in accordance with the class of boats specified for use in the Championship. If any crew has difficulty in finding a boat of Championship standard they should notify the organising committee by the closing date for entries, and it shall then be the responsibility of the promoting Association to ensure that a suitable boat is available for them, and for practice during Championship Regatta week, and that the club is notified of the boat allocation at least ten days before the Championship Regatta.

15. Priority shall be given to Championship races to ensure that they are rowed when conditions are most favourable, and on time as stated in the programme.

16. All supporting races to be non-status, restricted to the three Associations. The Invitation Novice races are to be rowed where possible, and Clubs shall enter Novices as defined in the Rules of their Association, but any oarsperson who has won either the Men's or Ladies' Invitation Novice Fours shall not be eligible to compete in either race in subsequent years. The local organising committee shall have the power to restrict the number of entries from each club in the supporting races if necessary.

17. The three members of the South Coast Championship Regatta Council nominated by the Association responsible for organising a Championship Regatta shall be Ex-Officio members of any local organising committee appointed by such Association to ensure that arrangements are in accordance with these Rules and in particular to advise on and approve the order of rowing and timing of events in the programme.

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18. The Council members of each Association shall appoint a representative of each Association to inspect all boats together with the Championship Water Safety Adviser as soon as practicable, at the discretion of the organising committee but before going afloat, on the morning of the Championship Regatta; and in the event of finding a boat unfit or unsuitable shall have the power to prevent a boat going afloat until suitable repairs have been made and the boat has been re-inspected and found to be satisfactory.

19. The Council members together with the organising committee shall meet on the Friday before the Championship Regatta and if necessary at 7.00 a.m. on the Championship Regatta day at a venue fixed by the Honorary Secretary or the Chairman of the Council. The Championship Regatta day meeting shall be announced on the Friday evening before the Championship Regatta. If unsettled weather conditions exist on the Friday and are likely to extend to the Championship Regatta day, the meeting shall then be called to deal with alterations and use of alternative Championship Regatta courses, and to give notice to crews travelling on the Championship Regatta morning.

20. In the event of the need to use the alternative course, then it shall be used on the same day as announced for the Championship Regatta. In the event of neither course being rowable on the Saturday, the meeting referred to in Rule.19. shall only then discuss rowing as many of the events as possible on the Sunday. On Sunday the Council shall meet prior to the alternative Championship Regatta at 7.00 a.m., or such as is convenient.

21. Each Association shall nominate Four Officials to act at the Regatta as; one starter who will together with the other Associations' Starters, start all Championship and Open races; one Judge, who will together with the other Associations' Judges, judge all races; one Championship Umpire, who together with the other Associations' Umpires, umpire all Championship races and together with one Non-Championship Umpire from each Association, will assist the Championship Umpires with the Open races.

22. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary to the Council to forward to the local organising committee by 31st May each year a copy of these Rules and any Recommendations or directives in force thereunder.

Entry conditions

23. (a) Oarspersons rowing in Championship events shall be barred from competing in the supporting events, but are allowed to compete in more than one Championship event if selected by their Association. No crew or oarsperson is allowed to enter for more than one supporting race, and no late entries will be accepted. But crews can be switched if affected by Championship results after the closing date for entries. Any crew entered in the supporting events, before being selected to represent their Association in the Championship events, shall be entitled to a full refund of their supporting event entry fee.

(b) The Junior Regatta shall be regarded as a separate regatta in which competitors will be permitted to enter more than one event but will be subject to meeting the regatta timetable. Entrants in the Junior Regatta may also enter the Championship Regatta but will be subject to the conditions laid down in Rule.23.(a).

24. The entrance fee for the Championship races shall be £2.50 per seat. For supporting events the entrance fee shall be £4.00 per seat including a levy of £0.50 per seat. The levy shall be collected by the organising committee, and paid to the South Coast Championship Regatta Council.

25. (a) Each Association has the right to nominate the crews that will represent them in the six Championship events, and are not bound to nominate their Champion crew or runner-up. Crews must come from Clubs affiliated to the Association that they are representing and must all be registered members of that Club. In the event of a crew in a Championship race becoming incomplete before the start of the Championship Regatta, the Association concerned shall have the right to nominate a

substitute oarsperson from the same Club, or to replace the entire crew by another crew from another Club.

(b) That all crews in the Championship events must have competed in at least three Championship Regattas within their Association for the Club that they are representing to qualify for entry into the South Coast Championship Regatta.

(c) That all crews in the Open events must have competed in at least three Championship Regattas within their Association or have been a registered Association member for 12 months for the Club that they are representing to qualify for entry into the South Coast Championship Regatta.

(d) No oarsperson who transferred between two Clubs less than four weeks before the published date of the South Coast Championship Regatta will be allowed to compete in any Open or Invitation event at the Championship Regatta for their new Club.

(e) Any crew selected by their Association to represent them, but the crew refuses, that crew will not be accepted in any other race at that Championship.

26. All Clubs are responsible for putting in their own entries (together with entry fee) for all Open races before the closing date for entries set by the organising committee. The closing date for the Open entries must not be earlier than three weeks prior to the date of the Championship Regatta. The organising committee shall notify each Association Secretary of the closing date, so that each Association can submit its selected Championship crews (together with entry fee) before the closing date for entries. Clubs entering crews in supporting events before selection to represent their association shall be entitled to a refund of the entry fee on having to withdraw from the supporting event on being selected and the Championship entry fee being paid by the Association.

27. Any oarsman who has raced for Championship points for one Association during the season, shall not be permitted to represent another Association at the South Coast Championship Regatta unless he has transferred his membership from one Club to another in accordance with the Rules of the Associations. This shall not affect the right of crews from Clubs affiliated to two Associations to be selected by either Association to represent them at the South Coast Championship Regatta.

28. The Open Veteran coxed fours for The Sidney De Haan Cup shall be open to male and/or female rowers over the age of forty on the day of the published date of the Championship Regatta. Entries from composite crews will be permitted but any composite crew must include at least three oarspersons registered with the same Club.

29. The Championship Veteran coxed fours shall be for male and/or female rowers over the age of forty on the day of the published date of the Championship Regatta. Entry shall be in accordance with Rule.25.

30. Changes to crew personnel and crews scratched after the closing date for entries must be notified to the organising committee on an official form provided. Only two changes per crew allowed and changes in crew personnel for Championship events must be notified before the draw for positions. Changes to crew personnel in the Open events must be notified before the Captains' Briefing on regatta morning. Only in exceptional circumstances will Council consider changes to crew personnel after these deadlines.

Racing Rules and procedures.

Preparation

31. All Clubs shall register their Club colours and designs with the Championship organising committee. All competitors must race in these registered coloured vests and any waterproof undergarments to be worn under the racing vests, must be in accordance with their own Association rules. The race officials shall disqualify any incorrectly attired oarspersons. The Championship organising committee shall publish these colours and designs in the programme.

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32. At every Championship Regatta there shall be a Captains' Briefing, of all pre-race information, immediately after the early morning Council meeting. It shall be mandatory that Captains of competing Clubs, or a nominated representative from the same Club, attend the Captains' Briefing. Where the Championship Regatta and the Junior Regatta are held on different days a separate Captains' Briefing will be held for each regatta at which attendance shall be mandatory at both meetings for Captains of competing Clubs or their nominated Club representative. Failure to attend will automatically disqualify a Club from competing in the relevant regatta. However, on payment of a penalty of £25 to

33. All boats must race in the position that they are drawn, the No 1 position counting from the starboard/right hand side.

34. All crews must go afloat wearing their correct numbers, which must be clearly visible bow and stern, securely fixed with either safety pins or ties. These numbers, which will be printed in the programme, will be supplied by the Championship organising committee and will be individually numbered, so that crews will use that number throughout the Regatta. All coxswains must wear lifejackets when afloat and Clubs will be responsible for supplying these to water safety standards. Clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that their coxswains are capable of performing their duties adequately and with safety.

35. All crews shall be allocated a lane number. Each Club shall be responsible for ensuring that their competing crews go afloat bearing the correct lane number plainly visible. This number shall be clean and firmly affixed to the bow of the boat. Numbers shall be made of wood, metal or other solid material to a maximum of 9 inches (228mm) and a minimum of 8 inches (203mm) square, painted on both sides with day-glow yellow numbers 6" high x 1" wide (153mm high x 25mm wide) on a black background or black numbers on a white background.

36. A crew is allowed to make only two changes to personnel, provided that these changes are notified in writing as per Rule.30. No other substitutions are allowed.

The Start

37. All crews must come under Starter's orders no later than 5 minutes before the published start time of their race and any crew arriving late shall be liable to disqualification by the Starter, whose decision shall be final.

38. The Starter shall have full control of the start, with power to disqualify. If the starter considers the start false he shall at once recall all the boats to their stations and any boat refusing to start again shall be liable to disqualification.

39. The Starter shall raise the red flag, two feet by two feet square, to notify crews to come under starters orders and any boat not at the start at this signal being given shall be liable to be disqualified and/or the race started in their absence. Any boat taking up a position other than as advertised in the programme or directed by the Starter or Umpire shall be liable to be disqualified.

40. The raising of an arm by a crew member or coxswain on the start is an indication to the Starter that the crew considers it is not ready to start for some reason, but the decision when to start rests entirely with the Starter, who will state his intention to start with the command "Hands Down".

41. When the Starter is ready after he has satisfied himself that all the boats are in their proper positions and that the crews are ready, the starter shall lower the red flag and replace it by raising a yellow flag, two feet by two feet square. The race shall be started by a pistol, cannon or a suitable audible device, coinciding with the dropping of the yellow flag, which will be accompanied by a verbal command of "Set - Go". The "Go" to coincide with the dropping of the Yellow flag and the firing of the pistol, cannon or suitable audible device. The dropping of the Yellow flag being the overriding signal.

42. If after the yellow flag has been raised and the line shall become unsatisfactory or an obstruction shall appear on the course, the red flag will be re-hoisted and the yellow flag lowered to

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indicate that the start is delayed and all crews must obey any instructions given by the Starter or Umpire or the crew/crews may be liable to disqualification.

43. Any boat failing to obey any instructions by the starter to get back behind the starting line or Starting over the line or starting to row before the dropping of the yellow flag, the offending crew or crews will be given an " Official Warning " and that crew must acknowledge this warning by the raising of a hand. Only one "Official Warning" will be given per crew, any further "Official Warning" to that crew during the event will lead to immediate disqualification without appeal. The crew must then immediately leave the course, failure to do so is a disciplinary offence reportable to the South Coast Championship Council.

44. Once the race has started to the satisfaction of the Starter, the control of the race shall pass to the Umpires.

The Race

45. Each boat shall keep to its "own water" throughout the race. A boat's "own water" is the parallel course from its assigned station at the start until the finish. The Umpire shall be the sole judge of a boat's "own water" during the race. But providing the crew allows at least one length of clear water it may cross the path of a competitor, but any boat failing to keep to its own water does so at its own risk in the event of a foul or interference occurring. If a boat whilst in the water of another boat comes into contact with, or impedes another boat, it shall constitute an offence of impediment to that boat.

46. It shall be considered a foul when after the race has started, any competitor by oar, boat or person comes into contact with an oar, boat or person of another competitor, unless in the opinion of the Umpire it will not influence the result of the race.

47. The Umpires may caution any competitor when they consider there is a possibility of a foul occurring and may give warnings of any obstructions on the course, but the Umpires shall not therwise during a race direct the course of a competitor.

48. The Umpire shall have power to disqualify any boat committing a foul or otherwise deliberately interfering with the proper course of other competitors and they shall be the sole judge of a boats proper course during a race. The jurisdiction of the Umpires shall extend over the whole race, from the start to the finish and their decision shall not be overruled, but they may reconsider their decision following representations being made, but once they have announced their decision on such representations it is absolutely final, without further appeal.

49. If the Umpires have disqualified a crew or is otherwise dissatisfied with the proper conduct of a race they shall hoist a red flag in which case the Judges shall make no announcement of the result until the decision of the Umpires has been notified to them.

50. Every boat shall abide by its accidents, but if during a race a boat shall be fouled or interfered with or the course otherwise obstructed, the Umpires shall have the power to ;

- a. Disqualify the offending crew or crews and allow the race to continue.
- b. To stop the race and order the crews other than any that they have disqualified, to return to the start to re-row at a time determined by the Regatta Controller.
- c. If they are unable to reach an immediate decision, they may allow the race to continue and consider any representations made to them at its end, when they may exercise their power to disqualify and/or order a re-row, but they should always reach their decision as quickly as possible and avoid deferring their decision.

51. During a race, crews must not be raced by other boats outside the race or receive outside instructions other than the Umpires under Rule.46. and any crew receiving any extraneous assistance may be disqualified. Extraneous assistance shall include help given to crews once a race has started, to empty out or re-launch, or replace equipment other than handing over spares or tools for the crew to carry out all repairs themselves.

The Finish

52. The whole course must be completed by the competitor before they can be held to have finished a race, unless they are prevented from doing so by damage resulting from a foul, then the Umpires shall have the discretion to deem them to have completed the course. Boats shall have completed the course when the bow reaches the finishing line. If a competitor other than a coxswain falls out of a boat, that crew may still be placed, but if the coxswain leaves the boat the crew will be deemed to have not completed the course.

53. A dead heat for first place in a final shall be decided by a row-off between the dead heated crews, to be rowed on the same day over the same course at a time laid down by the Regatta Officials and any competitor refusing to re-row shall be adjudged to have lost the re-row.

54. The Judges shall decide the order the boats cross the finishing line and such decision shall be final and without appeal, but they may reserve or reconsider their decision in the same manner as the Umpires.

55. A crew wishing to protest regarding an incident during the course of the race shall notify the Umpires immediately at the conclusion of the race before going ashore or if this is not possible, one member of the crew protesting accompanied by the Club Captain or another senior official of the Club concerned shall immediately notify the Judges, who shall communicate the same to the Umpires for their decision. Any protest accompanied by abusive language or other improper conduct may be rejected without consideration.

56. All winning crews must report to the Judges at the finish immediately after the race before coming ashore for the recording and verification of crew names. If this is not possible then the crew must report to the judges immediately upon coming ashore.

57. Any crew disqualified for whatever reason in a heat of an event or otherwise is disqualified from taking any further part in that event.

58. In the Open and Invitation events involving heats the draw for lanes should take place after the completion of the heats by drawing the club names and should not be predetermined by the position they finished in the heat. The draw should be undertaken by the Judges.

59. A post-Regatta meeting is to be held no later than 30 minutes after the last race. All Council Delegates and the officials of the day are to attend. Life Members of Council may attend.

Trophies, prizes and medals

60. The medals and ribbons produced by the Council shall be awarded for the Championship events only and awarded to the winning crew including the coxswain. Past winners shall not be entitled to purchase the same. Each Association shall purchase from the South Coast Championship Regatta Council enough medals to cover their hosted Championship Regattas. Championship pennants will be provided by the organising committee for both Championship and Open events.

61. The Bass Aggregate Shield shall be presented annually to the Association whose Clubs score the most points on the basis of five points for a win, three points for a second, and one point for a third, in the Championship races only.

62. The Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sesquicentennial Trophy shall be presented annually to the Club scoring the most points on the basis of five points for a win, three points for a second, one point for a third, in the supporting races only.

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63. In the event of a re-row following a dead-heat, the winner of the re-row shall be awarded the five points, the second three points, and the third in the re-row or third in the original final, the one point towards the respective aggregate trophies.

64. The Mayor of Bideford's Cup will be presented annually to the winners of the Ladies' Invitation Junior coxed fours. This race is open to Junior Ladies.

Discipline.

65. Any crew reported for a breach of discipline at a Championship Regatta shall be called to account for their actions by the full committee of the South Coast Championship Regatta Council. Any motion to suspend or fine a crew or individual from competing in South Coast Championship Regattas must be passed by a majority vote of the delegates in attendance and entitled to vote. Any crew or individual reported to the South Championship Regatta Council for a breach of discipline, the individual, their Club and Association must be given at least four weeks notice of the meeting at which the proposed motion of sanction will be considered, with reason for the proposed sanction and must be given the opportunity to attend the meeting to present their case.

The spirit of the Rules.

66. These Council Rules encompass the Championship events, the Open and Invitation events and any Junior (Under 18) Regatta held in conjunction with the South Coast Championship Regatta. In the event of ambiguity, Council will make a final decision in the spirit of these Rules.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. If bad weather could cause cancellation, preparations should be made for an alternative course, and details published before the Championship Regatta.
- B. Sufficient non-Championship boats should be available from the Monday preceding the Championship Regatta to enable the crews to train over the Championship Regatta course.
- C. If the course is not completely straight, facilities should be available for coxswains/strokes to be taken over the course prior to the Championship Regatta.
- D. In the supporting events not more than eight crews should be started in a heat where possible.
- E. In the supporting events priority should be given in the following order to Men's Open Senior coxed fours, Ladies' Open Senior coxed fours, Open Veteran coxed fours, Men's Open Junior/Senior coxed fours, Men's Invitation Junior coxed fours, Ladies' Invitation Junior coxed fours, Men's Invitation Novice coxed fours, and Ladies' Invitation Novice coxed fours. Additional events should only be included if these will not interfere with the remainder of the programme. The core events of the Junior Regatta should be Boys' Under 16 coxed quadruple sculls, Boys' Under 14 coxed quadruple sculls, Girls' Under 16 coxed quadruple sculls and Girls' Under 14 coxed quadruple sculls.
- F. The West of England ARA should provide boats where possible capable of being rigged Coast side.
- G. In accordance with Rule.6. any additional funds should be raised within the host Association, and the other two Associations should not be asked to sell raffle tickets, etc.
- H. A draft copy of the draw for a Championship Regatta, including time of heats and the names of crews participating in those heats and the date, time and venue for the Captains' Briefing to be in the post at least seven days prior to the event, and should be sent to all participating Clubs, officials of the day, and all Council members. Any invitations, information, etc., should be sent to the foregoing also.
- I. At every Championship Regatta there shall be an Officials' Briefing of all pre-race information. Additionally the officials should be given the opportunity of viewing the course prior to the championship Regatta. Coxswains should also be given the opportunity to join the officials for the course viewing. At the Officials' Briefing a draw should be made by the starters for the starting of Championship races.

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NOTES

- i. The Rules of all three Associations under which the supporting races are held prohibit composite crews, and therefore it automatically follows that composite crews cannot be accepted in these events, and members of a crew must belong and be entitled to race for the Club entering the crew.
- ii. Wherever the context so admits in these Rules and Recommendations, all words denoting the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine.

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