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Chesil Sailability Rules for Members

Chesil Sailability is a membership organisation, run entirely by volunteers. These Rules cover the essential elements of being a member of Chesil Sailability, to make us a more effective organisation, and so that we can focus on making sailing both fun and safe, which is what it is all about.

Chesil Sailability has a constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity Commission registration number 1154416, and is run by a Board of Trustees and a Management Committee. There are Volunteer and Sailor Handbooks which explain how we run; a few policies, (e.g. Safeguarding, Equal Opportunities); and Standard Operating Procedures for running sailing sessions. These are all available to look at, either on the website, or by asking a Trustee.

Membership

- Sailor membership shall be open to any person with a physical or sensory impairment, learning difficulty, is managing a long-term illness, has poor mental health or is a carer
- Volunteer membership shall be open to persons actively offering their time and help to Chesil Sailability
- Volunteers shall pay an annual membership fee, set annually by the Management Committee. The Committee can set aside this fee for individuals for whom this fee would be a block to volunteering.
- Sailors shall pay an annual membership and session fees, set annually by the Management Committee.
- The Membership year runs from February when membership is renewed to the following February
- All members are asked to provide their contact and other details through Chesil Sailability's database (currently WebCollect), and to keep this information updated
- If a Volunteer or Sailor member retires from membership at any time during the year, the membership fee already paid will not normally be refunded.

Volunteers

- Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied on site by a parent or guardian at all times.
- All volunteers will need to be DBS checked as part of their involvement with Chesil Sailability activity, unless they are not involved in sailing or other activities with children and vulnerable adults, e.g. an administrative role, as determined by the Trustees or Safeguarding Officer
- New volunteers may be involved in sailing activities once their DBS has been applied for, and will volunteer alongside an existing DBS cleared volunteer until their DBS clearance has come through
- All volunteers who are, or want to be, in specific roles such as Duty Officer, Sailing Boat skipper or crew, Safety Boat Driver or crew, will be asked to go through an assessment process to ensure we work to common standards. This process will be supported by



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qualified instructors from a recognised RYA School. Chesil Sailability is keen to support volunteers in developing their skills and will provide support and training as needed.

Sailors

- Sailors under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who stays on site at all times
- Sailors ages between 8 and 11 must sail accompanied by a parent or carer. Exceptions to this can be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Site

- All members must comply with the overall WPNSA site rules. (wpnsa.org.uk)
- All members need to make themselves aware of the Chesil Sailability Emergency Plan and the WPNSA site plan.
- No smoking is allowed on the site
- Life Jackets or Buoyancy Aids will be worn by all members when on the pontoons and on the water. There is a specific Lifejacket Policy which defines in more detail which shall be worn
- Cars should not be parked alongside the Base cabin, unless for essential operational reasons
- All volunteers to please ensure that the Base cabin, trailer and container are kept secure
- Sailors who have their own boats are not able to keep their boat at the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) Academy within their Chesil Sailability membership fee, instead they should agree boat space directly with WPNSA

Operations

- No sailing or other on the water activity involving sailor members can take place without the Duty Officer or a person specifically nominated by the Duty Officer running the activity
- No volunteer sailing or RIB activity can take place without the approval of the Duty Officer
- All injuries and equipment breakages are to be reported to the Duty Officer immediately.
- Any Accidents are to be recorded in the Accident Book

Finances

- No member can purchase goods or services on behalf of Chesil Sailability without the permission of the Management Committee
- Volunteer expenses can be claimed only when agreed beforehand by the Management Committee

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