



(By Laws)

Current as at October 9, 2019

1. Canoes are to be placed on tyres when in compound.
2. Canoes are not to be beached when travelling towards the beach at sprint pace.
3. Club members are not to paddle when intoxicated by drugs and/or alcohol.
4. All members are responsible for keeping the Club compound and canoes clean after use.
5. The keys for the compound are to be signed for and a deposit paid before being handed over by Club Captain. Keys remain the property of the Club. When a club member no longer requires a key and returns it to the Club Captain, the deposit is refunded to the member.
6. Canoes can only be used within the Hervey Bay Region and sanctioned regattas unless otherwise approved by the Management Committee
7. Lights are to be used when training in darkness.
8. Full comprehensive insurance must be in place over any vehicle used to tow the club's trailers.
9. The club paddling year commences on 1<sup>st</sup> October each year.
10. For members who join after the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the membership fee is 50% of the full year's club fee.
11. Beginning paddlers are entitled to up to six free paddle sessions at the Sunday morning "Come & Try" Session. However paddlers transferring from other clubs are not entitled to these complimentary sessions.
12. Annual Club Awards will comprise of Senior Club Person of the Year, Junior Club Person of the Year, Senior Paddler, Junior Paddler, Senior Club Champion, Junior Club Champion, Senior Novice Paddler and Junior Encouragement Award.  
The current Management Committee members are ineligible for Club Person of the Year Award, Paddler of the Year Award and Novice Paddler of the Year Award.
13. No funds or sponsorship can be raised on behalf of the Club or its members without prior approval by the Management Committee. Any club member who wishes to raise money to fund a specific competition can obtain the club's Fundraising Application Form held by the Management Committee.
  - The funds need to be used within 12 months then revert to the club.
  - All money raised must go through the club's fundraising account. Money can be used for travel, accommodation and nomination fees.

- Any money left over could be used within 12 months for further regattas.
  - If a paddler leaves the club, that paddler's share is forfeited. The club then has the prerogative to award that paddler's share to any other club paddler who might replace him/her in a team for a planned event.
  - If a paddler, for whatever reason, is unable to attend the intended event that person's share may be provided to the replacement paddler for the specified event.
14. Clothing with club name or club logos must be approved by the Management Committee prior to being ordered.
  15. No 1<sup>st</sup> Year/Novice paddler can take club canoes onto the water without an experienced paddler or coach present.
  16. All OC6 Canoes are to be floated on and off the trolleys, into and from the water unless weather conditions make it unsafe to do so.
  17. All paddlers must ensure that any craft going onto the water has sufficient safety equipment on board as relevant for conditions. (Bailers, life jackets, lights & covers)
  18. Canoes are not to be taken onto the water if weather reports predict wind gusts of 25Knots or above.
  19. Club members are not to take any craft on to the water if the black flag is raised at the canoe compound.
  20. To hire a Club canoe rack you are required to be a full member of our Club.
  21. Dual Club membership approval is at the discretion of the Management Committee and requests are to be received in writing. If dual membership is approved then full membership fee is payable.
  22. Absentee Vote: Members who know they will be absent (i.e., genuinely out of town/state/country) when the Club AGM is held are permitted to cast an absentee vote. Application to cast an absentee vote can be made with the secretary from the time nominations for management committee positions are published. The voting choices must be received by the secretary in writing no later than 7 days in advance of the date of AGM. Votes collected will be held in confidence until the counting of votes is in progress at the AGM. Should a special general meeting be held, a similar privilege of an absentee vote will be provided should a member wish to vote on an important issue. The same criteria for voting will apply.

PRESIDENT  
*Michael Willson*

SECRETARY  
*Tracey Schwarzrock*

VICE PRESIDENT  
*Martin Chadwick*

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TREASURER  
*Anne Cupitt*

CLUB CAPTAIN  
*Ian Wilson*

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