

Section 1 – Name and Objectives

Objectives of The Pike & Eel Boat Club	<p>The name of the club shall be “The Pike & Eel Boat Club or PEBC”</p> <p>The Club was formed in 1966 by a group of friendly boaters who used to meet regularly and cruise together. More and more people wanted to join in therefore it was decided to form a boat club. The objectives of the Club are to encourage and promote boating, social meetings and other activities for the members as may be held from time to time.</p>
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Section 2 – Flag Officers

Officers of The Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Flag Officers shall be Ordinary Members who have been duly elected by a cast of votes from other Ordinary Members within the Club.2. The Flag Officers shall consist of: Club President, Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.3. The Flag Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in each year. The exceptions to this are the Club President who serves for a minimum of two year period and the Rear Commodore whose appointment is automatically filled by the retiring Commodore.
Duties of the Honorary and Assistant Secretaries	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. All Flag Officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election.5. Keep a register of the Club member’s names and addresses.6. Conduct the correspondence of the Club.7. Keep custody of all Club documents either printed or on a secure cloud..8. Keep full minutes of all meetings of the Club, these shall be confirmed by the committee and a (vote of approval sought at the next committee meeting) and signed by the Commodore at the next meeting of the Club.
Duties of the Honorary Treasurer	<ol style="list-style-type: none">9. To give general help and assistance at all club events and functions.10. Cause such books of accounts to be kept as are necessary to give a true and proper record of the state of the finances of the Club.11. Prepare an annual balance sheet as at the date of the AGM in each year and cause such balance sheet and accounts as necessary to be audited at least once annually and shall thereafter cause a copy of the same to be given to all Club Members attending the AGM in each year.12. The Honorary Treasurer will recommend and with the approval of the committee appoint an Honorary Auditor who can be a member of the Club.
Duties of the Honorary Auditor	<ol style="list-style-type: none">13. The Honorary Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Club when called upon to do so and shall give such certificate of assurance as to the accuracy of the said accounts as shall be required by the Committee.

Section 3 – Membership

Categories and Votes of	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The following rules of membership are based on the idea that a vote in the affairs of the Pike & Eel Boat Club is tied initially to the Club Boat.
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Membership Club Boat		There are physical limitations on extent of Club accommodation and facilities. In order to maintain an acceptable total size of membership (the committee shall have discretion to place a ceiling on membership number should they wish) a ceiling shall be placed upon the total number of Club Boats which shall be reviewed annually at the AGM.
Ordinary Member	2.	An Ordinary Member – each Club Boat shall have a complement of not more than four adults one of who shall be the nominated Skipper. Once the membership application has been received by the Membership Secretary, and the treasurer has received the fee payable they will be deemed a full member) All must have been duly elected to Ordinary Members at a Committee Meeting following a formal application by the candidate Skipper, proposed and seconded by existing Ordinary Members.
Skipper	3.	The Skipper of the Club Boat shall be responsible for the annual payment of a Standard Membership fee which shall be reviewed annually at the AGM. The fee shall cover the cost of membership for up to two Ordinary Members. A second Standard Membership Fee shall be payable annually by the Skipper of any Club Boat having more than two Ordinary Members. A double single vote is attached to each Club Boat. The right to cast this vote shall rest in the first instance with the Skipper who may delegate it at any time to any other of the Club Boat’s complement of Ordinary Members. The Skipper shall also be the nominated recipient of all Club correspondence on behalf of the Club Boat complement.
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Honorary Life Member	6.	In all other respects Skippers and Crews alike as Ordinary Members shall enjoy equal rights and responsibilities and may stand for election to be Club Officers. An Honorary Life Member – long and valued service as an Ordinary Member may be recognised by the award of Honorary Life Membership. Such award shall require formal seconded proposal at the AGM and unopposed movement. Honorary Life Members shall pay no membership fee and shall hold a vote for life regardless of whether they continue attached to the Boat Club.
Social Member	7.	A Social Member – Ordinary Members who have relinquished their Club Boat may continue to enjoy membership as Social Members, a single Standard Membership Fee being payable annually for the Social Membership of up to two persons. However, they shall no longer have a vote to exercise except in the event of returning to active boating with a Club Boat when they shall return to Ordinary Member status or in the case of being elected to Honorary Life Membership.
Potential Member	8.	A Potential Member – being a person who is interested in joining the club having been introduced by an Ordinary Member or Honorary Life Member. A Potential Member may attend all club functions with the exception of the Commodores Welcome and the AGM which are for Ordinary and Honorary Life Members only.
Membership Subscription Fees	9.	Membership subscription fees are paid by Ordinary and Social Members only. No fees are due from Potential or Honorary Life Members. The rate of the membership subscription fee shall be proposed by the Committee to the members at the AGM each year. Any proposed change to the fee shall be approved by the majority of those present who are entitled to vote and shall take effect immediately. The Club does not build up significant reserves or funds therefore it is normal practice to set the
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11. fee at a level only to cover operating costs for the following season which includes club subscription fees to the RYA, GOBA and a share in maintenance costs for the mooring buoys at King's Lynn.
The membership subscription fee is normally paid at the AGM for the following season. The Club requires that all membership fees are paid in full by the first of December following the AGM. Any member following one written reminder not having paid by the first of January following the AGM would be deemed to have resigned.
12. Every category of member shall be responsible for furnishing the Honorary Secretary with an up-to-date address which shall be recorded in the Membership Directors and any notice sent to such address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered to the member. Any member changing address shall inform the Honorary Secretary immediately the new address comes into effect so continuous communication can be assured.
- Application for Membership 13.
- Election of Members 14. Application forms for Ordinary Membership and changes to circumstances of Crew shall be in the form from time to time prescribed by the committee, they are obtainable from the Honorary Secretary. Ordinary Membership forms when completed shall include name, address, boat name; also the names and boat names of the proposer and seconder.
The Club accepts proposals of candidates for new membership New from existing club members. The nomination must be completed by the proposer and must be seconded by another club member both of whom must be personally acquainted with the candidate. Applicants must also have a boat on the River Great Ouse river ???em Potential members as candidates for Ordinary Membership are voted for at the next available committee meeting.
Upon election the candidate will be written to by the Honorary Secretary with notice of the result. If successful the Ordinary Member shall pay within one full calendar month the membership subscription fee as advised in the letter of notice. Upon receipt of the membership fee the Honorary Secretary will forward copies of the Club book of constitution and membership directory. In default of such payment the election shall become void unless sufficient cause for delay is shown.
- Payment of Subscription Fee upon Election 15.
- Retiring or Resigning 16. Any member desirous of retiring or resigning from membership shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary and shall not be liable to pay the subscription fee for the following year. It is not Club policy to give refunds or subscription fees to retiring or resigning members.
17. In the event of death of a Skipper the remaining Ordinary Members can elect a new Skipper from their complement if they intend to keep boating and continue to support the Club.

Section 4 – Conduct of Members

Every member upon election and thereafter is deemed to have notice of and immediately undertakes to comply with the Club rules and the current bylaws and regulations of the Club. Any refusal or neglect to do so or any conduct which in the opinion of the membership is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club shall render a member liable to expulsion by the membership.

Provided that before expelling a member the Committee shall call upon such member for a written explanation of the member's conduct and shall give the member full opportunity of making explanation to the membership or of resigning.

Expulsion of Members	<p>A resolution to expel a member shall be earned by a simple majority vote by the membership present at an EGM or AGM.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PEBC is well known for its enthusiasm in connection with its boating and social activities. In order to maintain this good name it is recommended that boats fly the PEBC burgee and that gentlemen should wear the Club tie at the following functions: lunches and dinners, Commodore's Welcome, Commodore's Cocktail Party and the Christmas Party. Failure to wear the Club tie at these events could result in a small fine. 2. Members will be informed by the Honorary Secretary on the occasions at which they may invite their personal guests to attend functions and events. 3. Members must observe procedures in undertaking bookings for various club functions as requested by the Honorary Secretary in letters announcing the functions. 4. A member shall not be entitled to consume food at either luncheons or dinners if it has not been booked and paid for beforehand. Any complaints with regard to refreshments should be made known to the Honorary Secretary or a Committee Member.
Damage to Club Property	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. A member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property of the Club or of the Pike & Eel Hotel and Marina and shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the Committee or by the Honorary Secretary upon the instructions of the Committee.
Suggestions Complaints	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Any suggestions shall be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary. 7. Complaints of any nature relating to the Club shall be addressed to the Honorary Secretary who will notify the Committee.
Limitation of Liability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to Club members, their guests or visitors to the Club. 9. The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the Officers, Committee or Servants of the Club. 10. Membership of the Club and acceptance of these rules by the member will be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1984.

Section 5 – The Management Committee

Constitution of The Committee	1.	The Management Committee (herein referred to as “The Committee” shall consist of the officers and no less than four and no more than eight Ordinary Members of the Club elected at the AGM each year to hold office until such time during the following AGM as they are replaced or re-elected.
Election of	2.	Application forms for the election of Officers and Committee Members are sent out to both Ordinary and Honorary Life Members two weeks prior to the AGM to enable them to either confirm the existing Committee’s recommendation of Ordinary Members willing to stand for election or to nominate their own candidates. The nominated candidates entered onto the application forms must be willing to stand and the candidates require a proposer and seconder to have signed the application form.
Election by Ballot	3.	If the number of candidates for election is greater than the number of vacancies available then there shall be a ballot.
	4.	If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected if two thirds of those present at the AGM and entitled to vote in favour of such election.
Equality of Votes	5.	In the event of a ballot failing to determine the members of the Committee because of an equality of votes the candidate or candidates to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by a lot.
Casual Vacancy Retiring Commodore	6.	If for some reason a casual vacancy shall occur the Committee may co-opt an Ordinary Member to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.
	7.	A retiring Commodore shall serve as Rear Commodore and member of the Committee in the year immediately following his or her retirement.
Committee Meetings	8.	The Committee shall meet on average every two months or as is necessary making such arrangements as to the conduct, place of assembly and holding of such meetings as it may wish. The Commodore, Vice Commodore or Chairman elected by those present shall preside.
Voting at Committee	9.	Voting (except in the case of a resolution relating to the expulsion of a member) shall be a Committee show of hands. In the case of an equality of votes the Commodore, Vice Commodore or Chairman (as the case may be) shall have a second or casting vote.
Quorum	10.	Five members personally present shall form a quorum at a meeting of Committee.
Power and Management of Club by Committee	11.	The Committee shall manage the affairs of the club according to the rules and shall cause the funds of the club to be applied solely to the objects of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by the Commodore and approved by the Committee.
Powers to make bylaws	12.	The Committee shall make such bylaws and regulations as it shall from time to time think fit and shall cause the same to be notified to Club

and Regulations	13.	members by letter at least seven days before implementation. Such bylaws shall remain in force until approved or set aside by a vote at the General or Extraordinary meeting of the Club.
Disclosure of Interest to Third Parties	14.	A member of the Committee, an Officer or any member of the Club in transacting business for the Club shall disclose to third parties that he or she is so acting.
Limitations of Members Liability	15.	The Committee or any person delegated by the Committee to act as agent for the Club or its members shall enter into contracts only so far as expressly authorised, or authorised by implication, by the members. No one shall without the express authority of the membership in General Meeting pledge the credit of the membership.
Members Indemnification of Committee	16.	In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by the members of the Club, members of the Committee are entitled to be indemnified by the members of the Club against any Committee liabilities properly incurred by them or any of them on behalf of the Club wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Club. The limit of an individual member's indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to one year's subscription at the then current rate unless the Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Club.
Nomination of Honorary Life Members by Committee		The Committee may nominate for election at an AGM such Honorary Life Members as the Committee may think fit. The total of such Honorary Life Members shall not however at any time exceed ten members. The election of Honorary Life Members shall be put to the vote at the AGM in each year and any such Honorary Life Members shall be duly elected if those present and entitled to vote, vote in favour of election which must be unopposed.

Section 6 – Meeting of the Club

Annual General Meeting	1.	An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club shall be held each year in the month of November at a time and a date to be fixed by the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting or of any General Meeting as herein under mentioned, post to each member notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward thereat.
Business at the Annual General	2.	The normal business at the AGM is to read the minutes of the previous year's AGM, receive reports from the Commodore, Treasurer for passing of the accounts, Secretary and GOBA representative, to elect a new Commodore and associate officers, elect any Honorary Life Members and to receive suggestions for the following seasons agenda and any other business any member may deem necessary. All members attending the AGM receive a copy of the accounts, previous year's minutes and an agenda for the meeting.
Special General Meeting	3.	The Committee may at any time upon giving twenty one days notice in writing call a General Meeting of the Club to conduct any special

		business the nature of which shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting and the discussion at such meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the summons notice sent to members.
General Meeting upon Request	4.	The Committee shall similarly call a General Meeting upon a written request addressed to the Honorary Secretary signed by more than twelve members. The discussion at the meeting shall be confined to the business stated in the notice of meeting sent to meetings.
Chairman at Meetings	5.	At every meeting of the Club the Commodore or in his absence the Vice Commodore or a Chairman duly elected by those present shall preside.
Quorum	6.	????? members entitled to vote and personally present shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Club.
Those entitled to vote at Meetings	7.	Only Ordinary Members and Honorary Life Members shall vote at any meeting of the Club. Crew and Social Members may attend General Meetings of the Club and Potential Members at the discretion of the Committee, the latter may not however attend the AGM until duly elected to full membership.
Voting on a Rule Change	8.	Voting in all cases is by show of voting cards from those members entitled to vote.
	9.	In the case of an equality of votes the Commodore or in his absence the Vice Commodore or a Chairman shall have a second or casting vote on any matter other than the election of members of the Committee.
	10.	On any resolution properly put to a meeting of the club relating to the creation, repeal or amendment of any rule, byelaw or regulation of the Club such rule, byelaw or regulation shall not be created, repealed or amended except by a majority vote of at least two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

Section 7 – Byelaws

The Club's Expectations of Members	1.	Members are required to ensure that their craft have at least third party insurance cover.
	2.	Members are required to ensure that their craft meets with the licensing and regulation standards as required by the river authorities.
	3.	Members are required to ensure that their radio equipment is licensed and of the type approved by the regulatory authorities.
	4.	Members are required to ensure that if a craft is disposed of outside the Club all PEBC markings and insignia are removed.
	5.	Members are required to ensure that river speed limits are strictly adhered to and that due consideration shall be given to other river users (anglers, swimmers, rowers etc.)
	6.	The Commodores Cocktail Party is by personal invitation from the Commodore only.
	7.	The Commodores Welcome, the AGM and Luncheon following are for Ordinary, Social and Honorary Life Members only.