



Middle Nene Sailing Club

Handbook 2020





Middle Nene Sailing Club

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

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Vice Commodore
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Rear Commodore - House
Rear Commodore - Training
Immediate Past Commodore
General Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Sailing Secretary
Race Secretary
House Secretary
Training Secretary
Harbour Master
New Member Representative
Public Relations Secretary

Tony Watts
David Boyers
Gary Curtis
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Sean Deery
Matt Yallop
Iain Smith
Neil Bartholomey
Matt Yallop
Iain Smith
Ian Burns
Warwick Jones
Katy Boyers
Steve Yallop
Peter McCallum
Wilf Kunze

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Chairman
General Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Harbour Master
New Member Representative
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member
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David Boyers
Iain Smith
Neil Bartholomey
Matt Yallop
Steve Yallop
Peter McCallum
Chris Redden
Tony Wright
Warwick Jones
Steve Walters

SAILING COMMITTEE

Chairman
Sailing Secretary
Race Secretary
Public Relations Secretary
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member
Fleet Captains
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Matt Yallop
Iain Smith
Ian Burns
Wilf Kunze
Ray Greer
Dave Jarvis
Peter McCallum
All Fleet Captains
Gary Curtis

TRAINING COMMITTEE

Chairman
Training Secretary
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member

Sean Deery
Katy Boyers
Chris Redden
Vacancy
Vacancy

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman
House Secretary
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member

Anne Jarvis
Warwick Jones
Marion Vessey
Steve Yallop
Bev Wright

FLEET CAPTAINS

RS 200 Mark Hatsell
FLYING 15 Emma Brown
SOLO Ian Burns

ENTERPRISE Jack Mead
ILLUSION Wilf Kunze
MENAGERIE Vacancy

PROPOSED MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

General Committee
House Committee
Sailing Committee/Training

3rd Thursday
2nd Sunday
3rd Thursday prior to
General Committee Meeting

USEFUL ADDRESSES

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TROPHY WINNERS - 2019 SEASON

Sunday Series	Fast Handicap	Ian Burns - Solo
Spring	Slow Handicap	Matt Yallop - Illusion
Allcomers Sprint		

Sunday Series	Fast Handicap	Ian Burns - Solo
Summer	Slow Handicap	Matt Yallop - Illusion
Allcomers Sprint		

Sunday Series	Flying 15 Class	Mark Greer & Jim Reid
Class	Fast Handicap	Ian Burns - Solo
	Slow Handicap	Matt Yallop - Illusion

Thursday Series	Allcomers Fast h'cap	Mark Hatsell/Esme Hatsell/ Rob Ashman
	Allcomers Slow h'cap	Matt Yallop

Saturday Series	Fast Handicap	Ian Burns - Solo
	Slow Handicap	Matt Yallop - Illusion

Frostbite Series	Fast handicap	Jack & Jenny Mead - Enterprise
	Slow handicap	Matt Yallop - Illusion

Special Races & Trophies	Easter Trophy	Roo Jarvis/John Pestel - F15
	Charity Regatta	Mark Greer/Jim Reid - F15
	Scott Wheel Pursuit	Tony Wright - Illusion
	Anniversary Cup Pursuit	Matt Yallop - Illusion
	Edgar Cooper Tankards	Ken Ansdell & Simon Davey - F15
	Crews Cup	Jim Reid - F15
	Tony Wright Trophy	Margaret Clements - Solo
	George Finch Pursuit	Richard and Rosmary Clark
	Mary Perkins Trophy	Iona Smith
	Endeavour Trophy	Colin Clement
	Starting Gun Trophy	Wilf Kunze - Illusion
	Blatherwycke Trophy	Dave Jarvis
	Sailor of the year Trophy	Rachel Nicol

2020 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Date	Event	Responsible
Thurs April 2nd	Race Duty evening	Sailing Committee
Sat April 4th	Enterprise Open/Fitting Out	Enterprises
Sun April 26th	Charity Dinner	Lynne Greer & Friends
Sat May 9th	Open day	All Committees
Sat July 11th	Social Evening	House Committee
Sun Sept 27th	AGM	General Committee
Sat Oct 3rd	Autumn Dinner/ F15 Open	F15 Fleets
Sat Nov 7th	Bonfire Party	House Committee
Sat Dec 19th	Extravaganza	Solo Fleet
Sun Dec 20th	Past Sailor's Punch Party	House Committee
Sat Feb 13th 2021	Prize Giving Dinner	Sailing Committee

Please watch the Notice boards / website for any changes.

The club is available for private use by members - a donation is expected, and the bar must be supervised by a committee member during any event. Please speak to a member of the House Committee to reserve a date.

2020 SAILING CALENDAR

Date Event

MARCH

15-Mar	Sunday Spring Series Starts
22-Mar	Sunday Spring Series
29-Mar	Sunday Spring Series

April

04-Apr	Enterprise Open
05-Apr	Enterprise Open
05-Apr	Sunday Spring Series (after Ent Open)
12-Apr	Sunday Spring Series
13-Apr	Easter Trophy/Charity Regatta
16-Apr	Thursday Series Starts
19-Apr	Sunday Spring Series
23-Apr	Thursday Series
26-Apr	Sunday Spring Series
30-Apr	Thursday Series

May

03-May	Sunday Spring Series
07-May	Thursday Series
09-May	Open Day
10-May	Sunday Spring Series
14-May	Thursday Series
16-May	Tera Open Eastern Travellers Event
17-May	Tera Open Eastern Travellers Event
21-May	Thursday Series
24-May	Sunday Spring Series
25-May	Scott Wheel
28-May	Thursday Series
30-May	Solo Special
31-May	Sunday Spring Series

Date Event

JUNE

04-Jun	Thursday Series
06-Jun	Sea Cadets
07-Jun	Sunday Spring Series
11-Jun	Thursday Series
13-Jun	Saturday Series
14-Jun	Sunday Spring Series
18-Jun	Thursday Series
20-Jun	Saturday Series
21-Jun	Sunday Spring Series
25-Jun	Thursday Series
27-Jun	Saturday Series
28-Jun	Rivals Cup /Sunday Spring Series Ends

July

02-Jul	Thursday Series
04-Jul	Saturday Series
05-Jul	Sunday Summer Series Starts
09-Jul	Thursday Series
11-Jul	Saturday Series
12-Jul	Anniversary Cup Pursuit
16-Jul	Thursday Series
18-Jul	Saturday Series
19-Jul	Sunday Summer Series
23-Jul	Thursday Series
25-Jul	Saturday Series
26-Jul	Sunday Summer Series
30-Jul	Thursday Series

Date	Event
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AUGUST

01-Aug	Saturday Series
02-Aug	Sunday Summer Series
06-Aug	Thursday Series
08-Aug	Saturday Series
09-Aug	Sunday Summer Series
13-Aug	Thursday Series
15-Aug	Saturday Series
16-Aug	Sunday Summer Series
20-Aug	Thursday Series
22-Aug	Saturday Series
23-Aug	Sunday Summer Series
27-Aug	Thursday Series
29-Aug	Saturday Series Ends
30-Aug	Sunday Summer Series
31-Aug	George Finch Pursuit

September

03-Sep	Thursday Series Ends
05-Sep	Illusion Open event
06-Sep	Sunday Summer Series
13-Sep	Edgar Cooper Tankard
20-Sep	Sunday Summer Series
27-Sep	Sunday Summer Series

Date	Event
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OCTOBER

03-Oct	F15 Open
04-Oct	F15 Open
04-Oct	Sunday Summer Series (after F15 open ends)
11-Oct	Sunday Summer Series
18-Oct	Sunday Summer Series
25-Oct	Sunday Summer Series Ends

November

01-Nov	Frostbite
08-Nov	Frostbite
15-Nov	Frostbite
22-Nov	Frostbite
29-Nov	Frostbite

December

06-Dec	Frostbite
13-Dec	Frostbite
20-Dec	Frostbite

Full details of who is on race duty can be viewed on dutyman or in the clubhouse. Access to dutyman can be made via the clubs website - **middlesnensesc.co.uk**. If you wish to volunteer for duties or you require access to dutyman please email **prsecretary@middlesnensesc.co.uk**.

Please note that attending your duties or arranging a swap is a membership requirement.

RACING INFORMATION

GENERAL

- 1, All events will be scored under the ISAF appendix A low point scoring system.
- 2, All-comers racing for Club Events will be handicapped under the RYA Portsmouth yardstick scheme numbers for the current year, with the following exceptions :-
Flying 15 "A" flight = 1041. A Novice Bonus of +50 on handicap is available at the S.C. discretion to novice racers; it shall apply to boat, helm and crew outfit for 1 racing calendar year.
Boats with a Yardstick of more than 1230 will be classed as "Slow Handicap". Boats with a Yardstick of 1230 or less will be classed as "Fast Handicap".
- 3, Class racing boats will include Illusion and Flying15 fleets. All other boats will race in the all-comers start on Sunday afternoon races. All races on Sunday afternoons require finishing times for all boats. "Slow Handicap" boats may be finished one lap less than posted depending on conditions.
- 4, Certificates and Third-Party Insurance are to be valid.
- 5, Race duration should be approximately 30 mins for Sprint races and 60 mins for all-comers and class middle fleet boats, and approximately 15 minutes should be allowed between the last boat's finish and the start of the next race.

SUNDAY SERIES

Sunday racing will comprise three races in two series (spring & summer). The first two races will be back to back all comer "sprint" and the third race class/ all-comers. The number of results to count shall be one more than half the number of races in that series rounded down (i.e. 12 results to count in a 22-race series). There are trophies for each series.

SATURDAY SERIES

Saturday racing comprises of two all-comers races in a single series. The number of results to count shall be one more than half the number of races in that series rounded down (i.e. 12 results to count in a 22 race series). There are trophies for both fast and slow handicap all-comers.

THURSDAY SERIES

Thursday racing comprises one all-comers race in a single series. The number of results to count shall be one more than half the number of races in the series, rounded down. There are trophies for both fast and slow handicap series.

SUNDAY FROSTBITE SERIES

The Frostbite series comprises of two all-comers races in a single series. The number of results to count shall be one more than half the number of races in the series, rounded down. There are trophies for both fast and slow handicap series.

SUNDAY SERIES - TIME OF STARTS AND FLAGS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Flag</u>
13.30	Allc.Sprint	Fast/ Slow h/cap	K/J
B2B	Allc.Sprint	Fast/ Slow h/cap	K/J
15.30	Class	Illusions	Num 1
15.33	Class	Flying 15	Num 2
15.36	All-comers	Fast & Slow	K & J

SATURDAY SERIES - TIME OF STARTS AND FLAGS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Flag</u>
14.15	Sat All-comers - Race 1	Fast h/cap	K
14.18	Sat All-comers - Race 1	Slow h/cap	J
15.45	Sat All-comers - Race 2	Fast h/cap	K
15.48	Sat All-comers - Race 2	Slow h/cap	J

THURSDAY SERIES - TIME OF STARTS AND FLAGS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Flag</u>
19.00	Thurs All-comers	Fast h/cap	K
19.03	Thurs All-comers	Slow h/cap	J

SUNDAY FROSTBITE SERIES - TIME OF STARTS AND FLAGS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Flag</u>
13.00	Frostbite - All-comers	Fast h/cap	K
13.03	Frostbite - All-comers	Slow h/cap	J
14.30	Frostbite - All-comers	Fast h/cap	K
14.33	Frostbite - All-comers	Slow h/cap	J

Certain days are set aside for special events. These are detailed in the Sailing Calendar.

SPECIAL RACES

Special races are held on the Monday of most Bank Holiday weekends with prizes/trophies to be won on most occasions - see Calendar & Notice Board for details.

EASTER TROPHY

Three Allcomer sprint races all to count. With first start at 13.00 2nd at 14.30 and 3rd at 16.00 each race to last approx 45 min for mid fleet boats. The winner to hold the Trophy for one year, and to have his or her name engraved on it.

CHARITY REGATTA

As Easter Trophy. The winner to hold the "R.N.L.I. Regatta Shield" for one year and to have his or her name engraved on it.

SCOTT WHEEL PURSUIT

Boat/helm combinations are given a personal handicap (instead of PY handicap) based on past performance. Starting time for the scratch Optimist is 13.30, with the race finishing as near as possible to 16.15 (again, 165 minutes after the scratch Optimist's start.) The aim is to make all boats sail a time equal to 10% of their personal handicap in minutes. Fleet captains are responsible for advising suitable handicaps for their fleet members to the race staff of the day, the latter's decision being final. The Trophy for this event is "The Scott Wheel Trophy" mounted on the bar ceiling. This trophy remains at the club with the winners name engraved on a rim shield.

RIVALS CUP

A team pursuit race between fleets, starting at 11:00 with staggered starts. The aim is for all boats to sail a time equal to 5% of their PY handicap in minutes. Fleet captains are responsible for organising teams of three boats per class. The winning team to hold the trophy for one year and have their fleet engraved on it.

GEORGE FINCH PURSUIT

Race starts at 13.30 with Optimists, other boats go before or after with staggered starts. The aim is to make all boats sail a time equal to 10% of their PY handicap in minutes. The race will finish as near as possible to 16.15 (165 minutes after Optimist start.) First across the finish line wins. The winner to hold the "The George Finch Trophy" - a large crystal glass bowl - for one year and to have his or her name engraved on it.

ANNIVERSARY CUP PURSUIT

Race starts at 13.30 with Optimists, other boats go before or after with staggered starts. The aim is to make all boats sail a time equal to 10% of their PY handicap in minutes. The race will finish as near as possible to 16.15 (165 minutes after Optimist start.) First across the finish line wins. The winner to hold the "Anniversary Cup" for one year and to have his or her name engraved on it.

EDGAR COOPER TANKARDS

A long duration Allcomers race that starts at 14.00 and aims to end with the bulk of fleet (with PY around 1150) finishing around 16.00. Prizes for this event is glass or Pewter Tankards to keep. The **Tony Wright Trophy** is awarded to the first Solo in this event.

CREWS CUP

Awarded to the crew scoring the most points throughout the season.

ENDEAVOUR TROPHY

Awarded to the most improved sailor of the season.

MARY PERKINS TROPHY

Awarded to the most improved junior sailor of the season.

STARTING GUN TROPHY

Awarded to the sailor who has started in the greatest number of starts, but who did not win a series.

BLATHERWYCKE TROPHY

Awarded to the member who has made the greatest contribution to the club over the previous year.

ED THE DUCK TROPHY

Awarded to the member who has made the greatest howler at the club over the previous year.

SAILOR OF THE YEAR

Nominated by the previous year's holder to the sailor who has shown the greatest consistency and seamanship over the year.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions supersede all previous instructions issued by the Club.

1. RULES

All races will be sailed under Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Class rules subject to any modification herein, and where applicable, the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea.

2.1. ENTRIES

All boats must be entered on the form provided. All boats must be in possession of a valid certificate of measurement which must be produced on demand of the Sailing Committee. The Sailing Committee reserves the right to measure any boat. All boats and boards must be covered by Third Party Insurance to a minimum value of £2,000,000.

2.2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in front of the clubhouse.

2.3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In the event of any alterations to these instructions being necessary flag L will be displayed on the flagstaff in front of the Clubhouse. The new instructions will be affixed to, or written on, the official notice board, at least 30 minutes before the race is due to start.

3. BUOYS

- (a) Buoy Number 1 will be positioned in the vicinity of the Club House. Numbers 2 to 9 inclusive will be positioned in a clockwise manner reading from Number 1.
- (b) Buoys 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 are yellow and spherical. - Static marks
- (c) Buoys lettered X and Y are movable marks and will be positioned by the Race Officer according to the needs of the course. Buoy X is pink and spherical, Y is black and spherical.
- (d) Yellow crosses and cardinals around the edge of the lake denote the existence of shallows. Red and green marks denote navigable channels between shallows.
- (e) All numbered marks and X and Y are rounding marks.

4. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

(i) CLUB LINE

- (a) The Club Starting/Finishing Line will be formed by the transit of a red staff with a red triangular top mark and a yellow staff with a yellow cross top mark. These staffs are situated in front of the Race Officers Box.
The limits of the Club Line are defined by inner and outer limit marks which are orange spherical buoys.

- (b) When the Club Line is to be used for starting a bell will be rung approximately 15 minutes before the start.
- (ii) ALTERNATIVE LINE**
- (a) This will be formed between a red and white staff either on shore or on the Committee Boat and an outer limit mark coloured red and white. An inner limit mark (red and white) may also be used and boats must not pass between this and the Committee Boat.
- (b) When the Alternative Line is to be used for starting, a bell will be rung approximately 25 minutes before the start and the Flag "W" will be flown on the front of the Club House.

5. COURSE

In Thursday, Saturday and Sunday Series Races, boats with a PY more than 1230 sail 1 lap less than indicated.

(i) STARTING AND FINISHING AT THE CLUB LINE

The order in which the buoys of the course are to be rounded will be indicated by numbered boards at the front of the Race Officers Box. The colour of the boards will indicate the hand to which the buoys are to be rounded, i.e. Red to Port, Green to Starboard.

A board displaying "L" indicates that boats must cross the defined starting line at that point in the course on every lap. The above boards to be read from left to right. The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated by a white numeral on a black board, near to the course boards.

(ii) STARTING AND FINISHING AT THE ALTERNATIVE LINE

As (i) except that the course boards and number of laps will be in the vicinity of the Alternative Line.

6. STARTING RACES

Races shall be started in accordance with RRS rule 26, except that signals will be 3,2,1,0 minutes before starting signal and that all sound signals shall be of a similar length. The sound signal may be a klaxon, horn, or gun. The times and order of starts shall be as in the Notice of Race [Open Meetings], or Club Handbook [Club Events].

7. RECALLS

These will be in accordance with RRS rule 29.

8. STARTING PENALTIES

Starting Penalties as prescribed in RRS rule 30 will apply.

9. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for class races will be 11/2 hours from the time of starting. Providing the leading boat finishes within the prescribed time limit only those boats finishing within 30 minutes of the leading boat will qualify for finishing points. For all-comer handicap events only boats finishing within 55 minutes of the leading boat will qualify for finishing points. The time limit for the sprint series will be a maximum of 45 minutes for all boats.

Four sound signals will denote the expiry of the time limit. Pursuit races, Edgar Cooper Tankards & the 4 Hour race are not subject to this rule. If yachts are timed out the appropriate retirement points are awarded.

10. SHORTENING COURSE, ABANDONMENT, AND CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER STARTING

Procedure will be in accordance with RRS 32 and 33, except that when individual classes are being shortened flag "S" may be flown adjacent to, rather than over, the class flag(s) applicable.

11. CLASS FLAGS

The following flags will be used to identify individual classes:-

Optimist "O"	Topper "H"	Solo "1"
Laser "L"	Mirror "6"	GP14 "A"
Enterprise "E"	National 12 "T"	420 "G"
Flying 15 "F"	RS 200 "R"	Illusion "I"

12. PENALTIES FOR RULE INFRINGEMENTS

The 720 degree turns penalty system, RRS rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

13. RETIREMENTS, PROTESTS AND RULE INFRINGEMENTS

Signing off is not required, but retirements should be notified to the race staff as soon as practicable or noted on the race sheet. Protests must be made on forms provided within 30 minutes of finishing. The Protest Committee may allow an extension of these times in special circumstances (e.g. after final boat lands). Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the race.

14. SCORING

OPEN EVENTS – The Low Point system will apply, unless stated otherwise in the Notice of Race. In a series event, the number of races to count will be one more than half the number of races sailed, rounded down, unless stated otherwise in the Notice of Race.

CLUB EVENTS – As defined in "Racing Information" in the MNSC Handbook

15. SAFETY

- (a) All persons afloat on the Clubs waters shall wear a properly fitting and fastened buoyancy aid complying as a minimum with European Standard CEN reference EN 393 (Buoyancy aids – 50N).
- (b) A Black Shape indicates that wet or dry suits should be worn in addition to the personal buoyancy described above. Signals relating to safety will be flown from the flagstaff in front of the Clubhouse.

The Sailing Committee – January, 2020

DUTIES

THE DUTY OFFICER

The Duty Officer has overall responsibility for the security, safety, and management of the site, including opening and running the bar, and is responsible for locking up at the end of the day.

He/she should arrive on site 60 minutes before the start of the first race and ensure a full team of bar and race staff are available. He/she should be available to assist the Race Officer in an advisory capacity in relation to course laying, general safety and rescue cover.

Ensure rescue cover starts ASAP and is signalled by the raising of the club flag on the race box pole. Cover should start preferably 1 hour before the first race and ends when all boats have finished the last race. It may be extended at the Duty Officers discretion.

THE RACE OFFICER

The Race Officer together with the Assistants is in sole charge of racing throughout the day. If in doubt about how to conduct a rescue or drive a rescue boat, please attend one of the Club's Power-boat Courses.

The Race Officer should arrive at the club at least 60 minutes before the first race. After consulting the Duty Officer, a decision made on the course and starting line (committee boat or exceptionally, race box), and the necessary preparations made.

A comprehensive guide to race management is provided by the "Race Officers Manual", copies located in the Race Officer's Box, the Committee Boat, and the Club House (under the signing on sheets).

Remember – members' enjoyment of racing depends on the ability of the Race Staff to set good (simple!) courses, and to manage the racing effectively.

At least one rescue boat should be on the water and ready for use on all racing days. When rescue cover ends ensure no unsupervised juniors are afloat. This shall be signalled by one long hoot (approx 4 sec) and a lowering of the club flag from the race box flagpole. All race sheets are to be fully completed in a legible manner and placed in the completed sheets box above the lectern.

PROTESTS

In the event of a protest being lodged, the Race Officer should organise a Protest Committee, of which the Race Officer may be one member. The Race Officer may not refuse a protest.

PACKING AWAY

It is the responsibility of the Race Officer & Assistants to dock all boats used, return all equipment to the designated place, fit boat covers, leave the Race Officers Box and all craft locked/ secure and in a tidy condition and report any faults, breakages or losses to equipment or craft to the Duty Officer or Sailing Committee chairman.

TRAINING COURSES FOR SAILING

The club offers a variety of sailing courses for adult, junior, and prospective members, whether newcomers to the sport with no previous experience, or those wishing to improve their performance after learning the basics.

SAILING TASTER SESSIONS

The training team can offer Sailing Taster Sessions on request for groups or individuals. There will be a fee for these sessions to cover instructor(s) costs. Fees for group sessions will be charged at £50 per person, and fees for individual 1-1 sessions will be provided on request. These sessions can be hosted using your own boat or using a boat from our training fleet.

RACE COACHING

Race Coaching can be provided for both adult and junior members who wish to learn the fundamentals needed to get started in club racing. Courses will be organised depending on interest. Please contact a member of the Training Committee if you are interested. A basic training fee may be required to help cover costs.

RYA SAIL TRAINING COURSES

We will be running a number of courses which will focus on all sailing abilities over specific training weekends. These are run over two consecutive Saturdays between 09:00 – 17.00. There are two sailing schemes which we utilise. These are the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme and the RYA National Sailing Scheme. Full details of the course content are available on the RYA website. The Training weekends planned for the 2020 season are detailed below. Additional dates may be added to the training calendar subject to demand.

- Course 1 23rd May & 30th May
- Course 2 13th June & 20th June
- Course 3 4th July & 11th July
- Course 4 25th July & 1st August

The courses run by the Training Centre include:

RYA Youth Sailing Scheme: Stage 1 and 2 - Start Sailing
Stage 3 - Basic Skills (Single Hander)
Stage 4 - Basic Skills (Double Hander)

RYA National Sailing Scheme: Level 1 - Start Sailing
Level 2 - Basic Skills
Level 3 - Better Sailing

To attend any of the above courses you must be at least 8 years old and be able to swim 50 metres in light clothing. **Courses will run based on uptake and are open to non- members as well as members**. All RYA courses are chargeable, please contact a member of the Training Committee for further information.

IMPROVING YOUR SAILING

For those members who have attended a training course, to improve your skills we are normally able to lend you club owned boats to practice in, for your first year. These boats may only be used with the prior knowledge of a member of the training committee and will only be available if not being used for training purposes.

TRAINING FOR POWERBOATS

Elementary powerboat training is given on the safe use of all our craft; dates and times are to be arranged locally via the Training Committee. All new members are encouraged to make use of this training facility.

Structured RYA Powerboat courses (Power boat Level 2 and Safety boat) are also provided to MNSC members, by our RYA qualified instructors and members will be notified when a course is to be held.

For further information on any aspects of training contact: -

General: Katy Boyers (Training Secretary)
Email: katy.boyers@gmail.com /
trainingmiddlenene@gmail.com

Sailing/General: Sean Deery (Rear Commodore Training)
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Any additional training that is organised will be notified by email, the club website, Social Media and posters at the club.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

MNSC - MIDDLE NENE SAILING CLUB

Welcome to Middle Nene Sailing Club! I am delighted you have joined us and welcome you to the Middle Nene “family”. As a member I hope you will enjoy many happy and fulfilling years.

The club is very well equipped for the dinghy sailor, with laid out berthing for more than 200 dinghies and moorings in the form of a “marina”. Classes sailed are: Illusion, Flying15 and asymmetric (RS Vario, RS200 & Laser 2000) and the following boat classes are automatically accepted to the menagerie fleet: Solo, GP14, Enterprise, Topper, Optimist, Wayfarer, Lasers, National 12, RS Feva and Mirror. Sailboards are also welcome. A full sailing programme is organised by the Sailing and Training Committees. Races, staffed by members on a rota basis, are run from mid - March to the end of December on Sundays (all-comers and class) and from late April through to the autumn on Thursday evenings (all-comers) and from June through August on Saturday afternoons (all-comers). For those wishing to learn to sail, improve their sailing or start to race the Training Committee organises structured courses for adults and juniors. A Youth squad is also encouraged to introduce juniors to broader aspects of sailing with competitions against other sailing clubs. The club hosts several “Open” events for some of our adopted classes and together with a few pursuits and special races this provides a varied programme throughout the year.

Our changing rooms are well equipped, and hot showers and lockers are provided. The lake provides us with an almost unique feature of a constant water level, and thereby, the great advantage of being able to board or disembark from fixed staging's without getting wet feet! Slipways are provided and a “beach” is also available for launching.

Middle Nene members can sail at any time provided necessary safety precautions are taken. Safety is a high priority at Middle Nene, consequently we have our own RYA qualified Power Boat instructors. New and existing members are encouraged to become proficient in the safe use of the club's rescue craft by attending one of the courses run throughout the season.

The House Committee provides an excellent and varied social programme with entertainment to suit most tastes. The club has its own licensed bar which is open during programmed sailing days, and organised social evenings. The Galley is open during the season serving hot and cold snacks and occasionally meals on Sundays. Members may also use the galley facilities if it is not manned. Camping and caravanning in the top paddock is allowed on specific social events nights and during extended sailing programmes, and at other times by arrangement.

Angling members may fish the river or lake from our surrounding land and social members may enjoy all our land-based facilities and events on offer. The club has several picturesque walks and a bird sanctuary within its environs.

As members of the Middle Nene “family” you are encouraged to be involved in the club to whatever level you can. The day to day running of the club and the facilities available to members, have been provided by and are fully maintained by volunteers, sourced entirely from within our membership.

MNSC – HISTORY

2020 is the club's 74th year of existence, and the 71st year we have been sailing on this lake. When sailing started here the lake, or gravel pit as it was then, was about one third of its present size, and sailors had to contend with the occasional barge carrying gravel from the Aldwinckle end to the works at Thrapston. By 1960, a further gravel pit had been worked out between our pit and the river, greatly extending our sailing water. The two pits were separated by a bank topped by a hedge, with a channel either side to enable members to sail from one pit to the other. The club steadily grew in numbers and prestige, and we can number World and National Championships among the achievements of our members, as well as Open Meeting successes too numerous to mention.

In 1992, following years of patient negotiations, the Sailing Club Members purchased the site along with some 182 acres of water and surrounding land. This was a major and very far-sighted achievement, and provides real benefits in controlling costs, and enables us to take a much longer term view in planning. One of the immediate benefits was to be able to provide vehicular access from Thrapston directly to the club car park.

Following steady pressure from members, a major project was mounted in 1996 to remove the gravel bank separating the two gravel pits. This was (eventually) successful and means we now have about 140 acres of open, unrestricted water on which to sail.

MNCC - MIDDLE NENE CRUISING CLUB

The motor cruising club is now based at Titchmarsh Mill on the Thrapston to Oundle road. Full facilities are provided for the river cruiser, including an excellent licensed bar and refurbished club-room. Although the two clubs are now constitutionally independent, our long history as one club creates a close atmosphere between us. Visitors from each other's site are always welcome and the members from one site are automatically affiliated to the other.

David Boyers, Commodore

RULES OF THE MIDDLE NENE SAILING CLUB

MIDDLE NENE SAILING CLUB IS AN RYA AFFILIATED CLUB AND GUIDANCE FROM THE RYA AND ITS POLICIES WITH REGARD TO A CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT WILL BE SOUGHT.

1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be the "Middle Nene Sailing Club." Its colours shall be White Ground, Two Red Chevrons and Blue Star. The Club shall be an 'Affiliated Club Member' of the Royal Yachting Association.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the club shall be:

- a. To foster the interests of small boat and board sailing and racing
- b. To provide facilities for members for their enjoyment, convenience and safety.
- c. To secure the future of the club for the benefit of its members.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Club shall consist of a President, Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore Sailing, Rear Commodore House, Rear Commodore Training, Past Commodores, General Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Sailing Secretary, Race Secretary, House Secretary, Training Secretary, Harbourmaster, Public Relations Secretary and New Member Representative. In addition there shall be Members. All classes of membership are considered to be Sailing Membership except Social and Angling Only Membership.

4. TERMS OF ADMISSION

Each candidate for membership shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another member. Every proposal shall be in writing and signed by the proposer and seconder and be made by sending to the Membership Secretary a printed application form properly filled in and accompanied by an entrance fee, subscriptions due and boat or board fees. Such proposal shall be submitted to the General Committee at its next meeting which shall proceed to the election or rejection of the candidate by simple majority. If the candidate is rejected his or her payment shall be refunded.

5. PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP

Members shall produce proof of membership on the request of the General Committee or any person authorised by the General Committee.

6. JUNIOR MEMBERS

An applicant for membership who is over the age of eight years and under the age of nineteen years at the date of his or her application, and who is also under the age of nineteen years on the 31st March in the subscription year in which his or her application is made, may be admitted to junior membership.

Children of members are not required to pay membership fees until the age of twelve years.

Youth Groups shall be admitted to membership on the following basis.

- (a) A Group shall consist of adult members of the group who are members of the Club, or Complimentary members and children who are eligible as Junior Members (under Rule 6).
- (b) The Group Leader shall nominate to the Membership Secretary: -
 - (1) The members of the Group.
 - (2) An adult member of the Group who shall be responsible for payments of the Group subscription, boat and board fees and any other monies due and to act as the boat/board fee paying member on behalf of the group.
 - (3) The proposed dates and times of the Group's visits.
- (c) Youth Group Junior Members shall have no voting rights.
- (d) Youth Group Members shall comply with the Rules and Bye-laws of the Club.
- (e) The Group shall include at least two adult members who are Members or Complimentary Members of the Club.

7. YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS

An applicant for membership who is over the age of eighteen years or is twenty-one years of age and will be under the age of twenty two years on the 31st March of the subscription year in which his or her application is made, may be admitted to young adult membership. Junior members will become Young Adult members from the 1st April after attaining the age of Eighteen years.

8. SOCIAL MEMBERS

Social Members may be admitted to the Club to use the land-based facilities other than angling subject to approval of the General Committee.

Any Social Member wishing to change to sailing membership must have paid or shall pay the current applicable entrance fee and balance of the current year's subscription.

9. ANGLING ONLY MEMBERS

Angling Only Members may be admitted to the Club's estate to use the water margins and certain land-based facilities subject to the approval of the General Committee.

Any Angling Only Member wishing to sail or Sailing Member wishing to angle shall become a Combined Sailing/Angling Member and pay the balance of the current year's subscription.

10. TEMPORARY MEMBERS

Members of R.Y.A. recognised Yacht Clubs may be admitted to temporary membership upon application to the Membership Secretary. Other applicants for Temporary Membership must be about to undergo or are undergoing an Adult Training Course. Temporary membership shall cease upon the expiration of the period covered by the last subscription paid. Temporary membership shall not be granted for a period to exceed one month in any one year.

Temporary members shall not be entitled to receive notice to attend a General Meeting of the Club.

Notwithstanding these provisions, visiting helms and their crews who are visiting the Club's waters in connection with an Open Meeting or

Frostbite Series sailing, shall be admitted to temporary membership for the duration of the fixture without payment of subscriptions.

11. HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Membership, without the payment of membership fees, is conferred on members and their spouses, and others, for exemplary service to the Club. Honorary Members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting provided written notice of any such nomination is given to the Secretary by the preceding 31st day of August.

12. OUT-PORT MEMBERS

Out-Port membership is open to a member who after two or more years with the Club, moves to reside permanently beyond a seventy-five-mile radius from the Club, and who does not continue to use a boat or board on the Club's waters. Out-Port members shall have no voting rights and shall not sail on more than four occasions a year so as not to conflict with rule 21.

13. COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERS

Complimentary Members shall be elected by and at the discretion of the General Committee.

14. AFFILIATION

Members shall automatically be affiliated members of the Middle Nene Cruising Club. Members of the Middle Nene Cruising Club are affiliated members of the Club.

15. SAFETY

All persons afloat on the Clubs waters, shall wear a properly fitting and fastened buoyancy aid complying as a minimum with European Standard CEN reference EN 393 (Buoyancy aids – 50N).

16. KEY HOLDERS

Junior, Temporary, Lapsed, Resigned, Expelled or Affiliated members may not be issued, hold, or use an access key.

17. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Annual Subscriptions shall be paid direct to the Membership Secretary. The annual subscription of members shall be due and payable on the 1st April each year for the twelve months expiring on 31st March.

18. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Members shall cease to be members: -

- (a) By non-payment of subscription. Any person whose membership has ceased from this cause shall not again be nominated for membership unless he or she previously pays all arrears due from him or her at the time of his or her ceasing to be a member.
- (b) By expulsion under Rule 33
- (c) By resignation, but any member wishing to resign must send written notice to the Membership Secretary and the notice must be accompanied by any outstanding subscriptions and fees.

19. LAPSED OR RESIGNED MEMBERS

Any member, who has not paid his or her subscription or part payments, by the 1st May, shall cease to be a member, and his or her name shall be erased from the list of members. The Membership Secretary shall post in the Club premises, as soon as possible after the 1st May, the names of such persons who have ceased to be members. Lapsed, resigned, or

expelled members, may not take part in the Club's affairs, have no right of access to the Club, and may only enter the Club as provided under Rule 21 – Club Guests. A member whose membership has ceased shall return all access and or locker keys together with any Club property. A lapsed, resigned, or expelled member who desires to rejoin the Club will require to be re-elected and will be liable for an entrance fee.

20. PROPERTY OF LAPSED OR FORMER MEMBERS

If at any time subscription or other fees payable to the Club by any member or former member is more than one month overdue.

- (a) The General Committee shall be entitled, upon giving one month's notice in writing to the member or former member at his last known address shown in the register of members, to sell any boat or property of such member or former member and to deduct any monies due to the club (whether by way of subscriptions or fees, or such storage charges as the General Committee shall consider appropriate to impose, or otherwise), from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.
- (b) Alternatively, any boat or property which in the opinion of the General Committee cannot be sold, may upon such notice as aforesaid, be disposed of in any manner the General Committee think fit, and the expenses recovered from the member or former member.
- (c) Further, the club shall at all times have lien over members or former members' boats or boards parked or moored on the Club's premises or club moorings and over members or former members' property in respect of all monies due to the Club whether in respect of arrears of boat or board fees, subscriptions, or for storage or otherwise.

21. CLUB GUESTS

Members may introduce a maximum of three guests, at any one time, to the Club, subject to such restrictions and regulations as the General Committee may make. The member introducing him or her shall be responsible for all liabilities incurred by him or her on his or her behalf. The guests, and the members introducing him or her, shall sign their names in a book kept for that purpose, immediately on entry to club property. The same visitor may not be brought to the Club site on more than four occasions during the Season, except for organised social functions as defined below.

Persons other than members and their guests may be admitted to the club premises and purchase and consume on such premises intoxicating liquor at organised functions, which organised functions shall not exceed nine in any one year where persons other than members and their guests are permitted.

22. CLUB MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Club shall be directed and managed by the General Committee. In addition, there shall be a Sailing Committee, a House Committee and a Training Committee subordinate to the General Committee, which are responsible for all sailing, racing and board sailing activities, social and domestic, and training activities respectively.

22(a) Powers of the General Committee

Management of the Club

The General 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 purposes of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by General Meeting.

In particular the General Committee shall ensure that the property and funds of the Club will not be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of Members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and that all surplus income or profits are re-invested in the Club.

Appointment of sub-Committees

The General Committee may appoint such sub-Committees as it may deem necessary and may delegate such of its powers as it may think fit upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed expedient and/or required by the law. Such sub-Committees shall consist of such Members of the Committee or of the Club as the Committees may think fit. Officers of the Club shall be ex officio Members of all such sub-Committees.

Disclosure of interest to third parties

A Member of the General Committee, of a sub-Committee or any officer of the Club, in transacting business for the Club, shall disclose to third parties that he is so acting.

Limitation of General Committee's authority

The General Committee, or any person or sub-Committee delegated by the Committee to act as agent for the Club or its Members, shall enter into contracts only as far as expressly authorised, or authorised by implication, by the Members. No one shall, without the express authority of the Membership in General Meeting, borrow money or incur debts on behalf of the Club or its Membership.

Members' indemnification of the General Committee

In pursuance of the authority vested in the General Committee by Members of the Club, Members of the Committee shall be indemnified by the Members of the Club out of the assets of the Club from and against any liability, costs, expenses or payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them or any one of them in the exercise of their duties 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.

Contractual Liability

The General Committee shall endeavour to ensure that the following clause is incorporated in every contract, lease, licence or other agreement entered into by the Committee and/or Trustees of the Club, as appropriate.

"The liability of the General Committee/Trustees for the performance of any contractual or other obligation undertaken by them on behalf of the Club shall be limited to the assets of the Club."

Nomination of Honorary Members by the General Committee

The Committee may nominate for election at an Annual General Meeting such Honorary Members as the General Committee may think fit.

The election of Honorary Members shall be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting each year and such Honorary Members shall be duly elected if two thirds of those present, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of election.

22(b) The Officers of the Club shall consist of: -

1. President
2. Commodore
3. Vice Commodore
4. Rear Commodore Sailing
5. Rear Commodore House
6. Rear Commodore Training
7. Immediate Past Commodore
8. General Secretary
9. Treasurer
10. Membership Secretary
11. Sailing Secretary
12. Race Secretary
13. House Secretary
14. Training Secretary
15. Harbour Master
16. New Member Representative
17. Public Relations Secretary
18. Safeguarding and Equality Officer

With the exception of the President and the Immediate Past Commodore all the Officers shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

- (c) **The General Committee** shall consist of three members elected each year at the AGM together with the General Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Harbour Master and New Member Representative. Six members form a quorum.
- (d) **The Sailing Committee** shall consist of three members together with the Sailing, Race and Public Relations Secretaries elected each year at the Annual General Meeting together with the Fleet Captains as defined in the Bye Laws. Four members form a quorum
- (e) **The House Committee** shall consist of three members and House Secretary elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. Three members form a quorum.
- (f) **The Training Committee** shall consist of three members and Training secretary elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. Three members form a quorum.
- (g) **The Flag Officers** are the Commodore, the Vice Commodore and the Rear Commodores, and the Immediate Past Commodore.
- (h) No member shall be eligible to hold the office of Commodore for more than two successive years, except by special approval of the Annual General Meeting.
- (i) The Commodore shall Chair the General Committee, the Rear Commodore Sailing shall Chair the Sailing Committee, the Rear Commodore House shall Chair the House Committee and the Rear Commodore Training shall Chair the Training Committee.

- (j) The President and Flag Officers shall be ex-officio to all Committees and Sub Committees.
- (k) The above Committees shall have the power to co-opt and co-opted members shall have the right to vote, at their respective committees.
- (l) The President shall chair any meetings, as are required, of the Trustees.
- (m) In cases of any casual vacancy in the above Committees, the Committee concerned may appoint any member to act until the next Annual General Meeting.

23. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The General Secretary shall keep such register of members, minutes of proceedings of the General Meetings and other records of the Club and the Treasurer shall keep such books of account as the General Committee may from time to time direct. The Membership Secretary shall keep a record of subscriptions paid and unpaid on display at the Club premises and take such actions as the General Committee direct to obtain payment of subscriptions due.

24. MEMBERSHIP LIST

The General Committee shall in the event of intoxicants being consumed in the Club House, keep thereat a list of the names and addresses of the members, as required by the Licensing Acts. Every member shall within 14 days give notice to the General &/ or Membership Secretary of any change in his or her address.

25. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

The General Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club in accordance with these rules and make or repeal bye-laws for the good conduct of the Club. Such bye-laws shall, provided they are not inconsistent with these rules for the time being, be binding on all members and be construed as part of these rules until they are rescinded. The General Committee shall be responsible for the purchase of drinks and other supplies and their sale from the bar.

26. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a convenient date in September.

27. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

The General Committee may at any time and shall on the requisition of any ten members stating the business for which it is required, convene an extraordinary general meeting for any special purpose.

28. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

The General Secretary shall, at least fourteen days before any general meeting send to every member at his or her address in the Club books a notice of such meeting stating the time when and place where it will be held and the business that will be brought before it. No business, other than that of a formal nature, shall be brought forward at any General Meeting unless notice thereof shall have been duly given as herein provided.

29. VOTING

At all General Meetings, every question shall be decided by a majority of votes. Every member, excluding junior, social (unless they are an incumbent officer of the club), angling only, temporary, complimentary, outport and affiliated members, shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes the Chair shall have a casting vote. The quorum at a general meeting shall be twenty members (entitled to vote) present in person.

30. RESOLUTIONS

At any meeting a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been carried or carried by a particular majority, or lost or not carried by a particular majority, shall be conclusive.

31. CLUB PROPERTY

There shall be not less than three or more than four Trustees of the Club. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the General Committee passed at a meeting of the Committee by a majority [comprising two-thirds] of the members present and entitled to vote. Should it become necessary to appoint a new or additional trustee the General Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed as new trustee or trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the President of the Club is nominated as a person to appoint new trustees of the Club within the meaning of the Trustee Act 1925 Section 36 and he or she shall by Deed appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new trustee or trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment.

The Trustees shall in all respects act, in regard to any property of the Club held by them, in accordance with the directions of the Committee and shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property so held for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Committee's directions (which shall be duly recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee) but no purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given.

In pursuance of the authority vested in the Trustees by the members of the Club, the Trustees shall be indemnified by the members of the Club out of the assets of the Club from and against any liability, costs, expenses or payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them or any one of them in the exercise of their duties or relation to any property of the Club vested in them, or in relation to any legal proceedings, or which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club

32. CLUB ACCOUNTS

The General Committee shall cause to be prepared by a qualified accountant every year a statement of receipts and expenditure made up to 31st March which shall be submitted to the members at the then next Annual General Meeting.

33. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- a. Every member on joining the Club, by implication, undertakes to comply with these rules and the current Byelaws. Any refusal or

neglect to do so, or any conduct which, in the opinion of the General Committee, is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the club, shall render a member liable to expulsion by the General Committee. Minor disciplinary matters will usually be dealt with informally involving discussions between a General Committee member(s) and the member(s) in question. If these do not bring about an improvement or there is a further disciplinary offence the following formal procedure will be used. It shall be the duty of the General Committee, if in their opinion the interests of the Club so require, to invite by letter, such member to withdraw from the Club within a time specified in such letter, and, in default of such withdrawal to submit the question of his or her expulsion to a General Committee Meeting to be held within six weeks after the date of such letter. At such meeting, the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his or her conduct verbally or in writing, and if thereupon two thirds or more of the committee members present shall vote for his or her expulsion, he or she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club. It shall be in the power of the General Committee to exclude such member from the Club premises until such General Committee Meeting shall be held. A member expelled under this rule shall forfeit all right and claim upon the Club and its property. A notice under this rule shall be held to have been duly given if sent by pre-paid post to the address of the member appearing in the Club books. Appeal against expulsion may be made to the members in an Extraordinary General Meeting.

- b. Complaints of any nature relating to the management of the club and its premises shall be addressed in writing to the General Secretary. Under no circumstances shall a servant of the club be personally reprimanded by a member.
- c. If any General Committee Member is the subject of rule 33 then they should withdraw from any meetings held thereupon.

34. RULE OBSERVANCE

All members shall observe the rules of the river and sailing water, and the rules and bye-laws of the Environment Agency.

35. RULE CHANGES

These rules may not be altered or repealed, or new rules made except at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting duly summoned for the purpose, except that the permitted hours fixed under rule 36 shall be within the control of the General Committee subject to notice to the local Licensing Authority.

36. PERMITTED BAR HOURS

The club has a 24-hour bar licence, but the bar will only be open under the supervision of a committee member.

37. DISCLAIMER

The Trustees, Officers and Committees of the Middle Nene Sailing Club cannot accept responsibility for any injury to persons or, effects to persons resulting from contaminated water, or loss of or damage to property while on Club premises or water.

38. RULES

Every member shall be furnished with a copy of these Rules and be bound thereby.

39. FINANCIAL GAIN

No member shall make any financial gain from any activity on Club premises unless authorised by the General Committee.

40. CODE OF CONDUCT.

It is the policy of Middle Nene Sailing Club that all participants, coaches, instructors, officials, parents and volunteers show respect and understanding for each other, treat everyone equally within the context of the sport and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club. The aim is for all participants to enjoy their sport and to improve performance.

Abusive language, swearing, intimidation, aggressive, over familiar or inappropriate behaviour, bullying and harassment in all forms or lack of respect for others and their property will not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action. Guidance from RYA policies will be sought.

41. SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND CHILD PROTECTION.

Middle Nene Sailing Club is committed to safeguarding, from physical, sexual or emotional harm, neglect or bullying, of Adults at Risk or children taking part in its activities. We recognise that the safety, welfare and needs of these individuals are paramount and that all Adults at Risk or children, irrespective of age, disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual or gender identity or social status, have a right to protection from discrimination and abuse. For the purposes of this anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. All members of the Club should be aware of the policy on Safeguarding and Adults at Risk and Child Protection. All suspicions and allegations of inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately by the new Safeguarding and equality officer who will oversee any investigation.

42. CHARITABLE DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Club any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:

- (a) Another sailing club with similar aims or objectives.
- (b) Another club which is registered as a community amateur Sports Club.
- (c) The RYA who shall use them to further interests in the sport

43. CAMPING

Camping is permitted on a limited basis and subject to GC Approval. Units should not be left unoccupied for more than a few nights or on site longer than a maximum of fifteen consecutive days. Camping units other than tents will be treated as additional vessels from a membership perspective and charged accordingly as either first or second boat fees. Any stay over 15 consecutive days will be subject to additional charges via the General Committee.

BYE-LAWS

1. Admission Fees	Fee/annum
Sailing	
Sailing Member	£130
Sailing Member's Spouse / Partner	£50
Sailing Member - Over 65	£70
Sailing Member's Spouse / Partner - Over 65	£35
Combined Sailing and Angling membership	£262
Junior - Full Member	£41
(8 to 18 and not linked to a Family member)	
Junior - Under 12 (of Family member)	£0
Junior - 12 to 18 (of Family member)	£15
Young Adult (19 to 21)	£67
Young Adult Student	£19
(A Young Adult Student is a member who resides beyond a thirty mile radius of the Club for at least thirty weeks of the year. Their subscription is the same as the Outport member rate).	
Temporary Sailing Member (One Month only or part thereof)	£50
Outport Member (Refer Rule 12)	£19
Angling	
Angling Member	£175
Angling - Over 65	£87
Social (Non Sailing)	
Social (non-sailing)	£68
Social Spouse/Partner (non-sailing)	£50
Social Member Over 65 (non-sailing)	£37
Social Spouse/Partner Over 65 (non-sailing)	£31
Boats/Boards	
1st Boat/Board	£103
2nd subsequent Boat	£50
2nd subsequent Board	£38
Junior Boat/ Board	£35
(Junior Members shall pay this boat fee provided boat is only sailed by Junior Member).	
Shared Boat (per person)	£52
Trailer Sailor (stand alone fee)	£183
Other Fees	
Campervan/ Motorhome/ Caravan camping fees	
No sailing boat Annual camping fee -	£100
Annual Camping fee – Sailing Boat on Membership	£50
Short term Camping fee – 1 to a Maximum 4 visits -	£25
Locker (Annual)	£10
Key (One off)	£12
Entrance Fee (One off)	£100

The entrance fee for new young adult members is halved. No fee is applicable in respect of spouses/partners, junior or social members.

A Social Member converting to sailing membership at a later date will be obliged to pay the Entrance Fee at that point.

Members shall pay an Annual Subscription together with any boat or board fees for all craft located at the sailing site. Trailer Sailor owners shall pay a full boat fee (Stand Alone Fee) per trailer sailor, regardless of normal first and second boat / board fees. The Annual Subscriptions and dues of each Youth Group shall be negotiated separately with the General Committee and be calculated on each Group's particular requirements. Honorary members shall pay boat and board fees as stated, as well as subscriptions for their families where applicable. New Members fees other than Entrance, Social, Outport, Junior and Temporary are reduced by 1/2 for applications placed after 31st August and by 3/4 for applications placed after 31st October. Applications placed after 31st December are at full rate, but no further subscription is charged for the following financial year.

2. All members agree to take turns of duty in running the Club Racing Programme and/or bar as required.

3. All boats and boards shall be registered with the Harbourmaster and/or Membership Secretary by the 1st April each year. Only boats and boards so registered with the Club shall be allowed on site and any member wishing to bring a boat to the sailing site shall notify the Sailing Committee in writing with the details and size of the boat or board. Registration may be refused to any boat or board which the Sailing Committee considers unsuitable. Changes of ownership of any boat or board must be notified to the Harbourmaster and/or Membership Secretary. An adopted class is defined as 5 boats with 4 regularly sailing in the Sunday races. Adopted classes are: Illusions and F15 fleets. The following boat classes will automatically be accepted to the menagerie fleet: Asymmetric (RS Vario, RS200 & Laser 2000), Solo, Laser, GP14, Enterprise, Topper, Optimist, Phantom, Wayfarer, National 12, RS Feva and Mirror.

4. Berths and moorings shall be allocated by the Harbourmaster each season, and individual members shall have no prescriptive right to a particular mooring or shore berth.

5. It is the boat owner's responsibility to ensure that his/her boat and all its equipment is securely tied down or moored.

6. Members of the club, their guests and visitors, may use the club premises, and any other facilities of the club on the terms permitted under their own type of membership entirely at their own risk. New members and existing members by payment of their annual subscription and non-member parents or carers paying membership fees on behalf of junior members impliedly accept that: -

- a) The club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the club.
- b) The club will not accept any liability for personal injury or death arising out of the use of the club premises and any other facilities of the club, contaminated water or out of participation in any race or event organised by the club, including but not limited to liability

arising out of incidents involving boats, boards or fishing tackle whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the 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 officers, committee or servants of the club.

- c) Before any boat or board is brought onto club premises it is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least two million pounds.
- d) Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the club premises or to participate in events organised by the club or to participate in events organised privately by members under bye law 19 members will draw their attention to this byelaw.

7. No member shall lend or hire out his or her boat or board to a non-member from the Club premises or water, without first obtaining the permission of the General Committee. The General Committee may, as a condition of granting such permission, require the person borrowing or hiring the boat or board, to become a temporary member of the Club.

8. Boats and Club Buildings shall not be used as living accommodation. Under no circumstances is the bar area to be utilised other than for its designated purpose.

9. Each fleet shall elect a Captain, within one month of the Annual General Meeting, who shall be co-opted to the Sailing Committee.

10. Open Meetings: -

- (a) There will be no club racing on open meeting dates specified in the club handbook. Club racing may be organised after the open meeting has finished.
- (b) Club members may sail on open meeting dates but must not interfere with the racing.
- (c) The Race Officer may ask any boat or boats to leave the water, whose actions are, in his opinion, detrimental to the Open Meeting.

11. Children under the age of eighteen years are not allowed in the Club compound or on the water unless under control of their parent/s or carer/s, or a Member over the age of eighteen. Parents and/or Carers and/or Members who have accepted responsibility for them will be held responsible for the conduct and safety of their children.

Note The club is only able to provide rescue facilities during the hours of club racing and/or training. Outside these hours, parents and carers have sole responsibility for their children and must appreciate that the club cannot be expected to exercise supervision or control. Even during club racing the club cannot accept responsibility for children, or any other persons, not engaged in racing or organised training activity.

12. Training Boats: Training Boats, when not being used for training are available for use by Sailing Members, providing the consent of a member of the Training Committee is obtained. This facility is free but will normally only be offered during a member's first year of membership. All Members utilising this facility must report all damage, gear failure etc. to a member of the Training Committee.

13. Youth Groups

- (a) Bye-Law 1 applies to youth groups and their members.
- (b) Youth Groups are only admitted to the Club site and premises if accompanied by an adult Club member or complimentary member of their group who takes responsibility for their compliance with Club Rules and Bye-Laws. Admittance is restricted to one Group at a time on Club premises. A Youth Group, unless approved by the General Committee, shall not exceed twelve junior members.
- (c) Two competent adult members or young adult members of the Club or complimentary members must be present whenever boats or boards are afloat and the rescue boat shall be manned.
- (d) Adults as qualified in (c) above, who are not full members of the club, may be granted Complimentary membership provided their sole purpose is to supervise a Youth Group's visits for the specific periods as notified in Rule 6(b)(3) otherwise full membership will be obligatory.

14. Camping and Caravanning is permitted at the discretion of the General Committee. The use of caravans must be within the Club compound.

15. Swimming is Prohibited. The use of Non-powered water-based activities can be approved / rejected by any Committee Member in conjunction with the Duty Officer. If this decision is not accepted, then it should be raised at the next SC meeting.

16. The use of live ammunition is strictly forbidden on or in Club property, its margins or waters, except when authorised by the General Committee.

17. Radios and similar appliances are permitted provided they are used with due consideration to others and do not become a nuisance. Any issues arising will be resolved by the General Committee who will have the final discretion.

18. Prior approval must be sought from the appropriate Committee for storage of significant items of Personal property in club buildings or the compound. Personal property is stored at the owner's risk.

19. Subject to approval by the House Committee, the Club premises may be used by club members for private functions. A fee will be charged, such fee to be determined by the House Committee on written application to the House Secretary.

20. Dogs are the sole responsibility of the owners; they shall be on a lead and under full control. They are allowed in the Club compound but not in the buildings. Dogs must not be left unattended at any time and are not allowed within the area bounded by the railings in front of the clubhouse. As far as possible dogs shall be prevented from fouling but where it occurs it is the dog owner's responsibility to take immediate remedial action.

21. Vehicle and boat access to the Sailing Site is via Chancery Lane and Meadow Lane, Thrapston, to the car park. The Causeway Entrance gate is to be locked on all occasions except by direction of a Committee Member.

- 22.** Motor vehicles on club property shall only be driven by licensed & insured drivers and must not be driven unnecessarily, indiscriminately, or in a manner liable to cause injury or annoyance anywhere on the Club property or the accesses to Club property. When not in use, vehicles must be parked in the designated car parking areas.
- 23.** The riding of motor or pedal cycles and the use of wheeled toy transport is prohibited within the site compound. Pedal cycles are to be stored in the rack provided.
- 24.** Members must not light fires, cut trees or disturb wildlife habitat without the permission of the General Committee.
- 25.** There is a strict "No Outside Publicity" rule regarding the fishery. This includes publication of any photographs or internet posts on fishing forums.
- 26.** Fishing is a consented activity, by up to 40 anglers at any one time throughout the year (including night fishing). Fishing to take place from the bank only.
- 27.** The use of boats or bait boats for angling is not permitted.
- 28.** No fishing from the islands is permitted with the exception of the stone island at the sailing club end of the lake and the end of the spit.
- 29.** All Angling Members must be in possession of a suitable unhooking mat.
- 30.** Carp may be retained during the hours of darkness or for a short period of time while waiting for a photographer. Special care must be taken in the summer months when oxygen levels are low.
- 31.** No transferring of specimen fish between the river and the lake is permitted. Any live bait's must be caught on site.
- 32.** It is the responsibility of all members not to drop litter and to remove any to the bins provided. Any litter in or around Angling members swim is your responsibility.
- 33.** A maximum of three rods are permitted at any one time. Environment Agency Rod Licences must be carried by Angling Members for all rods in use.
- 34.** Pike fishing runs from the 1st October – 31st March.
- 35.** No guest anglers are permitted.
- 36.** For the purposes of VAT, the following applies in respect of the Club accounts. "The Club is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Club's facilities."
- 37.** Committee Members only are responsible for enforcing the Rules and Byelaws of the Club.
- 38.** Trailer sailors, the maximum craft is limited to 8. Electric outboards are permitted for the use of mooring purposes only. Launching of these craft shall be by using slipway No 3 (near the race box). For the purpose of launching and retrieval all trailer sailor craft are required to use a suitable trailer.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Relevant personal data you have provided will be used for dealing with you as a member of the Middle Nene Sailing Club and will be stored and used in accordance with the Club's Data Protection Policy which can be found at the Club House.

The club also has a CCTV system which comprises of a number of fixed cameras located on and inside the club buildings. All cameras can only be accessed by the nominated Security Officer. The Club owns the CCTV system which is viewed by the Data Controller as required according to the CCTV policy which can be viewed in the clubhouse.

MIDDLE NENE SAILING CLUB

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

MIDDLE NENE SAILING CLUB acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION requirements.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at MIDDLE NENE SAILING CLUB in a safe and child centred environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in ANY SAILING ACTIVITIES OR EVENT RAN BY THE CLUB or outside of the activity.

MIDDLE NENE SAILING CLUB acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy MIDDLE NENE SAILING CLUB will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals

- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation
- Appoint a designated safeguarding officer
- Share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know and will involve children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately.
- Create and maintain an antibullying environment, using relevant policies to help us deal effectively with bullying
- Provide a safe physical environment, in accordance with relevant Health and Safety Regulations.
- Use appropriate procedures to manage any allegations against staff and volunteers

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in the MIDDLE NENE SAILING CLUB.

Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.

Monitoring

The policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home Country Sports Councils and the ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

Boats and Owners

Boat Type	Sail No.	Name
420	55399	Jones, Steve
420		Sparrow, Dave
Contender	357	Shaw, Simon
Enterprise	21143	Clark, Richard
Enterprise (Shared)	20807	Gee, Jonathan
Enterprise (Shared)	20807	Clements, Margaret
Enterprise	22906	Childs, Simon
Enterprise		Edwards, Paul
Enterprise	22979	Mead, Jack
Enterprise	21523	Dunkley, Jason
Enterprise	19919	Jones, Laurie
Fireball	13030	Shaw, Simon
Firefly	3210	Daniels-Holgate, David
Flying 15	1339	Hopkins, Dominic
Flying 15	2549	Chisnall, Stuart
Flying 15	2668	Clement, Colin
Flying 15	2647	Sanders, Nick
Flying 15	1335	Brown, Andrew
Flying 15	2646	Hard, Richard
Flying 15	2433	Reid, Jim
Flying 15	2240	Day, Simon
Flying 15	2407	McCallum, Peter
Flying 15	2325	Yates, Christopher
Flying 15	2468	Pestell, John
Flying 15	2700	Bartholomey, Neil
Flying 15	2267	Shaw, Simon
Flying 15		Somerville-Cotton, Fabian
Flying 15 (Shared)	2658	Ansdell, Ken
Flying 15 (Shared)	2658	Davey, Simon
GP14	12763	Rusher, Jeremy
GP14	10433	Merrifield, Don
Graduate	2391	Brown, Andrew
Gull Spirit	2573	Ward, Stephen
Illusion	163	Childs, Simon
Illusion	108	Kunze, Wilf
Illusion	89	Sanders, Nick
Illusion	82	Yallop, Matthew
Illusion	138	Yallop, Matthew
Illusion	16	Crooks, John
Illusion	7	Wright, Antony

Boat Type	Sail No.	Name
Illusion	4	Moore, Michael
Illusion	3	Ansdell, Ken
Laser		Doran, Rob
Laser	135414	Adkins, Geoffrey
Laser	176841	Pattison, Matthew
Laser	51536	Deery, Sean
Laser	147825	Hatsell, Carol
Laser		Sawer, Marc
Laser	136557	Smith, Iain
Laser	161775	May, Nick
Laser	126411	Nicol, Rachel
Laser		Barritt, Brad
Laser 2000	22537	Jarvis, Dave
Laser 2000	22161	Hatsell, Carol
Laser 2000		Anstee, Paul
Laser Stratos		Sawer, Marc
Mirror	59568	Robson, Nolan
Mirror		Jackson, Mick
National 12	3442	Elcombe, Patrick
National 12	3394	Elcombe, Patrick
RS 200	920	Connellan, Andrew
RS 200	875	Green, Sam (Samantha)
RS 200	1576	Jessup, Kate
RS 200	652	Nicol, Rachel
RS 200	685	Livingstone, Gary
RS 200	448	Chisnall, Stuart
RS 200	1517	Hatsell, Mark
RS 200	583	Greer, Ray
RS 200	581	Rhodes, Teresa
RS Tera	2164	Hatsell, Mark
RS Vario	361	Lightfoot, Steven
RSVision	1257	Foulke, Martin Kingsley
RSVision	1639	Scorey, James
RSVision	82	Woods, Zoe
Solo	4396	Curtis, Gary
Solo	3476	Day, Simon
Solo	4311	Burns, Ian
Solo	3166	Jones, Warwick
Solo	4913	Fasham, Alan
Solo	3682	Greer, Ray
Solo	4086	Gee, Jonathan

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Boat Type	Sail No.	Name
Solo	2002	Bodin, Mark
Solo	5184	Foster, John
Solo	3540	Croot, Adrian
Solo	3138	Clements, Margaret
Solo	973	Bew, Adrian
Wanderer	1268	Brown, Stephen
Wayfarer	9042	Anderson, Colin
Wayfarer		Yallop, Steve
Wayfarer	5479	de Bock, Werner
Wayfarer	11190	Lewis, Roger
Lindy II		Redden, Christopher
Kinsman	17 & ??	de Bock, Werner
Krummel		Houghton, Stewart
Seal 22		Watts, Tony
Seal 22		Barr, David
Hunter		Connellan, Michael
Board		Foulke, Martin Kingsley

Boat Type	Sail No.	Name
Comet	787	Chisnall, Stuart
Junior Cadet	8440	Jones, Steve
Junior Cadet	7664	Jones, Steve
Optimist (Junior)		Smith, Iain
Pico	52	Houghton, Stewart
Pico	8459	Woods, Zoe
Pico	8964	Foulke, Martin Kingsley
Pico	7743	Wallace, Bruce
Pico		Wallace, Bruce
Topper (Junior)		Pasternak, Wloder
Topper (Junior)	5702	Hansen, Sonia
Topper (Junior)		Perry, Vanessa
Topper (Junior)	44992	Jones, Warwick
Topper (Junior)		Edwards, Paul
Topper (Junior)	25164	Burlington, Joseph
Topper (Junior)	44990	Jones, Warwick
Topper		Walters, Steve

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- Club racing details / events
- Dutyman
- Social details / events
- Club weather (status/forecast)
- Training courses
- Club contacts
- Rules and regulations



Or go to the Middle Nene Facebook page and become a member of the *Closed Facebook Group* for pictures and the very latest updates on club life.

Any questions? Send an email to:
prsecretary@middlenenesc.co.uk

Club Security - please be vigilant!

Never leave the club open outside hours!

The main entrance gate, the clubhouse doors and the workshop have sometimes been left open. The result was trapped walkers' cars and mobile homes which had to be released, causing a lot of aggro on all sides. Open gates also give unrestricted access to thieves, and in the past, things have been taken.

Therefore, regardless of which gate you use to enter or leave the site: please check and make sure that the club premises are locked.

**If in doubt, assume you are the last to leave.
Don't rely on others to lock up.**

Also remember - if you borrow anything from the club (including club boats), please put it back after use. And if any club property gets damaged while you're in charge, please report it to the Harbourmaster or the Duty Officer of the day. Accidents can happen. But:
If we don't know it, we can't fix it.



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