

COOKHAM REACH SAILING CLUB

Minutes of
THE INAUGURAL MEETING
held at
“The Quarry” Bourne End
Sunday 25th April 1948

Present: - Mr & Mrs Wallace, Mr & Mrs Tilley, Mr & Mrs Pearce,
Mr & Mrs Weatherall, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Dalton,
Miss Nelson, Mr May, Mr J. Weatherall, Mr Birks,
Mr Keen, Mr Speechley.

Agenda

1. Proposal by Mr C.C. Wallace “THAT A SAILING CLUB BE FORMED FOR CLASS AND HANDICAP RACING ON THE COOKHAM REACH OF THE RIVER THAMES.”
2. The adoption of a set of rules.
3. Election of officers.
4. Date of first race meeting.
5. Other business.

1/48 It was proposed by Mr Wallace, seconded by Mr Birks, that Mr Tilley should take the chair for the meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

2/48 PROPOSAL BY Mr C.C. WALLACE: “THAT A SAILING CLUB BE FORMED FOR CLASS AND HANDICAP RACING ON THE COOKHAM REACH OF THE THAMES”. In moving the resolution Mr Wallace explained that a number of boat owners had become known to each other during the previous year, and it was his opinion that it should be to their mutual advantage if they formed themselves into a club. With this in mind he had been in touch with the Thames Conservancy, and had been granted permission for buoys to be laid, and for racing to take place on the Cookham Reach between Bourne End Railway Bridge and Cookham Bridge. Copy correspondence between Mr Wallace and the Thames Conservancy was read. The proposal was seconded by Mr A.W. Weatherall and unanimously agreed

3/48 THE ADOPTION OF A SET OF RULES. The Chairman called on Mr Wallace to present a draft set of rules, which after full discussion were adopted as follows:-

COOKHAM REACH SAILING CLUB

Rules

1. Name of Club. The name of the Club shall be The Cookham Reach Sailing Club.
2. Object. The object for which the club is formed shall be the encouragement of amateur boat sailing.
3. Burgee. The burgee of the club shall be a white triangle pennant, divided horizontally by a red stripe, with a fowl anchor in the top hoist.

4. Honorary Officers. The honorary officers of the club shall be: a Commodore, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
5. Management. The affairs of the club shall be managed by an Executive Committee, which shall consist of all the OFFICERS, who, together with the THREE MEMBERS shall constitute the committee, and shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Three to form a quorum. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt, and to appoint sub-committees.
6. Auditors. Two auditors who may or not be members, but who shall not be members of the Executive Committee, shall be appointed at each annual General Meeting, to examine and certify the club accounts.
7. Election of Members. Candidates for election shall be proposed and seconded by two existing members.
8. Subscription. The Annual Subscription shall be :-
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| Full Membership | (Gentlemen) | 10s | 0d |
| “ | (Ladies) | 5s | 0d |
| Cadet | “ (Under 18) | 5s | 0d |
9. Boat Housing. The club does not undertake to house boats or provide moorings.
10. Resignation. Any members wishing to resign must submit their resignation before 1st March, otherwise they shall be liable for the current year's subscription.
11. General Meetings. The Annual General Meeting shall be held between the 1st March and the 31st March. Not less than SEVEN DAYS NOTICE shall be sent to all members.
Special General Meetings: The Secretary shall, within FOURTEEN DAYS of receipt of a request signed by SEVEN members, and stating the subject to be discussed, call a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held FOURTEEN DAYS after the date of issue of the notice.
12. Alteration to Rules. These rules are to be provisional for the first season only, and shall be confirmed or amended at the First Annual General Meeting.

The adoption of the rules was proposed by Mr Birks, seconded by Mr May, and carried unanimously.

4/48 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The following were proposed and duly elected:

Commodore	Mr C.C. Wallace
Hon; Secretary	Mr G. Pearce
Hon; Treasurer	Mr. S.A. Tilley
Committee	Mr A.W. Weatherall
	Mrs Wallace

Auditors Mr L.A. Speechly
 Mrs Pearce
 Mr Hore

The Chairman said that it was his pleasure to announce that the Club was well and truly launched and proposed a vote of thanks to Mr & Mrs Wallace for their work in the formation of the Club. This was approved by the meeting.

5/48 DATE OF FIRST RACE MEETING. It was agreed that the first race meeting should be held on Sunday 2nd May at 3p.m.

6/48 DUTY ROTA FOR OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY. It was proposed by the Commodore, and seconded by Mr Hore that members should be appointed by rota for duty of as Officer of the Day. This was agreed. Mr Hore volunteered for duty on the 2nd May.

7/48 AFFILIATION TO Y.R.A. Mr Keen suggested that the club should affiliate to the Yacht Racing Association, and after discussion it was agreed that the matter should be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting.