

Notes for APPLICATION/RENEWAL of LASC MEMBERSHIP

1. Email addresses

Please ensure that your email address is legible as it will be used to notify you of club activities. If family members wish individual email addresses used, or if any individual wishes to use a second address, please include all of these.

Please ensure that broadcasts from the membership secretary and DutyMan are not identified by your system as spam mails. These are the club's primary communication routes to membership.

2. Insurance details

Club rule 6 requires all owners of craft (including canoes and sailboards) to have valid insurance against third party liability of not less than £1,000,000. Details of insurance cover must be recorded in the membership renewal form for each craft.

If quoting a household insurance, please be certain your liability cover extends to the remote location of the club and its activities.

3 Club Rules & Policies

Members should ensure they are familiar with the Club rules (a copy included), as well as with other club policies. These documents are available under Policy Documents in the members' area of the club website, www.lochardsc.org.uk.

Signing / submitting the membership forms indicates your acceptance of club rules and policies.

4 Visitors' fees

Members may introduce visitors to the club. Charges for visitors are listed in the Membership Fees, and members are responsible for ensuring that payment is placed in the visitors' box.

5 Access Codes

The codes for the clubhouse door keypad and the gate lock will be changed for 2024, in which event notification of the new codes will be provided with membership cards when they are issued or by subsequent email. The door code will also be the login code for the members area of the website.

6 Payment

Please make cheques payable to Loch Ard Sailing Club and enclose with completed forms.

If you wish to pay by bank transfer, please forward completed forms and make payment to

Loch Ard Sailing Club
Barclays Bank
Sort Code 20-00-77
Account Number 90910872

Please ensure you indicate your payment method on the Membership Application Form.

7 Members' Duties

Unless granted exemption by the club committee, all Full Members are expected to undertake duties in support of the club activities. Duties will be kept to the minimum to ensure the smooth running of events in the Programme of Sailing Events. These are dependent on the number of Full Members but are typically 2-3 times per season.

If other members are available to undertake duties, please let that be known.

Part 2 of the membership form is your opportunity to intimate specific suitability, requirements, issues and dates not available for duties to assist in duty allocation. A blank or nonsubmittal of a Part 2 indicates that you have no restrictions on duties and dates. **ANY FULL MEMBER SEEKING EXEMPTION FROM DUTIES SHOULD CONTACT THE CLUB SECRETARY** (secretary@lochardsc.org.uk).

The principal club duties are as follows:

Saturday/Sunday club duties: these will be assigned on the basis of the information you provide on the Membership application Part 2. Any member seeking to be excused such duties should contact the membership secretary as soon as possible to enable the request to be considered by the Committee.

The Committee hopes that as many as possible will be willing to act as Officer of the Day (in charge of events) and Safety Officer (in charge of the safety boat and safety on the water). **Training can be provided for those who sign up to those duties, and details will be circulated shortly. Any member needing training should indicate that in the request section at the bottom of the form.** Less experienced members will be assigned duties as assistants in the first instance.

Members will not be assigned duties on dates they indicate they are unavailable. Once the duty roster is issued, if they are unable to carry out duties allocated they are responsible for arranging an exchange with other members. In case of difficulty the membership secretary may be able to circulate the request to other members, but cannot undertake to rearrange duties.

Work parties: maintenance of club premises and equipment is essential to club activities, to safety, and to the future of the club. While participation is voluntary, members are expected to assist with this wherever possible, and they are asked to note the work party dates publicised.