COLCHESTER PISCATORIAL SOCIETY

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND NOTICES

Please find here for your reference our Guidelines and Notices document.

This document provides important information, including Health and Safety and General Fishing Guides, so please take some time to make yourself familiar and be aware of its content – thank you.

From time to time, this document will be updated, and these will be posted within our Members App.

If you have any queries about the contents, please contact a Committee Member and we will do our best to answer or clarify for you.

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1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE HELD NOT LATER THAN THE 31ST of MAY EACH YEAR. MEMBERS WILL BE ADVISED OF THE VENUE AND TIME OF COMMENCEMENT IN THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER WHICH CAB FOUND WITHIN OUR MEMBERS APP.

MEMBERS SHALL BE GIVEN AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS NOTICE IN WRITING OF THE MEETING.

ANY MOTION FOR THE MEETING MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY NOT LATER THE 31ST of MARCH. SUCH MOTION SHALL CONTAIN PRECISE PARTICULARS.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

2. MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT DECEMBER. THESE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE INDOOR BOWLS CLUB IN COLCHESTER COMMENCING 7.30PM.

ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND BUT SHALL HAVE NO VOTING POWER. MEMBERS MUST INFORM THE SECRETARY NOT LESS THAN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF THEIR ATTENDANCE.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD WILL BE RECORDED AND READ OUT AT THE START OF EACH SCHEDULED MEETING FOR ACCEPTANCE AND AS A TRUE RECORD.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE MUST BE MADE TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER TOGETHER WITH A REASON SO IT CAN BE RECORDED WITHIN THE MINUTES TAKEN. FREQUENT NON ATTENDANCE WILL RESULT IN REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE TO STEP DOWN TO ALLOW A FELLOW MEMBER TO TAKE THEIR PLACE.

3. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE:

PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND ESTATES OFFICER.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING ELECTED MEMBERS:

FRESHWATER EVENT SECRETARY, SALTWATER EVENT SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ASSISTANT TREASURER, ASSISTANT FRESHWATER EVENT SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SALWATER EVENT SECRETARY, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, TROPHY SECRETARY, WEBSITE SECRETARY, AND ASSISTANT WEBSITE SECRETARY.

NO COMMITTEE MEMBER CAN SERVE AS AN OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER OF ANOTHER ANGLING CLUB OR SOCIETY

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL CONDUCT THE AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIETY IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL MEMBERS. IT WILL ENSURE THE SOCIETY IS ADEQUATELY INSURED AND ABIDES BY ALL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY REQUIREMENTS AT ALL TIMES.

IN THE EVENT OF THE SOCIETY BEING DISSOLVED ITS PROPERTIES AND MONIES WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONGST MEMBERS THEN EXISTING

4. NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANY PERSON CAN APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY, UNLESS PREVIOUSLY BANNED OR UNIVITED, BY FIRSTLY REFERRING TO OUR JOIN CPS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE CPSANGLING.ORG AND THEN FOLLOW THE PROCESS. THEY MUST HOLD AN EMAIL ADDRESS AS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.

THE CURRENT PRICE FOR MEMBERSHIP IS ALSO DETAILED ON OUR WEBSITE.

THE MINIMUM AGE OF JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP IS 5 AND NO JUNIOR MEMBER UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE SHALL FISH UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A SENIOR MEMBER, WHO SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CONDUCT AND SAFETY.

JUNIOR MEMBERS BECOME SENIOR MEMBERS AT THE AGE OF 18

5. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

INVITATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FOLLOWING SEASON WILL BE SENT OUT BY EMAIL. MEMBERS WITH NO EMAIL ADDRESS SHOULD CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. THE SOCIETY COMMITTEE HOLD THE RIGHT NOT TO INVITE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SHOULD THEIR BE ANY REASON TO DO SO.

ON RECEIPT OF YOUR INVITATION YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECT WITHIN OUR ONLINE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMME. PAYMENT CAN NOW BE MADE BY DEBIT CARD OR CREDIT CARD ONLINE.

ANY MEMBER NOT ACCEPTING INVITATION TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP BY THE 1ST JUNE WILL BE FROZEN AND UNABLE TO FISH UNTIL RENEWAL HAS BEEN PAID. IF BY THE 1ST of SEPTEMBER ANY MEMBER STILL HAS NOT RENEWED THE MEMBERSHIP AND THEIR DETAILS WILL BE DELETED

6. ROD LICENCES

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE IN POSSESSION OF A VALID ROD LICENCE WHEN FISHING ON ANY WATER.

THIS MUST BE SHOWN TO A BAILIFF WHEN REQUESTED WITHOUT ANY CONFRONTATION.

FAILURE TO PRESENT MAY REQUIRE YOU TO STOP FISHING AND EXITING THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.

MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR GUESTS HAVE A VALID ROD LICENCE AND IT IS IN THEIR POSSESSION WHILST FISHING

MEMBERS SHALL KEEP THE GATE ACCESS CODE PRIVATE TO THEMSELVES. MEMBERS USING THE CLUBMATE APP ON THEIR PHONE MUST ENSURE THEY KEEP THEIR PASSWORD SECURE AND STRICTLY NOT ALLOW ANYONE ELSE TO KNOW IT. IF YOU FEEL YOUR PASSWORD HAS BEEN COMPRIMISED THEN YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY.

7. BAILIFFS

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY BAILIFFS MONITOR ALL WATERS AND MAY BE CARRYING THEIR OWN PERSONAL BODY CAMERAS FOR VIDEO AND SOUND PURELY FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO MEMBERS DATA VIA THE CLUBMATE APP ON THEIR PHONE. THIS WILL BE HOW THEY VERIFY YOU ON THE BANK

NO DATA IS STORED BY THE SOCIETY FROM THESE CAMERA FOOTAGES. HOWEVER, FOOTAGE MAY BE REQUESTED FROM THE BAILIFF TO USE IN EVIDENCE SHOULD AN INCIDENT ARISE.

ANY MEMBER WISHING TO BECOME A BAILIFF CAN APPLY BY CONTACTING US ON OUR WEBSITE

8. WORKING PARTIES

THE ESTATES OFFICER ORGANISES REGULAR WORKING PARTIES AT EACH WATER IN ORDER TO HELP MAINTAIN THE GROUNDS AND TO PROVIDE ALL MEMBERS WITH A PLEASANT AND ENJOYABLE FISHING ENVIRONMENT AND EXPERIENCE.

DATES ARE ADVISED TO ALL MEMBERS ON OUR MEMBERS APP AND ITS ENCOURAGED THAT ALL MEMBERS ATTEND SOME WORKING PARTIES TO HELP MAINTAIN ITS WATERS. PLEASE BRING SUITABLE CLOTHING AND PPE.

9. GUEST DAY TICKETS

MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO APPLY FOR A MAXIMUM OF 2 GUEST DAY TICKETS PER DAYS FISHING ON ALL OUR WATERS.

GUEST TICKETS ARE NOT TO BE PURCHASED/OBTAINED FOR PREVIOUSLY BANNED OR UNIVITED MEMBERS OR PREVIOUS MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO FISH OUR WATERS.

ANY MEMBER NOT ADHERING TO THIS POLICY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

GUEST TICKETS NOT AVAILABLE FOR NIGHT FISHING.

FISHING IS PERMITTED FROM 6AM OR SUNRISE, WHICH EVER IS THE LATEST, UNTIL 10PM OR SUNSET WHICH EVER IS THE SOONER.

GUEST TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR DIRECTLY THROUGH OUR MEMBERS APP. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT OUT FOLLOWING YOUR BOOKING REQUESTING YOUR GUESTS DETAILS AND ONCE RECEIVED THEIR BOOKING WILL BE AUTHORISED.

10. FISHING EVENTS

PLEASE REFER TO OUR FISHING EVENTS ON OUR MEMBERS APP OR OUR WEBSITE

CHARGES APPLY FOR BOAT CHARTERS AND MEMBERS WILL STILL BE CHARGED IF THEY BOOK IN BUT FAIL TO TURN UP. NO REFUNDS WILL APPLY.

BOAT CHARTERS REMAIN AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE BOATS SKIPPER FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL.

MEMBERS ARE ADVISED TO BE AT THE EVENT VENUE 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO START. ANYONE ARRIVING LATE FOR VALID REASONS MAY STILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE EVENT

NOT MORE THAN ONE ROD OR POLE MAY BE FISHED AT ANY ONE TIME WHEN TAKING PART IN A FRESHWATER EVENT OTHER THAN THE PIKE AND 24HR SPECIMEN FISH EVENTS, WHERE TWO RODS CAN BE USED.

NO MORE THAN 2 RODS AND 4 HOOKS IN A SALTWATER BEACH EVENTS AND ONE ROD AND 3 HOOKS IN A BOAT TRIP

SHOULD A FISH BE HOOKED PRIOR TO THE CALL TO CEASE THE EVENT AND LANDED AFTER, THIS FISH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE WEIGH IN PROVIDING THE LANDING WAS NOT MORE THAN 15 MINUTES AFTER THE CALL TO CEASE TIME.

MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS ARE AWARDED 2 POINTS FOR EACH EVENT AND ARE ADDED TOGETHER AND PUT FORWARD TO COUNT TOWARDS THE JOHNSON TROPHY

THERE MUST BE AT LEAST 5 COMPETING IN ANY EVENT ELSE THE EVENT MAY OR WILL BE CANCELLED.

MEMBERS MUST LAND THEIR OWN FISH TO COUNT HOWEVER ADULTS CAN ASSIST JUNIOR MEMBERS TO AND HELP UN-HOOK

MEMBERS MUST NOT: FISH OR OVERLAP ANOTHER PARTICIPANTS TACKLE, FEED THEIR SWIM PRIOR TO START TIME OR MOVE TO ANOTHER PEG, EXCEPT FOR A JUSTIFYABLE REASON, AND THEN ONLY WHEN AUTHORISED BY THE ORGANISER

NO USE OF BLOOD WORM OR JOKER BAITS IN ANY EVENT

PIKE CAUGHT DO NOT COUNT IN EVENTS OTHER THAN IN A DESIGNATED PIKE EVENT.

EELS ARE INCLUDED.

PLUMBING THE DEPTH OF YOUR SWIM IS ALLOWED PRIOR TO START OF AN EVENT

SPECIMEN FISH CAUGHT DURING AN EVENT ARE TO BE RECORDED AS PER SECTION 13 DETAILED IN THESE GUIDELINES.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SEA ANGLER'S SIZE LIMITS APPLY

11. TROPHY AWARDS

THE SOCIETY AWARDS TROPHIES FOR SPECIMEN FISH CAUGHT FROM ITS WATERS EACH SEASON AND FOR WINNING ORGANISED EVENTS.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SOCIETY WEBSITE FOR TROPHIES AWARDED EACH SEASON

MEMBERS AWARDED SUCH TROPHIES MUST RETURN THEM BACK TO THE SECRETARY BY THE 31ST of MARCH.

PLEASE CLEAN TROPHY BEFORE RETURN AND ENSURE THEY ARE RETURNED IN THE SAME CONDITION.

ANY DAMAGES WHILST IN YOUR POSSESSION ARE TO BE REPORTED TO THE SECRETARY AS SOON AS THE DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED TO SEEK REMEDIAL ACTION/INSTRUCTION.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE 31ST of MARCH DEADLINE DATE

12. SOCIETY WATERS

THE SOCIETY CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING WATERS FOR MEMBERS TO ENJOY:

LANGHAM PONDS COMPLEX - LANGHAM - 3 LAKES

(RIVER STOUR FISHING HERE IN OPEN SEASON)

BUCBRICKS COMPLEX - ARDLEIGH - 3 LAKES

GLEBE FARM - LANGHAM

RIVER STOUR – FROM LANGHAM STRETCH BEHIND LANGHAM PONDS 3 RIGHT THROUGH TO APPROX 300 YARDS DOWNSTREAM FROM STRATFORD ST MARY MILL POOL AND ALSO FROM DEDHAM MILL POOL AND UPSTREAM APPRX 200 YARDS

PLEASE REFER TO OUR WATERS SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS OF FISH STOCKED IN EACH WATER

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO ONLY FISH FROM DESIGNATED SWIMS/PEGS AND TO CHECK ALL POSTED NOTICES ERECTED ON ENTRY TO WATERS FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS OR WARNINGS PRIOR TO FISHING. SOME WATERS HAVE LIMITED LOOSE FEED PERMITTED

WHERE THERE IS A PLANNED FISHING EVENT ON ANY WATER, MEMBERS SHALL CEASE FISHING AT MIDNIGHT ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

FOR A PLANNED NIGHT COMPETITION, FISHING SHALL CEASE AT MIDDAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE NIGHT EVENT.

13. RECORDING OF SPECIMEN FISH

THE SOCIETY WEBSITE HAS A DESIGNATED FORM WHICH CAN BE DOWNLOADED AND PRINTED.

A PICTURE OF THE FISH IS ENCOURAGED FOR PUBLISHING ON THE WEBSITES GALLERY.

ATTESTED SCALES TO WEIGH FISH ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE RECORD THE LENGTH OF THE FISH AND DETAILS OF ANY WITNESSES

THE HAYWARD CUP IS AWARDED TO MEMBERS SUBMITTING SPECIMEN FISH CAUGHT ON NON-CLUB WATERS.

14. BANNED BAITS, RIGS AND TACKLE

THE FOLLOWING BAITS ARE BANNED FROM USE IN ALL SOCIETY WATERS:

TIGER NUTS, PEANUTS, ANY OTHER NUTS, TROUT PELLETS AND HALIBUT PELLETS.

PLEASE REFER TO NOTICE BOARDS ON ENTRY TO ALL STILL WATERS AS THEY WILL CONTAIN MAXIMUM LOOSE FEED AMOUNTS TO BE USED IN A 24HR FISHING SESSION.

NO LIVE OR DEAD BAIT TO BE USED FROM ANY OTHER WATER OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU ARE FISHING FROM OR BOUGHT FROZEN BY YOUR LOCAL SUPPLIER. THE TRANSFER OF LIVE BAIT FROM ANY WATER IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

THE FOLLOWING RIGS ARE BANNED FROM USE IN ALL SOCIETY WATERS:

FIXED LEAD RIGS OVER 1oz

LEAD CORE IN EXCESS OF 1 METRE

SIZE 10 HOOKS OR BIGGER MUST BE MICRO-BARBED EXCEPT TREBLES FOR PIKE FISHING

MEMBERS FISHING FOR SPECIMEN FISH MUST BE POSSESSION OF A FISH CARE KIT, ALTHOUGH IT IS ENCOURAGED FOR ALL MEMBERS TO POSSESS A KIT TO TREAT ANY FISH CAUGHT NEEDING ATTENTION

THIS IS TO ENSURE SUCH FISH HAVE THEIR CAPTURE WOUNDS TREATED TO PREVENT DISEASE OR PARASITE INFECTIONS.

MEMBERS MUST ALSO HAVE A LANDING NET OF 42” WHEN CARP FISHING ESPECIALLY ON LANGHAM 1

15. UNHOOKING MATS

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF AN UNHOOKING MAT WHEN SPECIFICALLY FISHING FOR LARGE FISH. THIS IS TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF ALL OUR FISH STOCK. IT IS ENCOURAGED ALSO THAT ALL MEMBERS CARRY ONE IN CASE THEY CATCH A LARGE FISH UNEXPECTANTLY

MEMBERS DISCRETION TO BE USED, IF, WHEN LANDING A FISH, THEY FEEL IT DOESN'T REQUIRE THE USE OF A LANDING NET OR AN UNHOOKING MAT AND THAT NO HARM WILL COME TO THE FISH.

16. KEEP NETS AND LANDING NETS

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE POSSESSION OF A LANDING NET AT ALL TIMES.

ALL KEEP NETS AND LANDING NETS MUST COMPLY WITH THE ENVIRONMENT BYELAWS AND THE USE OF CARP SACKS IS NOT ALLOWED.

UNLESS IN A SOCIETY EVENT, STANDARD KEEP NETS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY FISH CAUGHT 5LB OR OVER. YOU MUST ONLY USE SPECIFIC LARGE CARP KEEPNETS FOR FISH OVER 5LB.

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU ONLY CARRY A MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF 50LB IN ANY ONE KEEP NET.

KEEP NETS ARE NOT TO BE USED DURING THE CLOSED SEASON FROM MIDNIGHT 14TH MARCH TO MIDNIGHT 15TH JUNE ON ANY WATERS

A 42" LANDING NET MUST BE USED WHEN FISHING FOR CARP ON LANGHAM 1

PLEASE ENSURE YOU THOROUGHLY DRY BOTH KEEP AND LANDING NETS BEFORE USE IN ANOTHER WATER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE FROM ONE WATER TO ANOTHER

17. LITTER & FOULING

THE SURROUNDING GROUNDS AND PATHWAYS SHOULD BE TREATED WITH CARE AT ALL TIMES, MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING ALL LITTER AND DISCARDED LINES ARE TAKEN HOME.

EVEN IF ITS NOT YOURS, ITS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO LEAVE IT THERE. TAKE IT HOME AND REPORT IT TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER.

THE SOCIETY RISKS THE LOSS OF ITS WATERS OVER LITTER AND DISCARDED LINES. ANY MEMBER CAUGHT OR FOUND NOT ADHERING TO THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND COULD RESULT IN MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION.

MEMBERS ANSWERING THE CALL OF NATURE ON SOCIETY WATERS ARE POLITELY REMINDED TO TAKE IT HOME AND DISPOSE OF IT. NOTE THAT THERE ARE PORTALOOS ON LANGHAM COMPLEXT AND BUCBRICKS 2.

18. MOBILE PHONES

MOBILE PHONES ARE PERMITTED SO LONG AS THEY ARE USED TO A MINIMUM. DO NOT DISTURB OTHER ANGLERS WITH LOUD CONVERSATIONS, RINGTONES AND MUSIC.

THE USE OF EARPHONES ARE ENCOURAGED.

SHOULD ANOTHER ANGLER APPROACH YOU REGARDING PHONE DISTURBANCE PLEASE RESPECT THEIR OPINION AND REFRAME FROM USE IMMEDIATELY, ONLY USE IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

19. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR COMMENTARY, MUSIC AND GAMING ARE PERMITTED PROVIDING THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH EARPHONES. THEY MUST NOT BE USED WITHOUT THESE AT ANY TIME.

20. DOGS

NO DOGS ARE PERMITTED ON SOCIETY WATER GROUNDS WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE COMMITTEE

ALL DOGS THAT ARE PERMITTTED SHALL BE:

ASSISTANT DOGS

BAILIFF DOGS PATROLLING WATERS

KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES

MUST NOT ENTER INTO THE WATER

MUST NOT INTERFERE OR CAUSE A NUISANCE TO ANGLERS, SUCH AS CONSTANT BARKING OR HOWLING.

PLEASE TAKE HOME ALL DOG MESS WITH YOU FOR DISPOSAL

21. BAIT BOATS

IN GENERAL BAIT BOATS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SOCIETY WATERS.

HOWEVER, DISCRETION WILL BE GRANTED WHEREBY IF A MEMBER IS THE ONLY MEMBER FISHING ON A WATER, THEN A BAIT BOAT CAN BE USED.

THE PRESENCE OF ANOTER MEMBER ANGLING SHALL THEN CEASE UNLESS THAT MEMBER IS HAPPY FOR YOU TO CONTINUE

22. CAR PARKING

PLEASE USE ONLY DESIGNATED CAR PARKING AREAS ON SOCIETY WATERS.

ENSURE GATES ARE SHUT AND LOCKED AT ALL TIMES AND COMBINATION LOCKS SCRAMBLED ON ENTRY AND ON EXIT

YOUR VEHICLE MUST CLEARLY DISPLAY THE SOCIETIES CAR PARK PERMIT AND A NOTE ON THE DASHBOARD FOR DAY GUESTS CAR.

23. FISHING RODS/POLES

ONLY 2 FISHING RODS ARE TO BE USED ON SOCIETY WATERS AT ANY ONE TIME AND MUST NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED WHILST IN THE WATER.

ADDITIONAL RODS OR POLES SECTIONS MAY BE SET UP READY FOR USE

24. CLOSED SEASON WATERS

THE FOLLOWING WATERS ARE CLOSED FOR FISHING FROM MIDNIGHT ON THE 14TH of MARCH UNTIL MIDNIGHT 15TH JUNE.

GLEBE FARM

RIVER STOUR

THE REMAINING WATERS REMAIN OPEN BUT NO KEEP NETS PERMITTED

25. NIGHT FISHING WATERS

ALL OTHER WATERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR NIGHT FISHING EXCEPT DEDHAM MILL POOL WHICH CAN FISHED UP TO 10PM

A MAXIMUM STAY OF 48HOURS IS PERMITTED FOR FISHING AT ANY ONE LOCATION, WITH A MINIMUM OF A 24HR PERIOD OF NON-RETURN.

NO EQUIPMENT OR SET UPS ARE TO REMAIN DURING THE PERIOD OF NON- RETURN.

THIS IS TO ENSURE ALL MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AND CHOICE TO FISH ALL WATERS SWIMS/PEGS EACH WEEK

WITH COMMITTEE CONSENT, EXTRA DAYS MAY BE GRANTED MONTHLY IN ADVANCE.

MEMBERS MUST APPLY BY SUBMITTING THEIR REQUEST TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER WITHIN 48HRS NOTICE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING SO IT CAN BE PUT FORWARD.
SUCH REQUESTS WILL BE TABLED AND A VOTE MADE IF PERMISSION SHOULD BE GRANTED.

PLEASE RESPECT SURROUNDINGS IN RESPECT OF NO LATE NOISE NEAR ANY RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

26. BBQ'S & FIRES

NO BBQ's, FIRES OR FIRE PITS WHATSOEVER ARE PERMITTED ON ANY WATER. BBQ MAY ONLY BE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR CERTAIN EVENTS.

27. GATE LOCKS

GATE COMBINATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SHARED WITH NON-MEMBERS. SUCH CONFIDENTIALITY PROVIDES SECURITY AND SAFETY TO SOCIETY WATERS. THE GATE LOCKS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT WITH THE COMBINATION VISABLE. MEMBERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GIVE THE NUMBER TO FRIENDS TO VISIT WHILST FISHING. IF YOU NEED SOMETHING BROUGHT DOWN YOU MEET THEM AT THE GATE

28. WEILS DISEASE

WEILS DISEASE OR LEPTOSPIROSIS, IS A VIRUS THAT EXISTS IN WATER AND MAY ENTER THE BODY THROUGH CUTS, SCRATCHES AND ABRASIONS. MEMBERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS VIRUS MAY BE PRESENT IN SOCIETY WATERS AND CAUSE SERIOUS INFECTION.

INFECTION MAY, IN THE EARLY STAGES RESEMBLE INFLUENZA. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN INFECTED BY THIS VIRUS, PLEASE SEEK APPROPRIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION. ENSURE YOU REPORT IT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AND THE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU PROTECT YOURSELF AT ALL TIMES FROM THIS DISEASE.

ENSURE ALL CUTS, SCRATCHES AND ABRASIONS ARE THOROUGHLY CLEANSED PRIOR TO APPLYING THE PLASTER.

CLEAN ALL CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND EQUIPMENT AFTER USE.

WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY WITH ANTISEPTIC HANDS WIPES AND CLEAN WATER BEFORE EATING OR DRINKING ON SOCIETY WATERS.

29. OVERHEAD POWER CABLES

SOCIETY WATERS HAVE OVERHEAD POWER CABLES SO ALWAYS CHECK FOR SUCH CABLES BEFORE YOU DECIDE WHERE TO FISH.

DO NOT TAKE UNNECESSARY RISKS.

FISHING BY OR UNDER POWER CABLES IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND YOU RISK SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH IF YOU ARE ELECTRICUTED.

POLES ARE EXTREMELY HIGH-RISK OWING TO THEIR LENGTH.

30. WADING

FISHING WHILST WADING IN SOCIETY STILL WATERS IS NOT PERMITTED DUE TO SINKING SAND, SUDDEN DEEP WATER OR DEEP SILT.

MEMBERS ENDANGER THEMSELVES IN DOING SO.

THE SOCIETY ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY ACCIDENTS ARISING FROM SUCH ACTIVITY.

WADING AT WORKING PARTIES IN A GROUP SETTING MUST BE AUTHORISED BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER INSTRUCTION

SUCH WADING REQUIREMENTS ARE CLOSELY SUPERVISED WITH DUE CARE AND ATTENTION TAKEN FOR MEMBERS SAFETY AT ALL TIMES

WADING IN THE RIVER STOUR IS AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE MEMBER AND AGAIN THE SOCIETY ACCEPTS NO RESPONSILITY FOR SUCH ACTIVITY IN THE EVENT OF ACCIDENTS ARISING

31. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ON ANY WATER PLEASE RING 999 OR 112 AND GIVE YOUR LOCATION DETAILS.

PLEASE REPORT ANY OBSERVED POLLUTION TO A SOCIETY OFFICIAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SEVERE POLLUTION INVOLVING FISH KILLS CONTACT THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY ON

0800 807060 IMMEDIATELY

32. COMPLAINTS

MEMBERS WHO HAVE ANY MATTERS TO REPORT REGARDING ISSUES OR COMPLAINTS SHALL RAISE THEM IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER.

THE MATTER WILL BE TABLED AT THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING OR SOONER IF URGENT

INVESTIGATION WILL TAKE PLACE WHERE REQUIRED AND THE MEMBER WILL BE INFORMED ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MATTER. THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE THE MAJORITY VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION OF ANY SUCH MATTER. SHOULD IT NOT BE RESOLVED TO THE MEMBERS SATISFACTION, MEMBERS HAVE A FURTHER RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE CHAIRMAN.

THIS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF THE ORIGINAL DECISION.

33. CRAYFISH

ONLY LICENCED CRAYFISH TRAPS ARE TO BE USED. THESE ARE ISSUED AND MONITORED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY. ANYONE CAUGHT USING TRAPS UNLICENCED OR UNATHORISED WILL BE PROSECUTED BY THE ENVRONMENTAL AGENCY. IF YOU CATCH ONE, PLEASE KILL IT ON THE BANK THERE AND THEN.

34. GENERAL CONDUCT

PLEASE KEEP NOISE TO A MINIMUM TO PRESERVE THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY ASSOCIATED WITH FISHING ON OUR WATERS FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY

NO SWIMMING IN STILL WATERS OR THE RIVER STOUR.

ALL MEMBERS SHALL CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH RESPECT TO ALL OTHER MEMBERS, ITS COMMITTEE, THE EA, ANGLING TRUST, LANDOWNERS AND ALL BAILIFFS.

MEMBERS MUST STRICTLY ADHERE TO ALL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY AND SOCIETY COMMUNICATIONS, THEIR RULES, AND THE SOCIETY'S GUIDELINES AND NOTICES.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SOCIETY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES IN SECTION 35 BELOW ON HOW IT SHALL HANDLE ANY SITUATIONS REQUIRING SUCH ACTION

35. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

TO ACCESS THE FULL SOCIETY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES EFFECTIVE FROM THE 1ST of JUNE 2022 YOU WILL NEED VISIT OUR WEBSITE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PAGE

36. COMMUNICATIONS

WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO HOLD AN EMAIL ADDRESS SO THAT THE SOCIETY CAN SEND ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO YOU THIS WAY.

MEMBERS THAT ARE UNABLE TO DO SO MAY USE A RELATIVE, FRIEND OR ANOTHER MEMBER TO DO THIS ON THEIR BEHALF.

PLEASE LET A COMMITTEE MEMBER KNOW IF YOU JOINED THE SOCIETY BEFORE 2023 WITHOUT AN EMAIL ADDRESS AND WE WILL MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU. NO NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT AN EMAIL ADDRESS FROM JANUARY 2023

37. FIREARMS AND WEAPONS

AT NO TIME SHOULD ANY MEMBER USE OR HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF ANY DESCRIPTION WHILST ON ANY SOCIETY WATER.

ANY MEMBER FOUND USING OR BEING IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM OR WEAPON WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

38. PRIVACY NOTICE

OUR PRIVACT NOTICE IS DETAILED ON OUR WEBSITE WITHIN THE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PAGE AND WITHIN OUR MEMBERSHIP USER APP.