



FAQs for Membership Proposal



I currently have Associate membership, what does this mean for me?

The current Associate membership does not give access to water sports, but Associate members have full voting rights and may serve on the committee. There are only a handful of Associate members and, as the current Associate membership fee is only slightly less than the proposed Member fee, the Associate membership category will be discontinued, and current Associate members would become full Members.

What is happening to the Temporary membership category?

Temporary membership is aimed at visitors using the club facilities on a short-term basis, at £23 for two weeks or part thereof. They have no voting rights but are covered by the club insurance. It is proposed that this category of membership would continue but be renamed Visitor membership.

I have Life membership, what happens to me under the new membership structure?

Life membership is no longer offered, but we continue to recognise the current life members (there are only two in 2021).

Are there any concessions on boat storage?

As the £50 membership fee is considerably less than the current Ordinary member fee of £126, it is proposed that the shortfall in income is made up by charging for dinghy and winter cruiser storage. There are therefore no concessions for members for boat storage services, although the fee for one dinghy (or one other small craft) for juniors and students will be waived. Honorary and life members will therefore be charged for boat storage services.

Winter cruiser storage at the harbour is charged at £10/m. There are no concessionary rates.

I have two kayaks that I'd like to store in the dinghy park, do I have to pay two storage fees?

The £30 storage fee for "other craft" is for the space occupied by the boat's footprint. If you can stack one kayak on top of the other tidily and securely then that would just require one storage fee. All boats need to be tied down securely to avoid damage to themselves and to other boats.

How do the proposed changes in costs affect current members?

Although the overall outcome is cost neutral in terms of club income there will inevitably be some winners and losers. Appendices 4 – 7 have detailed figures, but the gist of it is:

- Dinghy sailors with one boat in the park (or two for families) will pay roughly the same as the current structure.
- Senior members with one dinghy stored will pay around £24 more.
- There will be no impact on juniors and students who have one dinghy stored.
- Dinghy sailors without a boat in the dinghy park will pay substantially less (£50 against £126). This may encourage new members who wish to use the club dinghies or crew with others.
- Rowers will pay more, with a rowing membership fee increasing from £39 to £50. We believe this is still good value, and not much more than other local clubs. Avoch Community Rowing Club charge £40 but we also provide clubhouse facilities, training opportunities, rib support and access to other water sports.
- Associate members will move to the full Member category. This will increase the fee from £33 to £50 but they will be able to access all the activities and facilities of the club.
- Cruiser owners with winter storage will pay slightly more. This will impact the senior members most with fees increasing from £89 to £127.50. We believe this is still incredibly good value compared to other local storage options.
- Juniors and student members will pay the same as the current structure but will be able to take part in all water sports.