



GYC Code of Conduct

Policy Statement

Greenwich Yacht Club aims to foster an amiable, personable and sportsmanlike culture within the Club which encourages members to give of their best and gain maximum enjoyment from the sport of boating and other GYC activities.

This Code of Conduct is one of a number of written documents including the Articles of Association, Bye-Laws and Policies that together govern the Club and its members and constitute the Club rules ("Rules"). This Code of Conduct aligns with the RYA recommended approach and is subject to regular review.

In Byelaw 1, *"Members are reminded that they are expected to behave with courtesy and respect to their fellow members at all times."* and this Code of Conduct outlines what that means in practice:

Serious unacceptable behaviour in breach of this Code of Conduct may lead to action under the Club Disciplinary Policy.

Club members are expected to:

- Abide by the Rules of the Club.
- Treat members, visitors and staff with courtesy and respect, irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- Follow the club's operating, safety, social media and safeguarding procedures.
- Avoid the use of language that others may find offensive, whether on club premises, at a club event, or when using the club's social media channels.
- Encourage all members to play as full a role in the club as they wish.
- Recognise the contribution of volunteers and avoid undermining their contribution.
- Prioritise the safety and the wellbeing of event participants.
- Promote courtesy to other water users and adhere to PLA Thames Byelaws.
- Make all reasonable effort to resolve minor differences and disputes informally.
- Follow the Complaints Policy where there is a genuine concern or dispute.
- Comply with the RYA Racing Charter when sailing in Club events

Club members can expect to:

- Be welcomed and valued.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Be listened to and kept informed.
- Be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club.

Appendix 1 - Change Control

This Code of Conduct is subject to biannual review.

Revision	Date	Section	Reason for Revision	Change Made
0.1	20/12/2025	First version – approved by vote of Council	No previous policy	