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## **Additional Information regarding Swimming Division of Lancing Sailing Club**

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Hi All

We wanted to provide a little more information regarding the swimming division proposal. A brief overview was provided in the original email but more knowledge will allow members to make a more informed decision.

This will be provided a two sections:

1. Memorandum of Understanding - Written to give the swimmers and sailors a better understanding of what we both do and how we operate. It allows us all to appreciate the others requirements without stepping on each other toes.
2. FAQ's. These are questions raised during our committee meetings and put to the swim leader.

I have also been asked to further explain one of the comments in the original proposal regarding the duties. The swim only members will not be asked to carry out sailing duties (RO or Safety helm) but they will be encouraged to help behind the canteen as this will aid integration them into the club as a whole and

help meet the sailing members. The Swimmers may well have their own duties for their division so this aspect of the club will need to be developed further as time moves on.

We are keen to receive as much engagement from members as possible so if you cannot attend the meeting for whatever reason please feel free to ask questions.

**Please also send in your votes for or against to [secretary@lancingsc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lancingsc.org.uk)**

### **Memorandum of Understanding Lancing Sailing Club and Lancing Open Water Swimmers/Lancing Sea Swimming Club.**

The MoU aims to set out the terms of operation between LSC and Lancing Sea Swimmers (or a name of their choice) so that the long standing club, facilities and culture of LSC is respected and maintained whilst the requirements of LSS are met and together as a club we can grow to the mutual benefit of both parties.

For an agreed membership fee LSC will:

- Provide safe, secure and clean changing facilities and a base as a club house for social and meeting purposes.
- Include a minimum of one LSS members onto the Main Management Committee to raise and manage issues for LSS.
- Give access to safety and race facilities for any events.
- Publish and communicate to LSS race times and any 'Open' events which may cause unexpectedly high numbers of visitors to the club.
- Allow LSS the space to store 1x safety kayak FOC.
- Manage membership and treasury matters Create signage at the club to incorporate LSS

#### **Sea Swimmers will**

- Treat the LSC facilities with respect and follow all LSC membership rules.
- Place a minimum of one member onto the Main Management Committee
- Take care to work around the start times published for the weekend sailing so as to minimise the strain on changing facilities

- Produce, publish and enforce safety rules for swimming at the club
- Provide assistance with canteen and bar duties for social and 'Club days'
- Ensure the security of club facilities at all times

#### **Both**

- Work together to join clubs at management, social and activity levels to create a 'Single Club' feeling Accommodate each section's particular requirements through joint education of members and develop rules to strengthen ties.

**Membership** – LSC MCM propose sea swimmer membership in line with sailing membership as follow:

- Full sea swimmer membership - £95
- Family sea swimmer membership - £100
- Junior membership of LSC is already set at £30 and would cover swimming

Sea Swimmer members would be allowed to purchase rack space for kayaks and SUPs (space dependant)

Sea swimmers that wanted to sail would be able to do so for an agreed number of times (e.g. 3 as per current guest membership) after which they would be expected to change membership to full/family sailing membership.

## FAQ's

1, Is Lancing Sea Swimmers an actual club or is it an online forum where like minded people can get together to swim in company? Does it have a Constitution or is it run more informally?

Answer - Lancing Sea Swimmers is a Group of people that communicate via 'What's App' who meet to swim in the sea at South Lancing. There are about 12 people who would be keen to pay a fee and join as affiliate members of Lancing Sailing Club. This might grow into 20 or so once things are up and

running. As yet it is run on an informal basis. This will change to be a formal basis for members joining LSC. There will be swimmers that are members of the WhatsApp group that will not join LSC. These swimmers will not have access to LSC other than as guests on a limited basis (e.g. up to 3 times a year) to promote new membership. This is in line with LSC sailing membership.

2. Is it affiliated to any national swimming organisation?

Answer - Not at the moment. Happy to seek affiliation as necessary.

3. Is there someone who has overall responsibility? Does that person know all participants?

Answer - Melodie leads the group. She has Life Saving qualifications. A few others do swimming coaching. Melodie has met all those that swim regularly. LSC will require a Swim Division leader that would also be on the Main Committee. It is expected that this person is the official point of contact with responsibility for communication with the sea swimmer members and back to the MCM.

4. How are membership data and fees be managed if any? How will that fit in with affiliation to Lancing Sailing Club?

Answer - As yet there are no membership fees, but Lancing Sea Swimmers would fit in with any arrangements that Lancing Sailing Club deemed necessary in exchange for use of the changing rooms. On formal integration with LSC the sea swimmer members will be added to the LSC membership database formalising the membership within a 'Sea Swimming Division'.

5. How many people on average usually swim together?

Answer - Lancing Sea Swimmers swim either in pairs or groups with a

maximum of 6 people. In line with current Covid restrictions. More could swim together for events or once Covid regulations relax. Swimmers understand to keep clear of the sailing activities and no conflict is foreseen.

6. When do Sea Swimmers swim? Is there a particular time or a usual time?

Answer - Sea Swimmers swim every day. Usually at high or mid tide, especially at colder times of year, when it is better to be able to get in and out of the water quickly. We will deconflict with sailing activities.

7. Do Swimmers get together every day of the week? Would this include Wednesday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays?

Answer - Swimmers meet every day of the week. This is often at Sunrise or Sunset. Most usually before lunch time. Swimmers have never conflicted with LSC sailing yet and no reason to believe this would happen. Rules could be set up to ensure deconfliction as necessary.

8. How will Club security be managed? E.g. Entry and Locking up. Who will have overall responsibility for this? Will every member of Lancing Sea Swimmers need to have a key, or will there be one individual holding a key for one group of Swimmers? This might be based on the time of day that that group comes down to swim.

Answer - It is proposed that Swimmers that are members would each have their own key. Swimmers would individually have the responsibility for locking up after using the changing rooms. There might be a log book to sign in and out. This is in line with Sailing members having keys and access every day of the week.

9. There will need to be some clear guidelines for using the changing rooms when they become generally available. They should be in line with those we

already have for sailors. E.g. This might include having the footwear washing bucket available for when Swimmers come in off the beach. Bringing sand into the clubhouse might become more of an issue.

Answer - The swimming group are very aware that they would be affiliating to a sailing club. They would work with us to fit in and make the arrangements work. They would want to get involved with the social side of the club, helping with fund raising events, or swim/sail swaps. Availability to the Club would be on the same basis as LSC members (i.e. members have a key to access the compound, foyer, disabled toilets and changing rooms. Committee members have a key to access the Club Room. Sea Swimmer membership income would cover additional wear and tear of showers and any increased cleaning requirements. Andrew Carter provided a draft Memorandum of Understanding.

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