

Romsey SAC Club Rules

1. BSAC and branch fees are due annually on the 1st of February. New members starting within a diving year will be charged a pro-rata fee.
2. New members must pay their BSAC fee in full after two weeks at the Club. Branch fees for new BSAC members may be paid in appropriate instalments. It is possible to pay by standing order, or over the first three months if paying by post-dated cheques. Trainees must complete a UK Sports Diver Medical Form before commencing aqua-lung training. Anyone who needs and subsequently fails a medical will have their fees refunded.
3. Associate members have no voting rights and full members take priority over associates for dives etc.
4. Club Fees - currently:
 - Annual branch fees - £143
 - Student fees - £95
 - Weekly pool fee - £3 (currently waived)
 - Gas cost for use of aqua-lung in the pool - £2
 - RiB diving per day - minimum £15
 - Leisure use of RiB - £25 per day + fuel costs + Club Coxn
 - Trainers on dives specifically for the purpose of training are not required to pay dive fees.
5. The Diving Officer must be informed of all diving activities before they take place. The Equipment Officer must be informed if the boats are to be used. If the Diving Officer is not available then the Assistant Diving Officer or the Chairman may be informed instead. If none of these people are informed then the divers will not be covered by BSAC insurance and the club and committee cannot be held responsible in any way whatsoever for any incidents that might occur.
6. Dive fees must be collected by the Dive organiser for each club dive and any expenditure for the dive paid from this money before it is handed to the Club Treasurer reconciled with and accompanied by a Boat Diving Financial Sheet. The person towing the boat to the dive site will not be charged a dive fee, and may claim 20p per mile. The cost of diving will be divided between the fee payers with a £6 levy then being applied. The minimum cost is £15 per day per fee payer. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES must diving using the RiB run at a loss to the club.
7. The Club will lend new members any necessary equipment, if available, on their first open water dives.
8. All trainees will dive on BSAC '88 decompression tables. Other divers may use dive computers at the discretion of the Dive Marshal.
9. All divers must have an alternative air source. The Committee strongly recommends that all members an Octopus or as a minimum a Buddy Auto Air.
10. The club boats may only be controlled by Club approved boat handlers or by other members under close supervision by a Club approved boat handler for training purposes. To become a boat handler, a Club member must satisfy the following criteria:
 - Have a BSAC boat handling or equivalent qualification.
 - Have gained sufficient boat handling experience under supervision of an existing boat handler.
 - Be approved by the DO or other qualified person nominated by the DO.

11. Some form of buoyancy aid must be worn by everyone using the boats. This may take the form of a wet suit, zipped up dry suit, life jacket or buoyancy compensator.
12. There must be a standby snorkeller present on all boat dives.
13. Whenever launched, the boat must be entirely self-reliant in equipment.
14. The minimum age for Club membership is normally 16 years; 14 to 16 year olds may be allowed to join at the discretion of the committee.
15. Unless stated above, all diving and training activities will be conducted in accordance with BSAC guidelines.
16. POOL TRAINING RULES
 - Fleming Park Leisure Centre from 9.00 - 10.00 pm on alternative Tuesday evenings (per club calendar).
 - Pool sessions start at 9.00 pm. If you are being trained, arrive promptly.
 - Ensure you are out of the water by 10.00 pm promptly.
 - All equipment should be placed against the walls of the building when not in use.
 - Cylinders should NOT be left standing up.
 - Trainee divers using aqualung equipment must be supervised by an Instructor.
 - No diving in from poolside.
 - Cylinders to be protected with rubber boots and webbing round the tank.
 - Pillar valves to be protected with a flexible, protective rubber covering that will totally cover the valve end of the cylinder.
 - Weight belts to be lead shot contained in pouches, no use of unprotected or plastic covered lead weights, either on exposed belts or in jacket pockets.
 - No equipment, not already covered, that might damage, or be suspected of damaging the pool to be allowed.
 - All users should use the main entrance to enter the swimming pool, but the movement of equipment from cars to the pool may be made via an appropriate emergency exit.
 - No outdoor shoes are allowed in the pool area.
 - The emergency exit is not an entrance.
 - The pool side and changing room areas must be left tidy every week.