

DURBAN UNDERSEA CLUB – CLUBHOUSE RULES

1. **GENERAL**

- 1.1 All members of the Club shall avoid behaviour which will harm the good of the Club.
- 1.2 Members shall, at all times and at any location, abide by the safety rulings prescribed by the South African Underwater Union in respect of diving and boating activities.
- 1.3 Any property of the Club broken or damaged by any Member or his guest shall be paid for by such member.
- 1.4 No person shall remove from the Club premises any book pamphlet, piece of diving equipment or any other item owned by the Club without the permission of the Committee.
- 1.5 The right of admission reserved; the Committee may declare any person/s to be forbidden entrance to the Club.

2. CLUBHOUSE/OFFICE :-

2.1 Clubhouse and office hours will be advertised in the clubhouse as will the kitchen and bar hours.

NB:- THE CLUB IS CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

- 2.2 No boisterous behaviour or foul language is permitted.
- 2.3 No dogs or other pets are permitted in the clubhouse or on the club grounds (hereafter referred to jointly as the premises)
- 2.4 No member may carry a firearm on the premises.
- 2.5 Only persons who have been authorized by the committee may enter the kitchen, storerooms, compressor room or behind the bar.
- 2.6 No person may have accommodation on the premises, unless approved by the committee for special events.
- 2.7 Members are to carry proof of membership and to produce the same at all times if required by the manager, barman or any committee member.
- 2.8 The clubhouse may not be used for any private function unless specific consent is given by the committee, which shall have an unfettered discretion to allow or disallow any function at any time (written application to be lodged a month in advance.)
- 2.9 No diving equipment, including wetsuits may be washed in the showers in the clubhouse, showers are provided outside.

- 2.10 No wet diving equipment to be worn or taken into the clubhouse.
- 2.11 Fish may not be cleaned, nor bait left lying around or placed in bins, anywhere on the premises except the designated area.
- 2.12 Cars may not be parked in the designated area for the washing of boats.
- 2.13 Compressor room and gear hire, see separate set of rules.

3. **CHILDREN:-**

- 3.1 Children are not permitted to play in the clubhouse or to make excessive noise.
- 3.2 Children using the jungle gym or other recreational equipment or playing anywhere in the grounds, on the beach in the vicinity of the club, are to be supervised by adults; the club furthermore warns all parents that neither the club nor the committee takes any responsibility for any injury or mishap which may occur to children at anytime.
- 3.3 The toilets may not be used by any child under the age of five (5) years, unless such a child is accompanied by an adult.

4. **GUESTS:-**

- 4.1 Guests are defined as anyone who is not a current paid up member of DUC including immediate family and friends of a paid up member who are not listed as associate members of the paid up member.
- 4.2 Members may introduce guests to the clubhouse and premises and such guests shall be entitled to remain upon the premises only so long as the introducing member is also on the premises.
- 4.3 The introducing member shall enter the necessary details of any guest in the register and shall furthermore be responsible for the behavior of such guests while the guest is on the club premises.
- 4.4 No member shall introduce anyone, nor shall any person use the premises of the club;
 - a) whose presence in the opinion of the committee is undesirable; and
 - b) who has been rejected as a member or expelled or suspended from membership of the club; and
 - c) who has been struck off the list of members for non-payment of subscriptions or other liabilities.
- 4.5 No person may be introduced to the club as a guest on more the two (2) occasions in any one calendar month.
- 4.6 Members must discharge all liabilities to the club incurred by their guest, who may not pay for anything supplied to them by the club.

4.7 Members shall pay for any damage caused by any guest introduced by them.

5. **BOATING:-**

- 5.1 All boats shall be registered and inspected in the manner and upon the date advertised from time to time upon the club premises.
- 5.2 Should any member fail to have his boat inspected on the days allocated for inspection, such members boat number may be suspended or withdrawn by the committee.
- 5.3 The failure by any boat owner, skipper or crew member to observe the safety and other regulations issued by the South African Underwater Union or the committee at any time, shall be liable to be brought before the disciplinary committee.
- 5.4 The owner of any boat shall be fully responsible for any acts on any omission by the skipper of his boat, or any crew member.
- 5.5 Any person failing to lodge the required particulars with the radio duty room whether upon launching or upon return, shall be liable to disciplinary action.

6. **LIQUOR:-**

- 6.1 Only members may purchase liquor in the clubhouse.
- 6.2 No person may bring liquor onto the club premises or into the clubhouse, except with express permission of the committee, which permission may be withheld.
- 6.3 No person shall be permitted to purchase any liquor on credit.
- 6.4 No liquor shall be removed from the club or grounds; liquor purchased in the clubhouse is for consumption on the club premises.
- 6.5 Members shall exercise restraint, particularly in regard to boisterous behavior or the use of bad language, in the bar.
- 6.6 Any person who is asked by the barman or club manager to leave the bar and who subsequently fails to do so, shall be liable to disciplinary action.

7. **DISCIPLINE:-**

- 7.1 The chairperson or any other committee member appointed by him shall whenever necessary convene an ad hoc Disciplinary Committee comprising four persons, three of whom shall be members of the committee.
- 7.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall meet when necessary to investigate allegations of serious or persistent misconduct by a member of any person on the club premises and may on reasonable notice invite any person whose membership or other privileges may be affected by its findings to attend a hearing before it.

7.3 Allegations shall be investigated by the committee in a summary manner at any such hearing, the Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to impose the following sanctions;

- a) a severe reprimand;
- b) suspension of membership or any particular privileges afforded to a member;
- c) temporary or permanent banning of any person from attending the clubhouse or club premises;
- d) termination of membership.

7.4 The chairperson of the Durban Undersea Club Disciplinary Committee shall prepare a report of any such hearing and the resultant sanction (if any imposed; such report shall be filed on record by the Club Secretary.)

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