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# WEST LANCS BSAC

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## BYLAWS OF WEST LANCS SUB AQUA CLUB

In accordance with item 9.5 of the Branch Rules, the Committee may, from time to time make, repeal and amend bylaws as they may think expedient for the internal management and well being of the club. The following bylaws have been put in place under this rule and shall be binding upon all members until repealed by the Committee or set aside by a resolution of a General Meeting of the club.

### **A) Boat Handlers**

When a Club Boat is in use, there shall always be at least one qualified boat handler in the boat at all times.

### **B) Club Dives**

For insurance purposes, all dives that are classed as 'Club Dives' must be approved by the DO who will agree or assign the Dive Manager for the dive.

### **C) Emergency Repairs**

Club members are authorised to spend no more than £250.00 during a dive trip on emergency repairs to Club equipment or boats. Should additional repairs be needed, approval needs to be sought by a quorum of at least five committee members including the Club Treasurer. Funds up to 50% of available Club funds can then be authorised for use.

### **D) Student & Youth Members**

Where a person is currently registered, or is applying to be registered, with the Branch, under a membership category of either 'Junior Diving Member' or 'Student / Youth Member', a reduced Branch Subscription Rate shall be applied to that person's membership. The reduced rate shall be calculated as being two thirds of the rate payable by a Full Diving Member at the time of their renewal / application. The reduced rate, as calculated above, shall continue to be applied until such time that the person ceases to be eligible for registration as either a 'Junior Diving Member' or a 'Student / Youth Member'.

### **E) Membership Renewals**

Any Branch Member who fails to renew their annual membership within 90 days of their normal renewal date shall be required to obtain the consent of the Committee before any subsequent renewal application will be accepted. Requests for consent shall be submitted, in writing, to the Branch Secretary and will be tabled for discussion at the first Committee Meeting following receipt of the application. The applying member will be notified of the Committee's decision within 1 week of the meeting.

### **F) Members of State Retirement Age**

Where a person is currently registered, or is applying to be registered, with the Branch and that person has reached the nationally recognised State Retirement Age, a reduced Branch Subscription Rate shall be applied to that person's membership. The reduced rate shall be calculated as being two thirds of the rate payable by a Full Diving Member at the time of their renewal / application. The reduced rate, as calculated above, shall continue to be applied for as long as that person remains registered as a full diving member.

## **G) Use of Delayed Surface Marker Buoys**

Delayed Surface Marker Buoys shall be carried by all divers on West Lancashire club dives. The only exception being where a diver has not been trained in the use of a Delayed Surface Marker Buoy. This usually means Trainees and newly qualified Ocean Divers. Dive Managers should however try to ensure that there is a diver trained in the use of DSMB within each buddy pair.