



SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

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Rule Book

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The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain

General Rules

1. Name

1.1 The name of the Club is the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain

2. Objectives

2.1 The objectives of the club are:

- 2.1.1 to promote the sport of shark angling in Great Britain and to provide the Members with an organisation which will be regarded as a central authority for the sport;
- 2.1.2 to adhere to a strict policy of catch and release, adopt best practice and provide advice in the handling, and conservation of all sharks;
- 2.1.3 to maintain and publish records and other relevant data for sharks caught and released which are known to the club;
- 2.1.4 to provide and administer challenge trophies and other awards; and
- 2.1.5 to promote social contacts between Members and to provide events and social occasions where appropriate.

3. Interpretation

3.1 In these Rules:

AGM: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 8.1

Angling Rules: rules relating to allowable tackle, the handling of sharks and the angling process.

Associate Member: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 7.6.6

These Rules: means the rules of the Club.

Best Shark: the best shark will always be the one whose points score is the greatest when expressed as a percentage of the points score of the British Record or the British Measured & Released Record, whichever is the greatest, for the species

British Waters: Means a boat operating from a British Port situated on any part of the coast of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and all those offshore islands from Shetland in the North and the Scillies and the Channel Islands in the south. The boat

from which the shark is caught and released shall have been fishing at the time of the catch within the limits of the vessel, the skippers coding and licence and must both leave and return to a British Port.

Chairperson: means the Chair of the Committee elected by the Members.

Clear day: means 24 hours from midnight following the relevant event.

Club: means the club governed by these rules.

Club Membership Application Form: such form as is approved by the Committee from time to time.

Committee: means the officers of the Club.

Conflict of Interest: means any interest of a Committee Member (or any person connected to a Committee Member) that conflicts, or may conflict, with the interests of the Club and includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties.

Connected Person: means any person falling within one of the following categories

- (a) any spouse or civil partner of a Committee Member or a Member;
- (b) any parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild of a Committee Member or Member who is financially dependent on such Committee Member or Member or on whom the Committee Member or Member is financially dependent;
- (c) the spouse or civil partner of any person in (b)
- (d) any other person in a relationship with a Committee Member or Member which may reasonably be regarded as equivalent to that of a spouse or civil partner; or
- (e) any company, LLP or partnership of which a Committee Member or Member is a paid director, member, partner or employee or a holder of more than 1% of the share capital or capital; or
- (f) any person who is a Connected Person in relation to any Committee Member or Member is referred to in these Rules as **Connected** to that Committee Member or Member

Co-opted Committee Member: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 9.6

Elected Committee Member: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 9.5

EGM: an Extraordinary General Meeting being a meeting other than an AGM to deal with a unique or urgent situation.

Full Member: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 7.6.5

General Rules: rules defining the purpose of the Club and the procedures and rules employed in the administration of the Club.

Interest: means any direct or indirect interest (and includes any interest a Committee Member or any person connected to a Committee Member may have as a consequence of any duty he or she may owe to any other person) and where a

Committee Member (or any person connected to a Committee Member) has any such interest in any matter or situation or transaction or arrangement the Committee Member is interested in it.

Member and Membership: refers to the Members of the Club.

Member: an individual who has satisfied the conditions to join the Club whether as a Full or an Associate Member and is up to date with their subscriptions.

Month: means a calendar month.

Notice: may be given by post or email and shall be deemed as validly served by post on the second day to the last known address provided by the member to the Club or by email at 9am on the day after the sending of an email by the Club to the last known email address provided by the Member to the Club.

Objectives: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 2.1

Points Score – the points score of a shark is the combined length (nose to fork of tail) and girth (taken to the front of not including, the dorsal fin). Both dimensions to be measured in inches.

President: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 9.11

Proxy: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 8.13

Qualifying Shark: A qualifying shark is defined as one with a minimum dimension nose to tail as given below:

Blue – 70”, Porbeagle – 55”, Mako – 58”, Thresher – 48”

Secretary: means the Secretary of the Club or if no Secretary has been appointed, any person designated to carry out the duties of the Secretary of the Club

Shark: shall have the meaning, Blue Shark, Porbeagle Shark, Thresher Shark, Mako Shark, or such other species of shark may be considered for recognition by the Committee as they may determine as and when caught and released.

Sub-committee: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 12.1

Treasurer: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 9.10

Vice-chairperson: assumed the role of the Chairperson in his or her absence.

Voting: shall have the meaning given to it in rule 8.7, 8.8, 8.9 & 8.10

Written or in writing: refers to a legible document on paper (including a fax message) or in electronic form (including an email).

Year: means a calendar year, unless otherwise stated.

4. Powers

- 4.1 The Club has the power to do anything within the law which may promote or may help to promote the objectives of the Club.

5. Limited Liability

- 5.1 The liability of the Members is limited to £1, being the amount each Member undertakes to contribute to the Club's assets if the Club shall be wound up while he or she is a Member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a Member, for payment of the clubs debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a Member and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of contributories among themselves.

6. Not-for-Profit

- 6.1 Subject to the provisions of Rule 13.1, the income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Club and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of distribution, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to Members of the Club.

7. Membership

- 7.1 The number of Members in the Club is unlimited.
- 7.2 The Club must maintain a register of its Members.
- 7.3 The Members of the Club on the date of adoption of these rules and such other persons who qualify for Membership in accordance with rule 7.6 and are admitted to Membership by the Committee shall be members of the Club.
- 7.4 There are no age restrictions on membership but a member under the age of 16 will be classed as a Junior Full Member or a Junior Associate Member, whichever is appropriate.
- 7.5 Other shark angling clubs may apply for affiliation to the Club. Such clubs must abide by the Angling Rules of the Club. A member of an affiliated club cannot compete for trophies unless he or she is also a member of the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain.
- 7.6 Membership is open to anyone who can satisfy the entry conditions given below:
- 7.6.1 Membership requests must be made by way of the submission of a fully completed and correctly witnessed Club Membership Application Form;
 - 7.6.2 the candidate must provide proof in accordance with the Club Membership Application Form that they caught and released the Shark within British Waters from a port in Great Britain;
 - 7.6.3 the shark must be caught unaided to the point where the leader can be grasped to assist the fish being boated;
 - 7.6.4 a qualifying shark will remain valid for membership application for 12 months from the date of its catch and release;
 - 7.6.5 Full Membership is available to individuals who have caught and released a qualifying shark in accordance with the Angling Rules of the Club;

- 7.6.6 Associate Membership is available to individuals who have caught and released a shark of less than qualifying ~~lengthweight~~ in accordance with the Angling Rules of the Club.
- 7.7 The Committee shall have the right to terminate or suspend the membership of any Member if a complaint, made in writing and signed by four Members, is lodged with the Secretary regarding the conduct or behaviour of any Member and a Subcommittee of four Members consider that such Member's continued membership is not in the best interests of the club, provided always that the Member shall be heard before a final decision is made. The Member shall have 21 days' notice of this meeting.
- 7.8 Any Member expelled or suspended in pursuance of rule 7.7 shall be at liberty to appeal by detailing the reasons for their objection to the decision of the Subcommittee, to the Chairperson within fourteen days of the date of expulsion. The Chairperson who with four different committee persons will review/hear the appeal by way of a meeting and the decision of such meeting will be final.
- 7.9 Notwithstanding rule 7.8, Membership is terminated if the Member concerned:
- 7.9.1 gives notice of his or her resignation; or
 - 7.9.2 dies; or
 - 7.9.3 is removed from the club in accordance with rule 7.7.

7.10 Membership is not transferrable.

7.11 Life Membership:

- 7.11.1 the Club acknowledges current Life Members; however, no new Life Membership will be granted;
- 7.11.2 all Life Members are governed by the rules of the Club as laid down in this rule book.

8 General Meetings

- 8.1 The Club shall hold a general meeting in each calendar year as its Annual General Meeting (AGM); each AGM shall be held not more than fifteen months after holding the last preceding AGM.
- 8.2 Members are entitled to attend general meetings (EGM's and AGM's). The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.
- 8.3 An extraordinary general meeting (EGM) may be called at any time by the Committee
- 8.4 Any Member may submit a proposal to the AGM. Such proposals must be seconded and delivered in writing to the Secretary not less than 28 days before the date of the meeting.

Quorum

- 8.5 There is a quorum at a general meeting if there are a minimum of four Committee Members plus a minimum of three Members who are entitled to attend and vote being present at the meeting.

Chairperson

8.6 The Chairperson or Vice-chairperson or (if the Chairperson or Vice chairperson is unable or unwilling to do so) another Committee Member elected by those Members present shall preside as Chairperson at a general meeting. The Chairperson may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place as the Chairperson shall determine.

Voting

8.7 Voting rights are the privilege of Full Members.

8.8 Associate Members, Honorary Members and Members under 16 have no voting rights.

8.9 A resolution put to the vote at a meeting will be decided by those present by a show of hands, by proxy, by postal/E Votes and the results, being binding on the Club, will be reported in the minutes of the meeting.

8.10 From time to time it may be necessary to obtain feedback from Members. This will be carried out by postal/E Votes, face-to-face and by proxy.

8.11 Every Member whether present or by proxy or via postal or E Vote or other means as may be determined from time to time shall have one vote

Written Resolutions

8.12 A written resolution passed is as valid as a resolution passed at a general meeting (and for this purpose the written resolution may be set out in more than one document). A written resolution passed under this rule will lapse if not passed before the end of six calendar months beginning with the circulation date.

Proxy Notices

8.13 A Member may appoint another Member as his or her proxy to exercise all or any of his or her rights to speak and vote at general meetings. The Club may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.

9 The Committee

9.1 The Committee Members are the officers of the Club and have control of the Club and its property and funds.

9.2 All Committee Members shall be Full or Associate Members of the Club and must be over 16 years of age.

9.3 The Committee shall consist of:

9.3.1 a Chairperson and Vice-chairperson (if deemed necessary); and

- 9.3.2 a Treasurer; and
- 9.3.3 up to six other elected Members; and
- 9.3.4 such other Members as may be co-opted by the Committee at its discretion.

Appointments

- 9.4 From the date of the adoption of these rules, the existing Committee Members shall continue to hold office on their existing terms.
- 9.5 Committee Members shall be elected by a simple resolution of the Members at the AGM.
- 9.6 The Co-opted Committee Members may be appointed to the Committee by resolution of the Committee. The Committee may from time to time at their discretion determine any criteria for the appointment of the Co-opted Committee Members.
- 9.7 Subject to clause 9.5 the Committee may appoint any individual as a Committee Member to fill any vacancy on the Committee, such appointment being held in accordance with the terms of clause 9.12.3.
- 9.8 The Committee may appoint any individual as Secretary upon such terms as the Committee shall determine.
- 9.9 Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by an election at the AGM of Members whose names have been proposed and seconded and submitted to the Secretary a clear 14 days before the AGM.
- 9.10 The Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and Treasurer shall be elected by the Committee.
- 9.11 A President and Vice-president, if considered desirable, shall be nominated by the Committee and elected at an AGM. The President (and any Vice-president) shall be elected as-officio Members of the Committee and they shall have no voting rights thereof.

Terms of Office

- 9.12 Subject to rules 9.13 and 9.14:
 - 9.12.1 The Treasurer and Elected Committee Members shall hold office until the end of the second AGM of the Club following the AGM at which they were appointed and shall be eligible for re-appointment as Treasurer and elected Committee Member at that AGM.
 - 9.12.2 Each Co-opted Committee Member shall hold office until the end of the first AGM of the Club following the AGM at which they were appointed, (or for such shorter term as the Committee may determine on their appointment) and shall be eligible for re-appointment as a Co-opted Committee Member following the expiry of their term of office.
 - 9.12.3 A Committee Member appointed by the Committee to fill a vacancy in accordance with rule 9.7 shall hold office until the end of the first AGM following their appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment as an Elected or Co-opted Committee Member.
 - 9.12.4 The Chairperson and Vice-chairperson shall hold office until the end of the first AGM at which they were appointed and shall be eligible for re-election by the committee.
 - 9.12.5 The President (and any Vice-president) shall hold office until the end of the first AGM at which they were appointed and shall be eligible for re-election by the committee.

Termination of office

- 9.13 Each Committee Member will hold office until he or she vacates office in accordance with rules 9.12 and 9.14.
- 9.14 A Committee Member's term of office automatically terminates if he or she:
- 9.14.1 is, in the opinion of the Committee, unable to properly fulfil his or her duties by reason of illness, disability or infirmity and the Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
 - 9.14.2 is absent from half of the meetings of the Committee in any twelve-month period without the consent of the Chairperson and the Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
 - 9.14.3 resigns by written notice to the Committee; or
 - 9.14.4 is convicted of a criminal offence and the Committee shall resolve that it is undesirable in the interests of the Club that he or she remains as a Committee Member; or
 - 9.14.5 ceases to be a Member of the Club; or
 - 9.14.6 is removed by unanimous resolution of the other Committee Members.
- 9.15 A technical defect in the appointment of a Committee member of which the Committee is unaware of at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting of the Committee.

10 Proceedings of the Committee

- 10.1 The Committee must hold at least three meetings of the Committee in each year. Any Committee Member may call a meeting of the Committee by giving notice of the meeting to the Committee or by authorising the Secretary (if any) to give such notice provided that;
- 10.1.1 such notice must indicate the proposed date, time and location of the meeting and, if it is anticipated that Committee Members participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting;
 - 10.1.2 such notice must be given to each Committee Member, but need not be in writing; and
 - 10.1.3 such notice need not be given to Committee Members who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting by giving notice to that effect to the Club not more than seven days after the date on which the meeting is held (and where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it).
- 10.2 The quorum necessary at a meeting of the Committee shall be determined by the Committee and unless and until otherwise determined shall be four. If the total number of Committee Members for the time being is less than the quorum required, the Committee must not take any decision other than a decision to call a General Meeting

- to appoint further Committee Members or to appoint further Committee Members pursuant to rule 9.7
- 10.3 A meeting of the Committee may be held either in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the Committee in which all Committee Members participating in the meeting may communicate with all the other participants. If all the Committee Members participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them are.
 - 10.4 The Chairperson or the Vice-chairperson (if the Chairperson or Vice-chairperson is unable or unwilling to do so) some other Committee Member chosen by the Committee Members present will preside as Chairperson at each meeting
 - 10.5 Each decision of the Committee shall be by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting but a written resolution signed (or agreed to in writing) by all of the Committee Members who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a meeting of the Committee and would have formed a quorum at such a meeting is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting (and for this purpose the resolution or agreement in writing may be contained in more than one document).
 - 10.6 Each Committee Member has one vote in each issue except for the Chairperson of the meeting who, in the event of an equality of votes being cast, has a second or casting vote (unless the Chairperson of the meeting is in accordance with these rules not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes).
 - 10.7 A procedural defect of which the Committee are unaware of at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

11 Powers of the Committee

- 11.1 The Committee has the following powers in the administration of the Club:
 - 11.1.1 at their absolute discretions, to appoint (and remove) any person or corporate entity (who may also be a Committee Member) to act as Secretary to the Club;
 - 11.1.2 to make standing orders consistent with these rules to govern proceedings at general meetings;
 - 11.1.3 to make rules consistent with these rules to govern proceedings at AGMs, EGMs and Committee and Sub-committees;
 - 11.1.4 to exercise any powers of the Club which are not reserved to a general meeting;
 - 11.1.5 to borrow such monies as may be necessary for the purpose of the Club;
 - 11.1.6 to make or interpret or propose any amendments or adjustments to the General and Angling Rules and any other rules as the Committee in its discretion sees fit. Such changes will be communicated to the Members and at the Committee's discretion may become effective immediately. Such actions must be ratified at the following AGM or EGM. Any amendments or adjustments must be carried by a unanimous decision of the Committee;
 - 11.1.7 to appoint external auditors if deemed necessary;
 - 11.1.8 to amend subscriptions and fees with the support of a two thirds majority vote of the Committee. Such amendments shall be ratified at the AGM following such powers being exercised;
 - 11.1.9 the Committee may from time to time take advice from a person or persons who, in the opinion of the Committee, have the relevant experience and knowledge in dealing with issues affecting the Club. Such person or persons shall have no voting rights unless a Member of the Committee.

- 11.2 The Chairperson and the Committee shall be held responsible for the administration of the Club and all its assets.

12 Delegation

- 12.1 The Committee may delegate to any Sub-committee consisting of two or more persons any of its functions (including any powers or discretions) for such time and on such terms of reference as it thinks fit provided that:

12.1.1 all proceedings of each Sub-committee must be reported promptly to the Committee; and

12.1.2 each Sub-committee must act in accordance with the terms of reference on which any function is delegated to it (but, subject to that, the proceedings of the Sub-committee will be governed by such of these rules as regulate the proceedings of the Committee so far as they are capable of applying).

- 12.2 The Committee may at any time revoke any delegation in whole or in part or alter its terms.

13 Benefits

- 13.1 Nothing in rule 6.1 shall prevent the payment in good faith by the Club:

13.1.1 of remuneration to any Member or Committee Member for services rendered to the Club by prior agreement;

13.1.2 to any Committee Member of reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses;

13.1.3 of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member of the Club or by any Committee Member for the purposes of the Club; or

13.1.4 of any premium in respect of the purchase and maintenance of indemnity insurance in respect of liability for any act or default of the Committee (or any of the Committee members) in relation to the Club.

14 Conflicts of Interest

- 14.1 Whenever a Committee Member finds himself or herself in a situation that does or is reasonably likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, he or she must declare his or her interest to the Committee unless, or except to the extent that, the other Committee Members are or ought reasonably to be aware of that conflict of interest already.

- 14.2 If any question arises as to whether a Committee Member has a conflict of interest, the question shall be decided by a majority decision of the other Committee Members.

- 14.3 Whenever a matter is to be discussed at a meeting and a Committee Member has a conflict of interest in respect of that matter then, subject to rule 15, he or she must:

14.3.1 remain only for such part of the meeting as in the view of the other Committee Members is necessary to inform the debate;

14.3.2 not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting; and

14.3.3 withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter.

- 14.4 When a Committee Member has a conflict of interest which he or she has declared to the Committee, he or she shall not be in breach of his or her duties to the Club by withholding confidential information from the Club if to disclose it would result in a breach of any duty or obligation of confidence owed by him or her.

15 Committee's Powers to Authorise a Conflict of Interest

- 15.1 The Committee has power to authorise a Committee Member to be in a position of conflict of interest provided:

15.1.1 in relation to the decision to authorise a conflict of interest, the conflicted Committee Member must comply with rule 14.3

15.1.2 in authorising a conflict of interest the Committee can decide the manner in which the conflict of interest may be dealt with and, for the avoidance of doubt, they can decide that the Committee member with a conflict of interest can participate in a vote on the matter and can be counted in the quorum: and

15.1.3 the decision to authorise a conflict of interest can impose such terms as the Committee think fit and is subject always to the committee's right to vary or terminate the authorisation.

- 15.2 If a conflict of interest has been authorised by the Committee in accordance with rule 15.1 then, even if the relevant Committee Member has been authorised to remain at the meeting by the other Committee Members, he or she may absent himself or herself from the meeting of the Committee at which anything relating to that conflict of interest will be discussed.

- 15.3 A Committee Member shall not be accountable to the Club for any benefit which he or she derives from a conflict of interest that has been authorised by the Committee in accordance with rule 15.1 (subject to any limits or conditions to which such approval was subject).

16 Register of Committee Members' Interests

- 16.1 The Committee Members shall maintain a register of Committee Members' interests. A Committee Member must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Club or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Club which has not previously been declared.

17 Records, Accounts, Subscriptions and Fees

- 17.1 The Committee must prepare and maintain financial accounts and where appropriate arrange for the auditing of the accounts and make the necessary submissions to the relevant authorities.

- 17.2 The Committee must keep proper records of:

17.2.1 all proceedings at general meetings;

17.2.2 all proceedings at meetings of the Committee (including a record of all unanimous or majority decisions taken by the Committee for at least ten years from the date of the decision recorded);

- 17.2.3 all reports of Committees; and
- 17.2.4 all professional advice obtained.

- 17.3 Accounting records relating to the Club must be made available for inspection by any Committee Member at any reasonable time.
- 17.4 Annual subscriptions are due on the 1st January each year.
- 17.5 Returning lapsed Members will be required to pay the current year's subscription and a re-joining fee which shall be set by the Committee for each calendar year.

18 Notices

- 18.1 Notices, documents, resolutions or information under these rules may be sent or supplied to Committee by hand or by post or by suitable electronic means.
- 18.2 Providing always that the Club comply with relevant data protection regulations and whatever other relevant regulations are in force, the Club may deliver a notice or other document to a member by:
 - 18.2.1 delivering it personally to the Member;
 - 18.2.2 post or hand delivery to the Member's address shown in the register of Members;
 - 18.2.3 electronic mail to an address notified by the Member in writing; or
 - 18.2.4 by means of a website in accordance with rules 18.3 and 18.4.
- 18.3 Notices, resolutions, documents or information may be sent or supplied to Members by means of a website provided that a member has consented to receive notices, resolutions, documents or information in that way.
- 18.4 Where any notice, resolution, document other information is to be sent or supplied by means of a website, a Member shall be notified in accordance with rules 18.2.1, 18.2.2 or 18.2.3 of:
 - 18.4.1 its presence on the website;
 - 18.4.2 the address of the website;
 - 18.4.3 the place on the website where it may be accessed; and
 - 18.4.4 how to access it.
- 18.5 Any notice, resolution, document or other information sent or supplied by means of a website shall be deemed to have been received by the Member when the notice, resolution, document or other information is first made available on the website or, if later, when the Member is deemed to have received the notification given under rule 20.4 in accordance with the relevant provisions of 18.6.
- 18.6 Subject to rule 18.5, any notice given in accordance with these rules is to be treated for all purposes as having been received:
 - 18.6.1 24 hours after being sent by electronic means or delivered by hand to the relevant address;
 - 18.6.2 two clear days after being sent by first class post to that address;
 - 18.6.3 three clear days after being sent by second class or overseas post to that address;

- 18.6.4 on being handed to the Member (or in the case of a member organisation its authorised representative) personally; or, if earlier
18.6.5 as soon as the Member acknowledges actual receipt.

- 18.7 A technical defect in the giving of notice of a meeting of which the Committee is unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at that meeting.

19 Indemnity

- 19.1 The Club may indemnify any Committee Member against any liability incurred by him or her against any liability properly incurred by him or her in that capacity.

20 Dissolution

- 20.1 If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed, an electronic and/or postal vote shall take place and the result to be reported to an EGM held not less than 6 weeks following the General Meeting. If the resolution is confirmed by a minimum of two thirds of the members the Committee shall thereupon or at some later date as shall be determined direct the Trustees in writing to release the assets of the Club.

- 20.2 If upon the dissolution of the Club there remains assets after provisions have been made to discharge all liabilities the remaining assets shall be divided equally between all members.

21 Club Insignia and Pennants

- 21.1 The protection of the copyright of the Club insignia is the responsibility of the Chairman and the Committee.
- 21.2 The Club insignia cannot be reproduced on any document, notice, item of clothing or any other item without the prior permission of the Club.
- 21.3 The Club Burgee may be flown from
- 21.3.1 the Club headquarters
 - 21.3.2 a boat in which a Member is fishing
- 21.4 A dark blue pennant shall be flown by the boat on a shark angling expedition.
- 21.5 A light blue pennant shall be flown by the boat between the Club Burgee and the dark blue pennant on the day for each shark of qualifying size which is caught and released.
- 21.6 A light blue pennant shall be flown by the boat underneath the dark blue pennant on the day for each shark of non-qualifying size which is caught and released.

ANGLING RULES

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The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain

Interpretation

IGFA: International Game Fishing Association

Rubby-dubby: a mixture of chopped up fish derivatives used as an attractant. Bran may be added to the mixture to act as a carrying agent.

Foul Hooking: where the hook is attached to any other part of the shark other than in the mouth, including where the point of the hook has entered the mouth from the outside of the month and not from the inside of the mouth.

Notable Shark: is a shark of 105 points or more. All notable sharks are accepted at the discretion of the committee

Double-handed Reel: a reel having handles on both sides.

Conservation

1. Wherever possible, all sharks must be released unharmed.
2. Wherever possible, sharks brought aboard a boat should be returned to the water within two minutes.
3. Whilst on deck, the shark should be continuously doused with water to assist with controlling its temperature and protect its skin from drying out.
4. The use of a body gaff is prohibited.
5. The use of a knife, lance or spear and the shooting of a shark is forbidden, unless to help with tagging.
6. Shooting, either by rifle, harpoon, or harpoon gun, or other means of projecting a missile whether or not it is attached to a rod and line is forbidden.

General

1. A shark which has not been witnessed as caught and released in accordance with these rules will be not recognised by the Club.
2. Rubby-dubby can be used as an attractant and may only consist of fish derivatives. Bran may be added.
3. Offering a bait to a shark whilst any part of the leader is held in the hand is prohibited.
4. A broken rod, including the butt, nullifies the catch.
5. Foul-hooking or the use of entangling devices nullifies the catch.

6. Details of sharks caught and released in accordance with these rules, if made available to the Club Secretary, will be recorded in the Club records.
7. Details of all Notable Sharks caught and released in accordance with these rules, if made available to the Club Secretary, will be recorded in the Club records.

IGFA

1. The Club has adopted the IGFA rules as the basis for the SACGB Angling Rules. Where a specific SACGB rule does not overwrite or is additional to an IGFA rule, then IGFA rules apply.
2. IGFA angling rules can be found on their website at www.igfa.org

Tackle

1. The angler shall only employ rod, reel and line and must bring the shark to the boat unaided.
2. Circle Hooks, only, are to be used as of the agreed proposition at the 2024 AGM.
3. The use of any mechanical or electrical driven device for the purposes of automatically winding line onto the reel, or any such device that eliminates the manual operation of the reel in whole, or in part, is strictly prohibited in competitions and also if the shark caught and released is intended to be used to qualify for membership or if to be used to make a trophy claim.
4. The use of a double-handed reel is prohibited.
5. Neither the reel, nor the line nor any part of the equipment may be secured to the boat or any part of it; the rod may be attached to a butt socket by means of a pin or other device. This rule does not disqualify the use of safety lines attached to rod or reel or to the angler or his or her equipment, providing such safety lines are slack and do not provide the angler with an unsporting advantage.
6. Changing a rod or reel, splicing the line or removal or addition thereto when playing the shark is prohibited.
7. The use of floats that are capable of exerting an appreciable effect on the fighting power of the shark are prohibited.
8. The use of artificial lures is permissible only if not more than one single hook is attached to the lure. In this case, a photograph of the fish, lure and rod and reel must accompany the claim. The use of lures carrying ganger hooks is not permitted.
9. Metal lines, including metal core lines, are prohibited.
10. The use of a leader or trace is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications. The length of the leader is the overall length, including any lure, hook arrangement, or other device. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material strength of the leader.
In all classes up to and including 10kg (20lb), the leader shall be limited to 4.57 metres (15 feet). The combined length of double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1 metres (20 feet).
The leader in all classes of tackle over 10kg (20lb) shall be limited to 9.14metres (30 feet). The combined length of double line and leader shall be limited to 12.19metres (40 feet).

Playing the Shark

1. No person shall hand-line the shark at any time. The exception to this is where another person may take hold of the trace or leader once it is within reach to assist with bringing the shark on board or to the side of the boat if being unhooked in the water.
2. Resting the rod on the gunwale or any part of the boat while playing a fish is prohibited.
3. The skipper may assist the movement of the rod and line past fixed gantries on the boat where appropriate.
4. Beaching or driving into shallow water in order to deprive the shark of its ability to swim is prohibited.

Rules Applying to Records Claims

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In addition to the Angling Rules the following should be followed if there is an intention to make a record claim;

Governing Bodies

1. The SACGB is the awarding body for all British Measured and Released Records. Any member wishing to claim a British Measured and Released Record must apply to the secretary of the SACGB within fourteen days of catching the shark

1.1 To claim a British Measured and Released Record the shark must be caught and released in accordance with the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain Angling Rules.

British Measured and Released Record

- 1 All claims for a British Measured and Released Record must be accompanied by the following:
 - (a) A clear photograph or video (preferred) of the shark, in profile, along with a measuring tape or other easily visible measuring device showing the length (tip of the nose to the fork of the tail).
 - (b) A clear photograph or video (preferred) of the shark showing the girth of the shark, around the body at the dorsal fin, but excluding the fin, along with a measuring tape or other easily visible measuring device showing the girth measurement.
 - (c) 27.69 Metres (30 yards) of line and 1 metre (3 ft) of trace and the hook used in the catch. Where double line is used, 4.62 metres (5 yards) from the double line must be included in the yardage. If less than 5 yards was doubled, the entire double line must be included in the yardage for catches in classes of less than 24kg (50lb test). Double this amount for catches in line classes 24kg (50lb) test or more. The sample must be in one piece.
 - (d) A fully completed SACGB British Measured and Released Record Claim Declaration form.

2. Measurements required

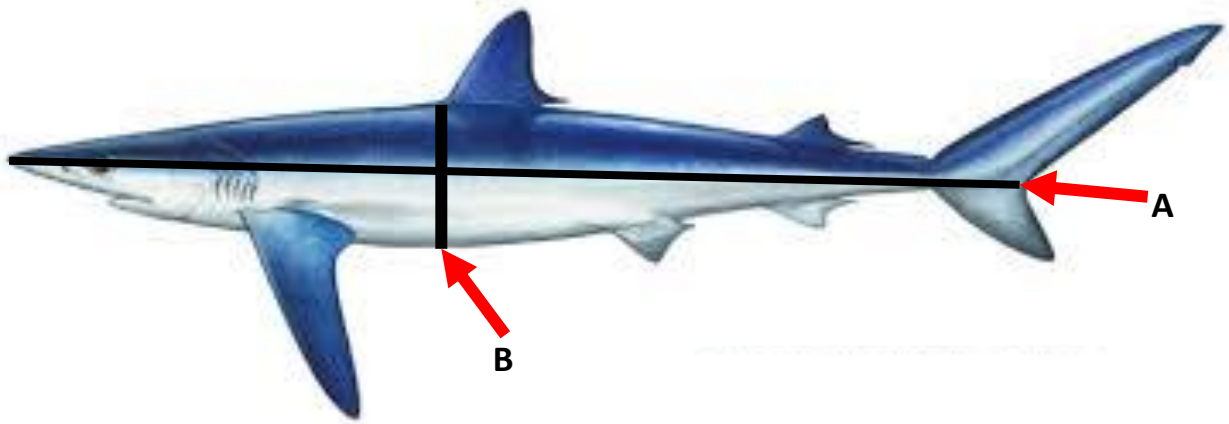
- a) Length from tip of nose to fork of tail (dimension A).

b) Girth, taken from around the body at the dorsal fin, but excluding the fin. (dimension B).

3. Tackle details required

- a) Details of the manufacturer, model and size of reel.
- b) Details of the manufacturer and quoted breaking strain of the line used.

Example of measurements to be taken:



A = Measurement from tip of nose to fork of tail

B = Measurement of Girth

Challenge Trophy, Club Records & Annual Festival Rules

Of

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Interpretation

1. **British Waters:** Means a boat operating from a British Port situated on any part of the coast of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and all those offshore islands from Shetland in the North and the Scillies and the Channel Islands in the south. The boat from which the shark is caught and released shall have been fishing at the time of the catch within the limits of the vessel, the skippers coding and licence and must both leave and return to a British Port.
2. **Limits:** the boat from which the shark is caught and released shall have been fishing within the limits of the vessel and the skippers coding and licence. Both must leave and return to a British Port
3. **Best Shark:** the best shark will always be the one whose points score is the greatest when expressed as a percentage of the points score of the British Record or the British Measured & Released Record, whichever is the greatest, for the particular species
4. **Points Score** – the points score of a shark is the length, nose to fork of tail, and the girth taken to the front of, but including the dorsal fin, added together. Both dimensions are measured in inches.

Species Record Points Scores (February 2019): Blue 150 points, Porbeagle 173 points, Thresher 123 points, Mako 165 points

Eligibility to Compete

1. Only fully paid up members (Full and Associate) of the Club can compete in competitions and for challenge trophies and other awards as may be available from time to time.
2. Associate members may submit a claim for challenge trophies and other awards provided the shark entered is of the qualifying size and the associate member shall join the club as a full member at the time the claim is made
3. Associate members may compete in the Annual Festival provided there is space available which no Full member wishes to take

Competition Season

1. The Trophy Season commences on the 1st October and ends on the 30th September each year

Trophies and Awards

1. The list of Challenge Trophies and Club Records is available on the Club Website and in the Club Rule Book
2. Unless otherwise stated on the Clubs trophy listing, all Sharks must be caught and released within British Waters and within the Limits of the vessel and the skipper

Trophy Presentation & Return

1. Trophies and other awards will be presented at the Clubs Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation Evening.
2. Annual Festival trophies will be presented on the last day of the Festival
3. In view of the difficulties, delays and expense encountered in sending valuable challenge trophies to and from foreign countries through the respective customs etc, any trophy won by a competitor living broad shall be retained by the Club
4. Challenge trophies may not be sent through the post, or by public carrier so must be collected and returned to the club secretary or a committee member by the winner or a Club member
5. All challenge trophies awarded must be returned to the club at least one month prior to the next annual prize giving.

Trophy Terms

1. The minimum total points which may be entered for any one of the Clubs trophies, shall be 96 points, unless in certain circumstances a challenge trophy may be awarded by weight or species. This will be at the discretion of the committee.
2. All sharks must have been released in good condition back into the water
3. The best shark will always be the one whose points score is the greatest when expressed as a percentage of the points score of the British Record or the British Measured & Released Record, whichever is the greatest, for the particular species.
4. All trophy claims must be made on the Clubs Trophy Declaration Form within four weeks of the catch. All claims must be made by midnight on 30th September, whether via telephone, text or email and receipt acknowledged by the Secretary at the end of the season. This excludes the Iris Memorial Trophy which can be claimed up to midnight on 8th October for the current season.
5. The number of points is determined by combining the length of the shark, from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail, and the girth measurement. Both dimensions to be measured in inches. All trophy claims must be verified by a witness and must be accompanied by photographic evidence or signed by an independent witness or such other evidence that the Committee shall deem appropriate from time to time.