

Club Membership Policy

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**Cornish Pilot Gig
Association**

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Membership Policy is to support the Constitution and Code of Conduct of the Cornish Pilot Gig Association Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CPGA) and to ensure that existing Member clubs and new applicants seeking membership of the CPGA are treated fairly.

2. Full Membership

- 2.1. All full member clubs will own a traditional Cornish Pilot Gig (Gig).
- 2.2. A club wishing to apply for membership will fully own a Traditional Cornish Pilot Gig. A club not owning a Gig, who wish to become a member, may apply for membership in the same manner and if elected will be granted 'Affiliate Membership' status. Clubs granted 'Affiliate Member Status' will have 2 years from the date of their submission to the AGM in which to acquire a Gig or have a keel laid. If, after 2 years, they have not met this criteria their membership will be terminated. Such clubs are free to apply again 2 years after their termination of membership
- 2.3. Clubs applying for membership will complete the appropriate membership form and submit it to the CPGA secretary by the required date in time for the AGM, complete with the following:
 - Nominations and support letters from 2 full member CPGA clubs in their immediate area *
 - A signed copy of their latest constitution.
 - Copies of the last 2 committee meetings.
 - (** prospective clubs that do not have immediate supporting clubs in their area shall write to the CPGA to ask for assistance in supporting their membership*). Individuals or Organisations applying for membership shall apply to the Secretary for membership, carrying letters of support from 2 nominating persons from 2 Full members clubs.
- 2.4. Applications for membership received by the CPGA (item 2.3) will be circulated to the membership prior to the AGM, complete with the following information:
 - Letters of support from nominating and seconding clubs
 - Constitution
 - Application cover letter if applicable
 - Recommendation of the Committee
- 2.5. Election will be by a simple majority of those present on the day
- 2.6. The Membership year shall run from 1 January to 31 December each year.
- 2.7. The CPGA may have different classes of membership as follows:

Class of Membership	Notes
Full Member Club	Full voting member, owns a traditional wooden Cornish Pilot Gig (Gig). Full member clubs that no longer own a Gig will revert to Affiliate Member status. Leased boats are not considered as fully owned
Affiliate Member Club	Non voting member, with plans to acquire a Gig or have a keel laid within 2 years
Associate Member Club Individual or corporate	Non voting member
Life Member	Non voting member

- 2.8. Membership of the association shall be open to any person, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or ability, who completes a membership application form and pays the relevant subscriptions - Subject to 2.13 below.
- 2.9. The Secretary shall maintain a current membership list and regularly advise the Committee on membership numbers and trends. The Membership Secretary will also advise Committee Members on the membership status of any club that comes to their attention.
- 2.10. For services rendered the CPGA from time to time may appoint a person 'Life Member' ; this is an honorary position and as such carries not voting rights.
- 2.11. Membership renewal subscriptions are due on 1 January each year and must be paid in full before 31 January.
- 2.12. Any member club may resign by giving one month notice in writing to the Membership Secretary. No refund of any Membership subscriptions already paid will be made, subject to 2.13.
- 2.13. Clubs or individuals who are in arrears of Membership subscriptions or have been expelled from, or refused membership of a CPGA affiliated club or British Rowing shall not be eligible for or admitted to membership.
- 2.14. All category member clubs and Individuals of the CPGA will carry sufficient insurance to cover their activities, including Marine and Public Liability as a minimum.
- 2.15. General information on insurance and membership will be supplied to the CPGA on an annual basis as requested.
- 2.16. The contact for the club gives permission for their name, address, phone number and email to be shared with all CPGA member clubs in due course. Please refer to the [GDPR Data Protection Privacy Notice](#).

3. Subscriptions

- 3.1. The Subscriptions for categories of Membership shall be proposed by the Committee and decided by the Annual General Meeting of the CPGA each year.
4. **Refusal of application for membership**
 - 4.1. If for reasons indicated in 2.13 above (or any other reason) the Secretary feels that admission of a new applicant is not in the interests of the Association then the application shall be referred to the general committee for a decision prior to the AGM.
 - 4.2. The Committee shall consider the application for Membership and the views of the Secretary. The Applicant may also make a written submission which will be considered by the Committee. If the Committee considers that the granting of membership to the person or club concerned would be detrimental to the aims and objectives of the Association; by virtue of conduct or character likely to bring the Association or sport of rowing into disrepute; negative effect on existing clubs or area, or for some other similar good cause; the Committee shall recommend refusal of membership.