



## **What It Means To Be A Member Of SESCA**

Dear Prospective Member

Thank you for expressing your interest in joining St Edmundsbury Sailing and Canoeing Association, known colloquially as 'SESCA'. Hopefully you have had a chance to visit the Club's site at Lackford Lake and received a briefing from one of the Members.

There are a few features of being a SESCA Member that should have been covered in such a briefing but are worth highlighting in this note. These are covered in more detail in SESCA's Constitution and Rules & Procedures documents but are summarised here.

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### **Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC)**

SESCA is best described as a community resource, where the on-water activities of the individual and family Members are supplemented by those of a diverse range of Groups, including the Sea Cadets, Scouts, schools and those with disabilities.

SESCA is a Community Amateur Sports Club, which means that it is formally recognised by the Government but is neither a company nor a charity. For the Members it brings a key responsibility: each named individual must participate in at least 9 activities each year, where an activity can be on-water, a duty, a social event or a visit to maintain equipment. Each visit must be recorded in the daily sign-in log so that the club can complete its annual statement for compliance with its CASC status.

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### **Annual Programme of Activities**

SESCA's Committee constructs and maintains a varied annual programme of events, that includes training, racing and social activities. You are encouraged to participate in these events because they are the essence of belonging to a Club, which goes beyond the individual activity of 'getting on the water'.

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### **Operated by Volunteers**

SESCA has no direct employees: from time to time we might engage a contractor for an individual project or training. This helps the Club to keep costs down and make the facility affordable and accessible.

But this means that we need Members to volunteer for a range of roles and duties:

- Your General Committee consists of 8 Members, with a number of other roles for irregular tasks such as scheduling the duties. From time to time, we need to identify new volunteers for the Committee to keep the Club operational.
- Every adult member will participate in one or more of the duties that currently include: Safety Boat Driver and Crew; Officer of the Day; Race Officer; Cleaning; and a Working Party
- Volunteers are the cornerstone of making our Club's events a success, such as:
  - The annual Open Day to promote the Club to the Community
  - The annual Regatta to promote the racing within the Club
  - The weekly Youth Sailing Group on Saturday mornings
  - Instructing for the dinghy and paddlesport training programmes

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Above all else, SESCA is your local sailing and paddlesport club, and we hope you can make the most of the opportunities it provides with your membership.

Norman Savigar, Commodore

Kathie Butcher, Honorary Membership Secretary