

House Rules

W.S.D.A The Seadragons

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Membership

1. The Seadragons activities are in principle only accessible for members of W.S.D.A. The Seadragons, with the exception off activities that have the function off introducing non-members or when the board decides differently. The board reserves the right to impose additional conditions on non-members.
2. Sport rights members
 - a. All members of The Seadragons should be in the possession of active sport rights, which can be obtained from Sports Centre de Bongerd (SCB).
 - b. If the SCB fines The Seadragons for a member without active sport rights, the fine will be automatically reclaimed from the member concerned.
3. The member contribution for the next year will be determined by the General Member Meeting (GMM)
4. A membership can be obtained for half a year or one whole year. The contributions for these can differ from each other.
5. The contribution must be paid within four weeks of the payment request. This is followed by a first and second reminder. Members on the membership list are requested to pay for new membership at each start of the new association year. If the contribution is not paid within two months after the payment request, the person in question will be removed from the membership list.

6. Cancellation of the membership is possible no later than one month after the membership has been automatically renewed. In case of later termination, the member must still pay the full membership, unless the board decides otherwise.

General Members Meeting

1. Decisions in a General Members Meeting can only be taken on proposals published a week in advance, the aim is to publish these proposals two weeks in advance. Proposals for amendments to the statutes of the association must be made known to the members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.
2. Each member has the right to submit a proposal to amend the rules of procedure.
3. Proposals must be adopted by a majority (half + 1) of the number of valid votes cast (abstention is not a valid vote). Two thirds of those entitled to vote must vote in favor of a proposal to amend the statutes, as stipulated in the statutes.

The Seadragons Activities

1. It is mandatory for anyone participating in a The Seadragons diving activity to be a member of The Seadragons or have a N.O.B insurance / dive-related insurance.
2. If a participant of an activity has not paid within 4 weeks after a payment request, he / she will be banned from participating in other activities until the payment requirement has been fulfilled.
3. During a The Seadragon activity, a person who is responsible for the organization of the activity must be present. This is referred to as the organizer. If this person is not present during the activity, the organizer must appoint other persons that bear responsibility over the activity.
4. The association The Seadragons cannot be held liable for damage to private property during a The Seadragons activity.
5. An unforeseen expense reserve for irreparable damage to Seadragon's property or private property has been made available for a Seadragon activity and other unforeseen expenses.
 - a. In the first instance, damage has to be compensated with the insurance of The Seadragons or the insurance of third parties.
 - b. Per claim an amount of up to a maximum of 500 euros is paid.
 - c. When there are multiple victims, the individual damage is divided in proportion to the total amount of claim that has been allocated from the reserve with respect to the other claimers.
 - d. If necessary, the reserve for unforeseen costs is supplemented with a maximum of 250 euros per year.
 - e. An allowance from this reservation should be viewed as a favor. The decision to pay out is only taken after approval by the board. Normal wear and tear of the material is taken into account.
6. Participants of a Seadragons activity can unsubscribe up to 7 days before the start of the activity. In case of late cancellations, participants must pay the predetermined costs themselves and if applicable the costs for reservations that cannot be cancelled anymore.
7. Due to external factors (bad weather, sick instructor, etc.) an activity can be cancelled at any time before departure. In this case, the participants will be informed and the reason given. If an activity is cancelled, the costs that The Seadragons has made for the activity will be divided among the participants.
8. Participants in an activity must adhere to the rules that apply in the area where they are located.

9. Taking or being under the influence of soft or hard drugs during a Seadragon activity is not permitted. If this is observed, the person in question will be immediately excluded from the activity and costs incurred will be recovered from him / her.
10. For diving activities it is mandatory to report medical conditions and / or the use of special medicines to the organizer. The organizer, in consultation with the board, reserves the right to exclude a person from a relevant activity if there is a reasonable likelihood that the safety of the participant in question, other participants of the activity or third parties will be compromised by the medical circumstances of the participant.

Membership Fee and Costs of Courses

1. Each member pays a club contribution. In addition, each member pays an annual contribution for a membership with the Dutch underwater sports association (NOB). All members of The Seadragons must also be in possession of valid student sports rights, which can be obtained from the University Sports Center 'de Bongerd' (SCB).
2. The training costs are determined annually by the General Members Meeting. The training costs are partly determined by the training costs of NOB.

Medical Examination

1. A dive medical clearance is required to become a member of The Seadragons and NOB. An inspection is valid for a maximum of 3 years.

Diving Rules

1. The guidelines of the NOB apply to all diving rules.

Swimming Pool Training

There is a weekly opportunity for swimming pool training, which is given in Optisport Swimming Pool Doelum in Renkum. The purpose of these training courses is to learn necessary skills to obtain a diving certificate (See section Open Water & Training). The training can also be used to keep practicing skills.

Open Water Dives and Courses

1. When the weather permits, regular outdoor dives will be organized on weekends or during weekdays.
2. The diving courses that the association offers to its members are:
 - 1*-license NOB (similar to: Open Water Diver)
 - 2*-license NOB (similar to: Advanced Open Water Diver)
 - 3*-license NOB (similar to: Dive Master)

These certificates are valid all over the world as NOB is affiliated with the international diving federation CMAS and the European diving federation EUF. In addition, there are also possibilities to train members to become instructors and to follow specializations that are provided by NOB.

Material

1. Association equipment is primarily intended for use by non-certified members during courses organized by The Seadragons. If material remains, other members may rent it during activities organized by the association. This must first be approved by the board. The board has the right to determine the rent fee.
2. The board keeps the right to stop the loan scheme at any time.
3. The association holds its members liable for damage caused to clubn materials, whether or not owned by the association, caused by intent, gross negligence or negligence.
4. The board manages and maintains diving equipment belonging to the association in such a way that the quality and quantity is guaranteed.

The Board

1. The board year coincides with the academic year of Wageningen University and Research. For each new academic year, a new board will be appointed, whether or not consisting of old board members. The board will consist of at least three members. A chairman, secretary and treasurer must be appointed within the board, a Vice-Chairman and Material Commissioner are optional. The functions of secretary and treasurer can also be filled by one person.
2. The Chairman...
Is responsible for the functioning of the board, the meetings of the board and the General Members Meeting. Sustains active contact with umbrella organizations such as SWU Thymos and NOB by attending meetings and other occasions.
3. The Secretary...
Is responsible for taking minutes during board and general member meetings. Manages the email account and other communications with (potential) members. Is responsible for the membership administration.
4. The Treasurer...
Responsible for the association's accounting. Is responsible for preparing the annual budget. Maintains contact with (potential) sponsors and donors.

Committees

1. In the future, committees will be set up for specific tasks. The board decides on the application of these committees.

NOB-membership

1. The association is affiliated with the Nederlandse Onderwatersport Bond (NOB) "Dutch underwater sport federation".
2. After payment of the contribution, members will also become a member of the NOB.