**STRATHCLYDE LOCH SAILING CLUB**

**STANDING POLICY ON ABANDONED BOATS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT**

**The SLSC Policy is based on the RYA guidance on Abandoned Boats and Equipment**

(**1) Where a member or former member, being the owner of any boat stored on club premises, has not paid the requisite storage fees for the season by 1st May in any year or when the storage fees are more that 2 months in arrears, then the club will consider this to be an Abandoned Boat which will be subject to the following SLSC standing policy.**

**SLSC reserves the right to:**

(a) Move the boat and any trailer and other associated equipment to another part of the club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the equipment, however caused;

(b) Give one month’s notice, in writing, of the Committee's intention to sell the boat, the trailer and any other equipment belonging to that member for a sum or sums deemed appropriate by the Committee, if the member does not remove the boat and equipment from the club premises.

(c) Where the boat, the trailer or other equipment is considered unsaleable by the Committee, dispose of such boat, trailer or other equipment in such manner as the Committee may think fit and treat the cost of doing so as a debt due by the member or former member;

**(2) The Committee may deal with an abandoned boat or unauthorized equipment on club premises when the owner cannot be traced as follows:**

(a) Move the equipment to any part of the club premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the equipment, however caused;

(b) SLSC will make reasonable efforts (whether by the club website or such other means as the Committee may determine) to trace the owner. If the owner remains untraced after three months, SLSC will treat the equipment as abandoned and report it to the Police in accordance with the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. If the Police subsequently offer the equipment back to SLSC, SLSC may (but need not) accept such equipment. In the event that such equipment is accepted from the Police, SLSC reserves the right, without giving further notice to any party, to use the equipment for club purposes and, after a period of one year, either to dispose of the equipment in such manner as the Committee sees fit or to retain it for club purposes (in which case it will become the property of SLSC);

(c) SLSC shall be under no obligation to obtain the best price, or any price, for any equipment disposed of. Any proceeds of disposal will be the property of SLSC, which shall not be required to account for such proceeds to the owner of the equipment;

(d) SLSC reserves the right to charge storage fees for the equipment until such time as the owner collects it.

**(3) The Committee shall be entitled to treat any of the following as abandoned equipment:**

(a) A boat, trailer or equipment located on club premises and not displaying any details of ownership or current proof of payment of storage fees;

(b) A boat, trailer or equipment that remains on club premises for more than one month after any date advised by the Committee by which boats, trailer or equipment must be removed to allow for maintenance works on club premises or for any other purpose. SLSC reserves the right to charge storage fees for the equipment until such time as the owner collects it.