

RVSC – MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR THE 2026 AGM: 1ST JAN 2025 TO 20TH OCTOBER 2026

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club manage our membership and payments using software supplied by Web Collect.

Web Collect allows a maximum number of members linked to RVSC of 300 before we incur additional costs, our insurers have a cap on the number of members within the Insurance Schedule of 249.

Once again, we have experienced a significant drop in the water level this year, however we still see enquiries both through the web site and via direct footfall at the Club as to what is available around water-based activities. We are continuing to see increased interest in Paddle Boarding, Kayaking and Wind Foiling, which makes us a more rounded and inclusive club, on the back of this trend, we have set aside an area of racking for Kayaks and will look at setting up a subscription for storage.

The electronic key fob system to the rear door has now been in use for a while and is proving worthwhile in managing safe access for those members who have kept up payment of their subscriptions, again, the feedback we have had has all been positive.

The Family Membership subscription was set up with favourable payment options to encourage family groups and children to join the Club.

In the interest of fairness and parity for all, we looked at the wording and implementation of the Family Subscription along with the pricing structure, the final increment of a three-year plan, as previously agreed, has been proposed.

MEMBERSHIPS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Total Membership Linked to RVSC:	200	241
Total Subscribed Membership:	181	192
Family Memberships:	88	103
Family Groups:	24	28
Adult Memberships:	54	47
Senior Memberships:	18	16
Student Memberships:	1	0
Junior Memberships:	3	6
Associate Memberships:	9	14
Honorary Memberships:	2	2
Life Memberships:	4	4
Affiliated Groups:	3	4

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New Memberships:	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Family Memberships:	11	35
Adult Memberships:	9	10
Senior Memberships:	1	1

Student Memberships:	1	0
Junior Memberships:	2	4
Associate Memberships:	2	5
Honorary Memberships:	0	0
Life Memberships:	0	0
Affiliated Groups:	0	1

THE LEGAL BIT....

In accordance with section 12 of the Constitution, membership fees become payable on the 1st January of the membership year. Any member wishing to resign their membership should advise the Membership Secretary of such by 1st December of the previous year otherwise they shall be liable for the full amount of the fees applicable. Similarly, Section 57 of the Constitution provides procedures for dealing with subsequent non-payment of fees.

Web Collect provides numerous and easy routes to apply and pay for membership.

As in previous years, the option to change to Monthly payment will only be open during January.

On the 1st of March, those members who have not resigned or renewed will be sent an email pointing out Constitution Rules 56 & 57, that subs were due on the 1 Jan and that any members who have not paid their subs by the 24 April will be subject to a vote of expulsion. At this point any members wishing to re-join will pay the appropriate joining fee in addition to the outstanding subscription fees.
