

# OCSG Membership Subscription Form

**Please read this page before completing the form on Page 2**

## Notice to New Members:

Before deciding to join the group, please read this page very carefully:-

**It is important that all New Members have understood the "Safety Policy and Participation Statement" detailed below**

### **How to fill in the form: (Please highlight any changes from last year)**

**Address:** Fill in your name(s) and postal address. Also please print your e-mail address **very clearly**, as it is used for most communications.

**Declarations:** Please read the 'OCSG Safety Policy and OCSG Participation Statement' below. **Each** adult who wishes to be a member must sign a declaration of responsibility for their own participation and safety. The OCSG carries third party liability insurance (provided by British Canoeing). This covers the group's and members' liability to third parties **while participating in group meets** and is based on the fact that our members are responsible persons. Therefore, members must take responsibility for themselves, their children and any guests that they may bring to meets, and remember their duty of care to others, both on and off the water.

**Circulate details?:** Please indicate whether or not you wish your details to be circulated in the membership list.

**Additional details:** If you have an OCSG sail number please put it here. If you are a member of British Canoeing, SCA, WCA or CANI, please include the name of the organisation, your membership number and the coding for any coaching scheme awards.

**Requirements:** Please complete the form whichever payment method you choose. Fill in the shaded boxes in the table. Cheques should be made payable to '**Open Canoe Sailing Group**'. Alternatively payment can be made by internet bank transfer, or other means of direct payment to:

The Co-operative Bank - Account name: Open Canoe Sailing Group, Sort Code: 089299,  
Account Number: 65357552 00, IBAN number: GB59 CPBK 0892 9965 3575 52, BIC: CPBK GB22

**Send your completed form and cheque (if applicable) to:**

**OCSG Membership Secretary, Daisy Bank Cottage, Brow Hill, Leek ST13 5EZ**

## **OCSG Safety Policy**

Canoe sailing is an adventure sport with inherent risks. The OCSG does not usually provide a safety boat or guided trips. The development of risk awareness and self-reliance is important. Though many experienced OCSG members sail on their own at times, most activities are undertaken with others.

Most sailing canoe mishaps can be avoided by sailing within your personal limits. Members should take responsibility for learning how to deal with incidents such as:-

- Capsize
- Falling overboard
- Losing control of their boat
- Medical emergencies

Strategies for dealing with this kind of mishap are likely to involve:-

- Wearing appropriate personal buoyancy and appropriate clothing
- Outfitting your boat with adequate side and end buoyancy, reefing, decks and outriggers as appropriate.
- Learning self-rescue techniques
- Receiving assistance from pre-arranged rescue partner/s
- Carrying emergency equipment and a reliable means of summoning assistance

The OCSG provides additional safety advice on their website: <http://www.ocs.org.uk>

Please report any untoward incidents to the event organiser/safety advisor or a member of the committee.

## **OCSG Participation Statement**

Canoe sailing is an "assumed risk" activity. That means that we assume (in the sense of expect) that there will be risks and we assume (in the sense of accept) those risks in what we do. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks, and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

## OCSG SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Please read the information on Page 1 carefully, before completing the form below.

**Postal Address** (please highlight any changes from last year)

<b>Post code:</b>
<b>Tel:</b>
<b>E-mail:</b>

↑ Please print very clearly ↑

**Declarations:**

I (print name)..... wish to join/renew membership of the OCSG.  
 I have read and understood the *OCSG Safety Policy and OCSG Participation Statement on Page 1*.  
 I understand the nature of canoe-sailing, with its risks and hazards. I will take responsibility for my own participation and safety at OCSG events, and for any guests or children I may bring to OCSG events

Signed:..... Date:.....

Additional details: eg. National Canoe Organisation membership Number, coaching qualifications, OCSG sail number
Age Range (please tick the appropriate box - this information is collected by British Canoeing for statistical purposes only) Under 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 to 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 19 to 45 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 45 <input type="checkbox"/>

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Please use a second form if there are more than two members at the same address.

**Circulate details:**

I wish the OCSG to circulate my/our details in the membership list etc. (Yes/No) .....

**Requirements** (complete *shaded boxes only*)

Item	Cost	Number required	Total
Membership	£10		£
Additional adult memberships at same address	£5		£
	Total		£

I enclose a cheque (payable to OCSG) for £..... dated ..... or  
 Payment by bank transfer on ..... (Please add a note to your internet bank transfer that includes "OCSG membership" and your name, if not obvious from the account name)

**Notice of Data Protection Act.** The Group holds on computer personal data relating to members. Any member who objects to the Group holding on computer, data personal to them, is asked to put their objection in writing to the Membership Secretary.