



# Lilongwe Sailing Club

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The Lilongwe Sailing Club is based at Kamuzu Dam II, some 35km South West of Lilongwe. From our club house, idyllically set amongst lush native vegetation on the reservoir shore, we offer our members and visitors a relaxing environment in which to enjoy our sailing and boating activities.



The sailing of dingies, surfboards and the promotion of sailing activities is the main purpose for the club. Members can make use of our boats at any time (excluding Wednesdays) and we all meet for our Club Sailing Day on the third Saturday of each month, this is a fun occasion with families and friends getting together for sailing, racing and a big braai lunch. We also offer beginners sailing courses and weekend sailing events on lake Malawi at Senga Bay.



We have a close and long relationship with the Lilongwe Water Board and are developing Kamuzu Dam II as a recreational area with focus on the environmental protection of the water catchment area and the development of ecotourism. The LSC already offers those who want a relaxing weekend away from Lilongwe, overnight accommodation at the Sailing Club Cottage and have attracted many birding enthusiasts that come to spot the numerous species of birds that inhabit the reservoir and its surroundings. The club has been growing from strength to strength and in addition to our normal sailing activities, are now planning to introduce such recreational pastimes as walking trails, mountain bike trails and meetings/workshop facilities.

The LSC has a strong membership with many keen followers drawn from all parts of the Malawian community. We have a regular email newsletter and a website ([www.lilongwesailing.com](http://www.lilongwesailing.com)) through which our members and friends keep abreast of our activities.



**History:**

The LSC, formerly the Salima Yacht Club, dates back to 1956. With the construction of the first Dam at Malingunde the Sailing Club sought to create a branch of the SYC at the Dam in order to provide a closer location to Lilongwe where they could sail. A plot of land was bought and a club house with boat sheds constructed. This sight is still marked on the Malawi Survey maps for Malingunde (surveyed during 1960s and 70s). When the second dam was completed in 1988 the SYC looked at moving the sailing club from Dam I

to Dam II, this was seen as providing more sailing space and it was feared that Dam I would loose much of its water during the dry season. With agreement from the LWB the SYC sold their property at Dam I, leased a plot of land from the LWB at Dam II and built the club house, boat sheds, workers quarters, toilets and race hut. At this time the name was changed from SYC to LSC. In 1998 the VSO agreed with the LWB to build a cottage on the LSC leased land in order to house the staff involved in the PROSCARPA project. The LSC took on ownership of the cottage when the project ended. In 1999 the water level of Dam II was raised, this was feared would pose a threat to the club facilities but in the event only the boat sheds needed moving. Today the club is vibrant and can look forward to a healthy future thanks to the dedication of its members and the continued support from the many Malawian benefactors who enjoy the sailing activities and ensure the club's future through considerable donations and sponsorship.



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