



# Royal Windermere Yacht Club

## BOAT PARK AND JETTIES POLICY EFFECTIVE FROM 05/11/2023

The boat park and jetties are managed by the Management Committee, but the day to day operations are overseen by the Honorary Operations Secretary. If any members have any queries or have any specific requirements please contact the Hon. Ops. Sec. ([opssec.rwyc@gmail.com](mailto:opssec.rwyc@gmail.com)).

Please contact the Hon. Ops. Sec. prior to bringing your boat to the Club. To avoid confusion and misunderstandings please resist discussing your requirements with other Club representatives.

Accepting a boat park space or jetty berth means members automatically consent to the Boat Park and Jetties Policy.

### A. General

1. The Club provides space on the boat park and jetties for Club members, to enable sailing on Lake Windermere for the following types of craft:-
  - cruisers/keelboats, Flying Fifteens, dinghies, tenders/RIBs;
  - canoes/paddleboards/windsurfers.
2. Boat park and jetty spaces are allocated to enable regular sailing on Lake Windermere.
3. Full members only will be offered boat park spaces, subject to availability.
4. All boat park and jetty space allocations are made on an annual basis.

- 5.** Owners of craft that are unused, or infrequently used, or in an unkempt condition may be contacted after the end of the sailing season and asked to remove their craft from the Club.
- 6.** There is no obligation on the Club to renew the allocation of a space for the following year.
- 7.** A space will be allocated, subject to availability, based on completed registration forms, but this does not give members the right to a specific boat park space, regardless of any reference on the invoice.
- 8.** A Boat Park and Jetties Plan will be prepared by the Club, following dialogue between Fleet Captains and the Hon. Ops. Sec. and placed on the noticeboard and website. This will be subject to amendment as required.
- 9.** The Club may move craft from a designated boat park space on the Plan to assist with the efficient parking and mooring of craft.
- 10.** The Club may offer temporary or part season space, subject to availability, where such a space has been vacated.
- 11.** The Management Committee reserved the right to board, move, moor or re berth any boat or vehicle for safety, security and good management of available space, this may include, under exceptional circumstances, using reasonable force.
- 12.** No commercial operation/ purposes are allowed from the Club without specific permission.
- 13.** Boats and trailers must not be left in the car park (this means not beyond the tractor shed).
- 14.** Cars must not be left anywhere in the boat park area or launch areas.
- 15.** Space allocations are displayed on the noticeboard adjacent to the club office.
- 16.** Jetties and beach launching areas are to be kept clear on club and open racing days.

The Club has two moorings just off the end of the jetties which can be used by open-decked boats only, to comply with bylaws.

## **B. Boat Park Season**

Boat periods are as follows:-

- 12 months 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Sailing Season 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Winter Storage 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> March

## **C. Winter Storage**

- 1.** Space will be made available on the car park for one row of boats along the hedge line.
- 2.** Members without a boat park or jetty space but seek winter storage must complete the on-line form.
- 3.** The Hon. Ops. Secretary will liaise with other club officers, fleet captains and volunteers, as considered necessary, before confirming a winter storage space. A space is only guaranteed if an invoice is issued and paid prior to 1<sup>st</sup> November in any year.
- 4.** It is not acceptable to arrive at the Club and expect to be provided with space, regardless of any arrangements made in previous years.
- 5.** Winter storage boats must be removed on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> March. There will be a fine imposed of £100 per week, or part thereof, for storage after 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## **D. Fees**

- 1.** Fees are calculated on an annual basis by the Hon. Treasurer who makes recommendations to the Management Committee.
- 2.** All types of craft at the Club will attract a fee regardless of whether or not they are kept on or under another boat in the boat park or on a boat on the jetty
- 3.** Annual fees and direct debits will be payable as indicated on the invoice. Fees will be payable for the full year and there will be no reimbursement for part of the year if your boat is removed from the Park before the 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- 4.** If fees are not paid by the due date then the Club may withdraw its offer of a space and reallocate the space to another member.
- 5.** Periodic checks will be made. If you have a craft at the Club that is not on the Boat Park Plan and/or you have not been invoiced for you should contact the Hon. Ops. Sec.
- 6.** The Management Committee reserves the right to dispose of or sell any boat or craft which is left at the Club following the resignation of a member where fees are 3 months in arrears.

## **E. Members' Responsibilities**

- 1.** You are required to register your boat with the Club by filling out an on-line form before the start of the sailing season. If you do not register your boat the Club may be unable to accommodate your wish for a boat park or jetty space.
- 2.** The Boat Park and Jetties Plan will be produced based on boat registrations and members should place their boat in the designated space shown on the Plan. Please note the Club may move your boat and/or make alterations to the Plan for operational reasons.
- 3.** Please do not bring your craft to the Club if it is not shown on the Boat Park and Jetties Plan. If it is not shown on the Plan it may be because the boat has not been registered.

- 4.** Please avoid using spaces that appear to be vacant as they may in fact be allocated, but the craft temporarily not at the Club.
- 5.** Please have a Club sticker on your craft or trailer with your surname on, in a position that can be easily seen, to assist with the management of the boat park.
- 6.** If the owner of a craft or trailer cannot be identified by either the Fleet Captain or the Hon. Operations Secretary the Club will make efforts to identify the owner, but if that is not successful, the Club reserves the right to sell the craft and/or trailer and/or remove it from Club premises.
- 7.** Owners must keep their boats and trailers in a good condition.
- 8.** Members cannot sell on or sub-let space on the boat park or jetties.
- 9.** There shall be no storage of fuel cans on the Club premises.
- 10.** You must have adequate insurance for your craft and evidence of this may be requested by the Hon. Operations Secretary.
- 11.** Owners of all boats will ensure that any third party contractor working on their boat will have their own third party liability insurance and indemnifies the Club as a result of them being on the premises.
- 12.** No owner or crew shall cause annoyance or nuisance by the use of noisy equipment, radios, engines or other machinery. The use of engines/motors will be kept to a minimum so as to keep pollution levels as low as possible.
- 13.** Owners and their crews must conduct themselves in a fit and appropriate manner at all times and must not bring the Club into disrepute.
- 14.** Owners of any type of craft anticipating selling or changing boats should discuss arrangements with the Hon. Ops. Sec.
- 15.** No boat may be brought to the Club without prior consent of the Hon. Ops. Sec.

## **F. Boat Park Priorities**

- 1.** The priority of space, allocated on an annual basis, is as follows:-
  - fleet racing craft
  - other sailing craft
  
- 2.** The maximum combined boat and trailer length is 11.3ft (6.6m) i.e. F15 + trailer, to ensure the launch corridors are not restricted. Exceptions may be considered at the discretion of the Hon. Operations Secretary on a year-by-year basis should a suitable space be available.
  
- 3.** RIB spaces will be allocated on an annual basis with a priority given to RIBs required to access fleet racing craft i.e. 17ft Windermere Class yachts and cruisers on moorings that participate in Club races.

## **G. Cruisers**

- 1.** Cruiser berths are for any boat up to a maximum of 25 feet (7.62 metres) in length.
  
- 2.** Jetty berths for cruisers will be allocated according to size and draught required and subject to availability. Please stick to the allocated berth.
  
- 3.** You may overnight on your cruiser but you cannot use the boat as your main residence.
  
- 4.** All cruisers berthed on the jetties must have suitable firefighting equipment on board.
  
- 5.** If you have a cruiser on the jetty, plus a tender, then the tender must be kept in a rib rack, in an allocated berth, or on the cruiser itself. There is an additional charge for such a tender.

## **H. RIBs/ Dory Trots/Tenders**

- 1.** RIBs should be placed in the allocated space as shown on the boat park plan.
- 2.** Space for RIBs in excess of 4m is very limited and restricted.
- 3.** Tenders should be placed in an allocated space and not stored on top or below other boats.

## **I. Canoes, paddleboards, windsurfers or similar craft**

- 1.** Canoes, paddleboards, windsurfers or similar craft, but not tenders, may be stored on or under boats, but there will be a charge for such craft.
- 2.** If this type of craft is stored at the Club for part of the year only the payment will pro rata, subject to a minimum charge of £25.

## **J. Jetties**

- 1.** Buoyancy aids must be worn on the jetties at all times.
- 2.** The dinghy launch area must be kept clear at all times, launching trollies must not be left in the water and any craft temporarily moored must not be left unattended.
- 3.** There should be no mooring in the dinghy launch area at any time.
- 4.** There shall be no mooring on the northern most jetty on race days (except in circumstances set out in 7.c) below). This jetty is used by Flying Fifteens on race days (usually Thursday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons). On none race days one side of this jetty can be used for mooring.
- 5.** Dory trots cannot accommodate any boat exceeding 4m in length.
- 6.** Visitors must only use the designated jetty as displayed.

7. Members/visitors can leave a boat on the designated jetty for a maximum of 48 hours (Monday 00:00 to Thursday 23:59) and for a maximum of 24 hours (Friday 00:00 to Sunday 23:59) with the following exceptions:-
  - a) by permission of the Hon. Operations Secretary (or his nominated representative);
  - b) a 17ft yacht when first launched for the season for the purpose of 'taking up';
  - c) a 17ft yacht in need of urgent repair; or
  - d) A problem that delays removal of the craft (noting that the Hon. Operations Secretary must be advised directly by the boat owner of the nature of the problem) outside the specified time limits.
  
8. Boats may not be berthed overnight on a Club jetty during the winter months without the permission of a Club officer because of the increased level of risk of damage to both the member's boat and to the Club jetties in winter conditions.

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