



## **GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF THE PLATFORM, PONTOONS & CRANES**

**From May 2005.**

**In order for the Members and the Club to achieve the best use of our facilities, Members are requested to comply with the following rules and guidelines.**

### **GENERAL:**

1. The day to day responsibility for the safe and efficient running of the platform, pontoons and cranes is that of our Senior Boatmen. It is his responsibility to ensure boats are parked and moored in an orderly fashion, services are maintained and charges levied.
2. **Safety is most important** and all using the facility must exercise care. Unaccompanied children are not permitted in the working areas or on the pontoons.
3. Tidiness and hygiene are important aspects for safety of all Members, Staff, Juniors, Visitors and users of the platform.
4. Persons carrying paint, petrol, diesel, batteries etc must exercise extreme caution. Food should not be left lying around and all litter etc disposed of in the bins provided. Glasses must not be removed from the appropriate area and animals are not permitted on any part of the Club's premises including the platform as per the Club's bye-laws.

### **SECURITY**

5. The platform gate will normally be kept locked and must not be left open unattended.
6. Members wishing to bring boats or equipment into or from the Club may have the gate opened by the Club Boatmen or Porter. Cars are only permitted onto the platform whilst delivering/collecting boats or equipment. **Unauthorised car parking on the platform is strictly prohibited and the Club reserves the right to clamp/tow vehicles left on the platform.**
7. Members are advised that there is a security risk in leaving a boat unattended on the pontoon overnight. The Club will not be responsible for breaches in security.

## **PARKING**

8. Members wishing to park their boat on the platform must firstly make application on the mooring/parking form and pay the appropriate fee. The Club Boatmen will then issue a sticker which should be placed on the vessel's transom. Boats should be located in the area designated by the Club Boatmen. Specific numbered parking spaces will not be allocated this current season but may be marked out for the following year. Temporary/short term platform parking must be agreed with the Club Boatmen for which an appropriate fee must be paid and sticker issued.
9. All Dinghies, ffifteen's, RiB's, 1720's etc parked on the platform must have a suitable trolley/trailer clearly marked with the boat's name. Those with air tyres must be fully inflated. After launching trolleys/trailers must be returned to the normal parking space. Parking stickers for these craft should be put on the trailer near the hitch.
10. Members and Juniors should regularly (at least weekly), check their boats for security of covers, loose sails and accumulated water which can cause damage to covers. In strong winds it may be necessary to tie-down boats and chock wheels. Boathouse staff have authority to move boats.
11. It is the responsibility of the Junior Section Senior Instructor to ensure dinghies used during the day are properly parked and the platform it tidied before they leave the premises.

## **PONTOONS**

12. The pontoons are to be used for securing boats for short periods only. Boats dry-sailing from the platform and Club launches/RiB's have priority on the inside pontoons. There will be a marked area for launches onto which no other vessel should berth. Fuelling alongside may be arranged at non-racing times. Boats may not remain overnight without the approval of the Club Boatman, unless arriving after service hours. The rate for berths longer than the permitted time will be posted with other miscellaneous charges in the Boathouse office.
13. On race days boats collecting crew are encouraged to "stand off" and to avoid mooring up to the pontoon.

## CRANES

14. The Crane & Hoist will only be operated by approved personnel as listed in the Boathouse Office. Skippers of boats dry-sailing are encouraged to seek instruction in the use of the hoist and be included in the list of approved personnel. There will be no crane service on **Mondays** other than the hoist for dry-sailing boats by appointment.
15. Boats dry-sailing and requiring launching must advise the Boathouse Office on the morning of racing days before 11 a.m. during the week and on Friday for the weekend. Crew will be expected to assist with boat & trailer moving and attending to their boat on lift-out.
16. Boats dry-sailing must have fully serviced trailers with working brakes and inflated tires.
17. Members wishing to use the crane service must provide **ALL necessary, suitable experience people to assist in the lift out**. Boathouse staff may assist but only if available from other normal duties. Use of Boathouse staff other than the crane operator should be avoided as this prevents other essential boathouse services being attended to, e.g. launch service.
18. By arrangement in advance, Members may have their boat lifted and cleaned by Boathouse staff, in their absence, at an extra charge. The time of this service to be decided by the Club Boatman. The cost of this service to be paid in advance.
19. The hire of the crane includes the use of the power washer for a **maximum** period of one hour. Members wishing to leave their boat out of the water for a longer period, must first seek prior approval from the Club Boatman and the boat may require the support of a cradle. Members may use the Club cradle at a charge or their own trailer. Trailers brought onto the platform for a temporary lift out must be removed from the platform immediately after the boat has been launched. Boats may only remain on the crane if the crane is not otherwise required and with prior approval of the Club Boatman.
20. **It is a condition of lifting that the owner accepts responsibility for the safety of their boat. No responsibility will be accepted by the Club.**
21. After the use of the crane, Members will be issued with an invoice which should be paid **at that time**, in the bar.
22. Tradesmen & Sub-contractors: Owners should notify the Boathouse of persons contracted to work on members boats on the premises. Vehicles will only be allowed on the platform at the discretion of the Club Boatman and permission must be sought on each occasion. Permission will not be given for vehicle access at the weekends.

## ANCILLARY SERVICES

23. **Mast crane** may be used by members without attendance of the Boathouse staff at no charge, however members should consult with the Club Boatman to ensure the Gut has not been reserved at that time.
24. **Diesel** fuel only will be provided by Boathouse staff. Members will be issued with an invoice for the diesel drawn at that time. This invoice should be paid immediately in the bar.
25. **Water hoses** must be returned coiled and tap turned off when finished.
26. Under no circumstances should hoses be cut or removed from taps.
27. **Electricity** is provided for short term use only by arrangement with the Club Boatman and while the owner or representative is in attendance. Use for power for a long period during Winter storage must be requested with the Winter parking form and will be metered and charged.
28. **The Winch** on the slip is provided to assist with the recovery of dinghies, *flying fifteens* and Mermaids. This facility may only be used by operators who have been approved by the Club Boatman. The Club will not accept responsibility for damage to boats, trailers or personal injury involved with the use of the winch.

**Phone** number of the Boathouse is 284 1483. If left ringing for a time there is an answer-phone.

**V.H.F.** communication on listening watch **37**.

<b>PERSONNEL:</b>	Senior Boatmen	Justin Butler
	Boatmen	Tony Catoire Eoin Nathan Burke

Also Cadet Members during Summer Season

Suggestions on the use of the new facilities are welcome and are requested in writing for consideration by the Boathouse Sub-Committee.

Boathouse Hours & Charges are posted in Lower Hall.

Paul Barrington  
Boathouse Captain

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