

# BROADWATER SAILING CLUB - BYE-LAWS

As amended at the 39<sup>th</sup> AGM dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011

## 1. BUOYANCY AIDS

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn as follows:

- (a) By all sailors under the age of fourteen at all times while afloat or in close proximity of the water;
- (b) By all sailors between the 1<sup>st</sup> November and 30<sup>th</sup> April each year at all times while afloat;
- (c) By all members using any Club safety boat at all times while afloat.

Note: The wearing of adequate buoyancy by all members at all times while afloat is strongly recommended and it is emphasised that in common with most gravel pits Broadwater Lake has a very uneven bottom and in places is very deep, the shallow shore very soft and slippery and all shore edges drop away steeply into the lake. Additionally in some years thick weed grows to the surface of the water in a number of areas of the lake.

## 2. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

In the interests of safety Members are reminded of the risk of hypothermia especially in the winter months. Appropriate clothing shall be worn by all those afloat and the wearing of an adequate wet or dry suit during the winter months (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> November to the 30<sup>th</sup> April of each year) is very strongly recommended.

3. Every boat shall have sufficient positive buoyancy, adequately secured (bags or cases etc) so as to be able to support itself and crew when submerged. Buoyancy tests on all dinghies shall be carried out as required by the Committee.
4. Boats on the water shall observe the INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISION AT SEA. See sheet on sailing rules.
5. Boats, cars and trailers must be confined to the area allocated to the club by our planning permission from Hillingdon Council and Lafarge Aggregates Ltd, i.e. the car park and the gated area of the Club, and must not at ANY time obstruct the roadway around the lake.
6. Members, their guests and children MUST keep clear of any property not belonging to or forming part of the club.
7. Members, their guests and children MUST NOT land on the islands or the banks of the lake other than the property belonging to the club as this is prohibited by our planning permission to sail from Hillingdon Council and Lafarge Aggregates Ltd.
8. Boats may not approach within ninety feet of the lake shore other than the shore of the property belonging to the club.
9. Sailing before sunrise or later than half an hour before sunset is prohibited.
10. Fishing by members of Broadwater Sailing Club is prohibited.
11. Swimming by members of Broadwater Sailing Club is prohibited except in emergencies. Members shall not allow their children to swim in or paddle in the water and once again are warned of the depth of the water and the steeply shelving shore edges.
12. No dogs are allowed within any part of the Club property.
13. Club Members are not permitted to use any type of boat other than sailing dinghies and shall not use any mechanically propelled boat other than the official club boats.
14. The launching ramps must be kept clear except when launching and recovering boats.
15. Boats or trailers must not be left at the Club except on a properly allocated berth in the dinghy park Road trailers left at the club shall be immobilised either by removal of the tow hitch or by removal of one road wheel. A single road trailer which is empty, registered and labelled as directed by the Membership Secretary may, subject to availability and on request to the Membership Secretary, be

allocated a berth without additional berthing fees. The berth must be regularly and tidily maintained by the member concerned, failing which the facility will be withdrawn. After reasonable notice of such withdrawal the member shall forthwith remove the road trailer from the boat park. Any road trailer not so removed after such notice and any other trailer left in the boat park without such an allocated berth, will, after a further three months period of grace be disposed of without compensation to its owner.

16. All boats left on a berth in the dinghy park shall be satisfactorily secured and no anchor plates shall protrude above ground level. If in the opinion of the Committee a boat is not adequately secured the Committee shall be entitled to move that boat to any other part of the premises without being liable for any loss of or damage to the boat howsoever caused.

17. **SPEED LIMIT**

Perhaps the most expensive item of maintenance in the whole Club is the maintenance of the roadway. For this reason it is imperative that a strict speed limit of 15 mph is observed along the roadway and all members are requested to bear in mind the wear and tear caused by any breach of the 15 mph limit and this limit must, therefore, be observed.

18. **YELLOW ROAD BARRIER**

The yellow road barrier must be kept locked at all times. Members must lock the barrier behind them when entering and leaving the Club.

19. Boats may not use the water south of the **WHITE BUOYED LINE, PLEASE REFER TO THE MAP IN THE CLUBHOUSE**. This limit is part of the planning permission from Hillingdon Council.

20. Members **MUST** act as Duty Officer when requested by the Committee.

21. In the case of joint ownership of boats, one member will be deemed to be responsible for its insurance and conduct on club premises.

22. Members **MUST** only enter and exit Broadwater via the entrance at Moorhall Road (opposite the Horse and Barge Pub) **NOT VIA BLACKJACKS HILL**.

23. From the end of January 1996 no member shall bring to the club any catamaran other than those already berthed at the club nor shall any catamaran be sailed on the lake other than those already berthed at the club as of the end of January 1996.

24. If at any time berth fees payable to the club by any member or former member shall be one month or more in arrears:

- a) The Committee shall be entitled to move the boat to any other part of the premises without being liable for any loss of or damage to the boat howsoever caused.
- b) The Committee shall be entitled upon giving one month's notice in writing to the member or former member, at his last known address shown in the register of members, to sell the boat and to deduct any monies due to the club (whether by way of arrears of subscription or berth fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.
- c) Alternatively any boat which in the opinion of the Committee cannot be sold may, upon such notice as aforesaid, be disposed of in any manner the Committee may think fit and the expenses recovered from the member or former member. Any arrears as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a debt owing to the club by the member or former member.

Further the Club shall, at all times, have a lien over Members' or former Members' boats parked on the Club's premises in respect of all monies due to the club, whether in respect of arrears or berth fees or subscriptions or otherwise.

25. Smoking is not permitted inside the clubhouse.

26. Non members are not permitted to operate or be carried in any boat owned by the Club.