

BROADWATER SAILING CLUB - BYE-LAWS

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1. BUOYANCY AIDS

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all members and guests whilst afloat or on the pontoons. Members and guests under the age of fourteen must wear adequate personal buoyancy whilst afloat, or near the water.

Note: Adequate buoyancy must be worn by all members and guests whilst afloat 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 several areas of the lake.

2. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

In the interests of safety, Members are reminded of the risk of cold-water shock and hypothermia. 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. 1st November to the 30th 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 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.
8. Boats may not approach within 20 meters (approx 65 feet) of the lake shore other than the shore of property belonging to the Club. Due consideration must be given to fisherman with rods/lines in the water.
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. Dogs must be kept under control and on leads. Dogs are not permitted in the club house.
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 road trailers must not be left at the Club except on a properly allocated berth for which an annual fee has been paid. The berth must be regularly and tidily maintained by the member concerned, failing which the berth facility may be withdrawn. After reasonable notice of such withdrawal the member shall immediately vacate the berth. Any boat or road trailer not so removed after such notice and any other boat or trailer left in the boat park without such an allocated berth, will, after approval by the main committee 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 perform club duties when assigned 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).
23. Only mono hulled dinghies with a centreboard or daggerboard and a PYN greater than 940 and less than 16 feet in length are allowed at Broadwater SC. Any exceptions only after Main Committee review and approval.
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 their 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) 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. All guests & visitors on each visit, must be signed in as temporary members in the Temporary Membership book kept in the clubhouse and be accompanied by a club member. Non-members are not permitted to use powered boats.

Any guests or visitors signed in more than 3 times in any calendar year shall be asked to take up a club membership.