



Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA)

Regulations and Guidance for Use of WPNSA Facilities

For the safety and consideration of all members and visitors to the WPNSA we respectfully request that all users of the WPNSA comply with the following regulations. Members are reminded of their responsibility for the conduct of all persons accompanying them and must ensure that those persons also comply with the rules and regulations of the site.

1 General Safety

- WPNSA does not provide on water safety cover, other than for organised events. When going afloat you must ensure that you have adequate experience for the conditions, have sufficient safety equipment and are carrying a means of communication. The following contact details may be useful for you to carry:
WPNSA TEL: 01305 866000
PORTLAND PORT TEL: 01305 824044 - VHF Ch 74
HM COAST GUARD TEL: 999 - VHF Ch 16
- Please be aware that parts of this site are a working boat yard and ensure that you exercise caution when moving around the site.
- Children under 10 are only permitted on the premises if accompanied **at all times** by an adult. Please remember that you are responsible for all children you bring onto the WPNSA site.
- Skateboards or similar are not to be used anywhere on site.
- We strongly recommend that an appropriate buoyancy aid or lifejacket is worn at all times when afloat or if your activity takes you near the water.
- All users of WPNSA facilities must comply with any reasonable request or instruction from WPNSA Management or Staff.

2 Boat storage

- For security we recommend dinghy road trailers should be removed from the site.
- Where members wish to store their boats on road trailers we would advise that wheel locks are used and a copy of the key left at reception.
- All boats being stored on site must display a storage sticker- all members will be sent one of these, and temporary passes can be collected from reception. Any boat without a sticker may be impounded whilst attempts are made to locate the owner.

3 Parking

- All vehicles must be parked in the official parking areas. The dinghy park, access roads and area adjacent to the pontoons must be left clear from vehicles at all times. Vehicles and trailers used to launch must be removed from the deep water slipway area to a car park area, immediately after launching, to maintain access for others.
- Please do not park along the edge of the access road to the deep-water slipway. The road must be kept clear for Portland Marina and Sunseeker boat lifting plant and machinery to access their docks 24hrs a day.

4 Slipways and Launching

- The shallow slipways inside the dinghy park are only to be used by boats with launching trolleys. Using a vehicle and tow bar to launch any boat, is prohibited from these slipways. Any boat requiring to be launched in this way should be taken to the deep water slipway.
- The deep water slipway is only to be used by boats with road trailers (i.e. no launching trolleys). **Your attention is drawn to the approach road to and area around this slipway. Access to this area is shared by other operators of large boat moving plant and equipment and persons under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please restrict your access to the WPNSA side of the area at the top of the slipway. WPNSA & Portland Marina staff will direct you away from any area designated not for public access, unless accompanied by a member of Portland Marina staff.**
- PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SLIPWAYS CAN BE EXTREMELY SLIPPERY. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU TAKE CARE WHEN USING THEM, PARTICULARLY AT LOW WATER WHERE LOWER LEVELS OF SLIPWAY MAY BE EXPOSED.

5 Pontoons

- Mooring Holder Members (i.e. RNSA or Quest) should make a prior arrangement with the WPNSA to use the pontoons.
- Boats should not be moored overnight without obtaining a permit from WPNSA reception.
- Boats must not be left unattended on the pontoons immediately adjacent to the deep water slipway. This area is to be kept clear for boats that are being launched or recovered.
- No skateboards, scooters, bicycles or roller blades are permitted on the pontoons.
- Please do not moor across the emergency ladders provided at various points on the pontoon.
- **We strongly recommend that Children under 16 wear buoyancy aids on the pontoons.**

6 Security

- For your own interest and safety, the site is secured by electronic gates and barriers. Please always ensure that all gates close behind you and do not give entry codes or pass cards to other persons. If you are visiting the site outside of normal operating hours, please ensure that you have your membership card with you as security patrols operate and you may be asked for identification.
- We would be grateful if members who observe any person acting suspiciously on the WPNSA premises could immediately report those persons to reception or a member of the WPNSA staff.
- Valuable items should not be left unattended at anytime and should not be stored on boats.
- Personal items should not be left in the changing rooms. Kit left overnight may be removed as this causes inconvenience to other users and encourages thieves.
- Lockers are available for **daily use only** on payment of a refundable key deposit. Lost locker keys will be charged at £20. Items left at the WPNSA will be kept for one month, and if not claimed within that time will be disposed of. Claimed lost property can be posted to the owners on receipt of the price of the postage plus a £5 admin fee.
- We recommend that all loose items of equipment stored on boats are clearly marked wherever possible. This will deter theft and facilitate the return of lost or recovered stolen items.

7 Maintenance

- Please take care when undertaking maintenance. Members should not remove or relocate any supports from under their boats when stored ashore. Please ask a member of WPNSA staff to assist.
- The disposal of hazardous waste is the responsibility of the boat owner and must be removed from the site.
- Pressure washing of anti-fouled boats must only be carried out over the dedicated 'wash down area' near the top of the deep water slipway.
- Contractors brought in to carry out work on boats at WPNSA must report to reception to obtain a permit to come on site prior to gaining access.

8 Liability / Insurance

- WPNSA will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to any property, craft or vehicle whilst on the premises, howsoever caused. All boats and vehicles using the premises must have 'Third Party Liability Insurance' of at least £2,000,000, and evidence must be available on request.

9 Environmental

- Please remember that the shallow waters in the western and northern parts of the harbour are "out of bounds" during November to March each year. A map of this area is shown on the Notice Board or please ask at reception for further information. At all times please avoid disturbing groups of birds on the water.
- No litter or waste material (including food waste) should be thrown overboard. All rubbish should be brought ashore and disposed of appropriately.
- Waste left on the site can be blown into the water presenting a hazard to marine life so please ensure that all rubbish is placed in an appropriate bin or recycling receptacle.
- The refuelling of boats when afloat is **strictly prohibited** except when at a recognised fuel berth or in an emergency. Removable fuel tanks should only be filled ashore in the bunded area. Boats with fixed fuel tanks should be fuelled at a recognised fuel berth or, depending on the type of vessel, taken to a fuel station ashore where appropriate to do so.
- All vessels powered by outboard engines must carry a spill kit. Absorbents and other materials used to clean up spills will be classified as hazardous waste and should be disposed of appropriately.
- Dogs are permitted on site but must be kept on a lead and any mess must be cleared away immediately.