

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. We would like to specifically draw your attention to the regulations in bold.

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 16 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.
- **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 the slipway maybe exposed.**

2 Parking

- **All vehicles must be parked in the official car parking areas. The dinghy park, windsurf area, access roads and area adjacent to the pontoons must always be left clear from vehicles. Should vehicular access be required prior agreement must be sought from reception or WPNSA staff.**
- Vehicles and trailers used to launch from the deep-water slipway must be moved to the car park, immediately after launching, to maintain access for others.
- Please do not park on the red bricks either side of the deep-water slipway access road. Access must be kept clear allowing Portland Marina and Sunseeker boat lift plant access to their respective docks 24hrs a day.

3 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 always be accompanied by an adult. 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.**
- **Access to the deep-water slip way is restricted outside of daylight hours, access outside of these times would need to be pre-arranged with the Portland Marina.**
- There is no Kitesurf launching from WPNSA Site.

4 Pontoons

- Day Members should moor in the temporary berthing area set aside for short term visits to the WPNSA.
- 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.**

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5 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 to other persons
- 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.

6 Boat Storage

- For members with long term storage, we recommend that dinghy road trailers are removed from site.
- Where Members wish to store their boats on road trailers, we would advise that wheel locks are used, and a spare key left at reception.
- All boats and trailers stored on site **MUST** display a current storage sticker, whether annual or temporary. Any boat or trailer stored on site may be impounded.
- All kit **MUST** be stored within the boat or trailer. Any kit left out may be impounded.
- Yachts **MUST** remove any externally furled sails prior to setting down ashore, i.e. Jibs & Genoas. No sail may be hoisted whilst the vessel is ashore.
- Climbing of rigging is strictly **prohibited** whilst a vessel is ashore.

7 Maintenance

- Please take care when undertaking maintenance. The use of ladders, scaffolds or other 'Working at height equipment' is at the owner's risk.
- Customers with boats in cradles or blocks and boxes **MUST NOT** remove or relocate supports from under a vessel whilst ashore.
- **It is prohibited to dispose of bulky items and hazardous waste (such as oils, fuels and antifoul) in our bins. It is the responsibility of the owner to remove these from site**
- Pressure washing of anti-fouled boats may only be carried out at the dedicated 'wash down area' by the R3 hard store.
- Contractors brought in to work on vessels must report to WPNSA Reception prior to entering site. This is the responsibility of the owner.

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 £3,000,000, 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 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.