



## CLUB RULES OF THE WESTBERE FROSTBITE SAILING ASSOCIATION

### Section A: Sailing rules and advice

1.	The Officers and Committee of the Westbere Frostbite Sailing Association do not accept any liability for loss of life or property, personal injury or damage to property however caused. All persons take part in the activities entirely at their own risk.
2.	Whenever afloat, members are advised to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times.
3.	It is each member's personal responsibility to ensure insurance that includes full third party liability is always in force for each boat they sail or keep at Westbere.
4.	Boats should have sufficient buoyancy so that they remain afloat if capsized.
5.	A paddle should be carried in the boat unless the safety boat is on duty.
6.	Sailing is not permitted in the out of bounds areas on the south side of the lake. Nor is it permitted before sunrise or later than one hour after sunset.
7.	Landing is not permitted on any shore other than the jetty area, except in case of emergency.
8.	Power boats (except safety/rescue boats, which may also be rowed for the purposes of maintenance), windsurfers, canoes, and rowing-only boats are not permitted on the lake.
9.	Road trailers may not be stored anywhere on site as they occupy space and present a security risk. The Association may remove and dispose of any trailer left on site without notice and in a manner decided by the Committee.
10.	Sailing alone on the lake is not advised for safety reasons.
11.	During winter months it is strongly advised to wear wet or dry suits when afloat.
12.	As the water may periodically be contaminated (e.g. leptospirosis, blue/green algae) it is strongly advised to avoid ingestion. Broken skin should be covered with a waterproof dressing. If flu-like symptoms develop seek medical attention.

### Section B: Dinghy Compound Rules

1.	No boat shall be parked in the compound unless it displays a current permit (sticker) in an easily visible position on the outside of the transom. Unauthorised boats may be removed by the committee according to the rules in section D below.
2.	Boat parking permits will be issued by the Hon Membership Secretary on payment of the appropriate membership subscription and parking fee. Honorary Life members may park one boat free and receive a parking permit for this.
3.	Tie-down anchor points must not be installed in the ground.
4.	Should a member wish to secure a boat or its trolley to the fencing using padlock and chain, they must obtain the approval of the Hon. Membership Secretary as to the specific arrangement and location used.
5.	The gates of the compound and the door of the clubhouse are to be unlocked for access only and must be kept locked at all other times. They must be locked when sailing is in progress and there are no members or guests present in the clubhouse area.
6.	The Association shall be under no liability whatsoever to any member in respect of loss or damage to any boat, associated equipment or personal belongings left anywhere on site. This also applies throughout all procedures for the removal of unauthorised boats (see section C below).
7.	The access ways within the compound should be kept as clear as possible. The Association will maintain the access ways, but members are responsible for keeping the area under and around their boats free of litter, leaves, and weeds.
8.	Members may not relocate boats in the compound. The committee reserves the right to move boats within the compound without prior notice.
9.	Members may be supplied with a set of access keys on request to the Hon Membership Secretary. These remain the property of the Association. When the set is issued, a refundable deposit will be charged as determined by the committee. Any member supplied with a set of access keys must sign an agreement that: (a) they undertake to use their access to the premises in a responsible manner (b) they undertake to return the keys to the Association immediately on relinquishing their membership.

### Section C: Procedure for the removal of unauthorised boats

1.	An unauthorised boat is one which is parked in the dinghy compound and for which a parking fee is due but has not been paid for the current membership year. The committee shall determine when an unauthorised boat should be treated according to the rules below.
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2.	<p>(a) Where the owner of an unauthorised boat is identified and their address known, a notice will be sent to the owner requesting that they EITHER</p> <p>(i) pays all outstanding membership fees and boat parking fees (including those for any previous years since being fully paid up), and fixes the permit on the boat, OR</p> <p>(ii) removes the boat from the compound.</p> <p>The time limit for the owner to comply with the request is one month from the date of issue of the notice.</p> <p>(b) If the owner does not acknowledge receipt of the notice a copy will be sent by special delivery or delivered at the owner's last known address.</p> <p>(c) If the owner has not complied with the request satisfactorily by end of the one month period, a further notice will be sent to the owner with proof of delivery, such as special delivery. This notice will inform the owner that after two months from the date of this further notice the boat will be disposed of with no further notice. At this point the committee may also, at its discretion remove, the boat from the compound and if this action is taken it will be indicated in the notice.</p> <p>(d) If there is no satisfactory response to this second notice by the expiry of the two month period, the Association will, at the absolute discretion of the committee, sell the boat or otherwise dispose of it. The balance of any proceeds of sale after deduction of the Association's expenses will be sent to the owner at their last known address. If the boat is a wreck, it will be destroyed.</p>
3.	<p>(a) Where the owner of the boat is not known or cannot be traced, a waterproof notice will be attached to the boat and a copy displayed in the clubhouse. The notice will indicate that the boat will be sold or otherwise disposed of after three months with no further notice. When the notice is attached to the boat, the boat may be removed from the compound at the discretion of the committee. After the expiry of the three month period the Association will, at the absolute discretion of the committee, sell the boat or otherwise dispose of it.</p> <p>(b) If the boat is sold, the proceeds will be held in the Association's bank account for 12 months and during this period if the owner provides a valid claim of ownership, they will be entitled to claim the proceeds less the Association's expenses. After the expiry of the 12-month period the proceeds become assets of the Association.</p>
4.	<p>'Boat' in the above paragraphs includes the hull, spars, sails, foils, trolley and any other equipment associated with the boat. Before any boat is sold or disposed of, photographic evidence will be made to record its identity and condition.</p>

#### Section D: General

1.	<p><b>Environment.</b></p> <p>The lake and surrounding area is a site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and heavily protected by Law. Members are therefore required to respect the natural environment.</p> <p>To this end, members must:</p> <p>(a) not leave any litter/rubbish on site  (b) not allow any noxious substance (e.g. boat maintenance products) to pollute the ground or water  (c) not produce sound from loudspeakers or play musical instruments on site  (d) not bathe in the lake  (e) not light fires or barbecues  (f) keep dogs under control and not allow fouling.</p>
2.	<p><b>Speed limit.</b></p> <p>Members must observe the speed limit of 15mph for all vehicles throughout the site from the first entrance gate onwards.</p>
3.	<p><b>Other lake users.</b></p> <p>Members should show consideration for anglers and rowers.</p>