

WOLVERHAMPTON BOAT CLUB MOORING REGULATIONS

For the purposes of these regulations, the Moorer shall be the registered owner of the boat, or in their absence, the person to whom they have acceded responsibility.

These regulations shall apply to all boats moored within the confines of the Club moorings, whether permanently or temporarily.

A copy of these regulations shall be posted on the notice board for perusal by temporary moorers and visitors.

The following regulations apply to the presence of boats and other vehicles upon the Club premises, whether they belong to mooring members, non-mooring members and visitors, and to boat owners and non boat owners alike.

Any queries relating to these regulations should be directed to the Harbourmaster, or to any Committee member in his absence.

Whilst every attempt has been made to cover any eventuality within these regulations, any matter that arises outside of the scope of these regulations shall be subject to the Harbourmaster's decision. Such rulings shall stand, pending the decision by the General Committee upon any appeal which must be made in writing in accordance with the Club rules.

These amendments are brought about due to club's decision to relinquish the right to moor, in summertime, on the towpath. Due to this the club have no alternative but to offer outside moorings to those members who have not yet achieved the seniority to obtain an alongside mooring. The situation will continue as the club needs to attract new mooring members in order to survive.

All boats moored alongside are required, at times, to have boats moored outside them. Outside boats shall have no specific mooring allocated to them. They will be moored as directed by the Harbourmaster and moved as required.

It is expected where boats are double moored, owners will agree between themselves on the etiquette and safety concerns of double mooring. Any disputes may be brought to the Harbourmaster for mediation.

MOORERS SHALL:

- a) Ensure that their boat complies with all current requirements of current British Regulations the Canal and River Trust regarding licences, (or reciprocal permits), Insurance, and the Boat Safety Scheme, producing proof of these conditions to the Committee upon request.
- b) Keep their boat on its allocated mooring, securely tied to sufficiently strong mooring pins or rings. Locking the craft is recommended, but be aware in an emergency, locks may be cropped. A set of croppers is located in the Elsan point for emergencies.
- c) Ensure that boats moored on the outside should have sufficiently long mooring ropes so that the boat may be tied and untied from the mooring by people standing on the mooring, without the need to climb across either boat.
- d) Keep their boat in a sound, neat, and tidy condition.
- e) Keep their mooring in a tidy and safe condition. The moorer is responsible for grass cutting on their mooring, and maintaining an unhindered passage for other moorers and the Emergency Services. OIL, DIESEL or BATTERIES shall not be stored adjacent to the mooring under environmental legislation. Moorers should consult the Harbourmaster prior to the provision of any storage container for equipment. Such storage containers shall be placed at the water's edge in order to make the maximum use of the width of the mooring for car parking, and to facilitate the easy maintenance of the hedge.
- f) Inform the Harbour-master of any absence longer than one week.
- g) Proceed through the moorings at no more than 5 mph on land, or at tickover speed on water, creating no wash.
- h) Observe the electrical safety regulations when using the Club's power points.
- i) Ensure that the Elsan disposal point is left in a clean and tidy condition, and locked after use. Disposal of regular Elsan type toilets and cassettes only is permitted. Self pump-out or disposal of large containers of sewage is not permitted. All sewage disposed of shall be treated with 'blue' or a similar product. Untreated sewage causes smell problems in and around the Clubhouse.
- j) Have priority over outside moorers regarding the use of electric points. Outside moorers may use the electric points either when they are not in use by the alongside boat or by arrangement with the alongside boat owner.
- k) Ensure that their mooring lines cause no damage to the alongside boat. Care should be taken to ensure that cratch covers or awnings are not damaged by rubbing mooring lines.

MOORERS SHALL NOT:

- a) Tie their boat to any piling or other mooring structure, except to rings purposely provided for the purpose. .
- b) Run their boat engine in gear whilst tied, except for maintenance purposes, and then for very short periods only. Consideration should be given to the comfort of other moorers, and engines or generators should not be run for prolonged periods in the vicinity of an occupied boat, or between the hours of 20:00 and 10:00. (8.00pm and 10.00am
- c) Undertake any major exterior structural work either on their own mooring or either of the work points.
- d) Leave their boat unattended on the service mooring, which is to be used only for taking on water or fuel, emptying toilets, or loading or unloading (Certain exceptions may be made at the Harbourmaster's discretion)
- e) Under any circumstances, let their boat out for hire or reward. Any infringement may result in mooring facilities being summarily withdrawn. Where members of a moorer's family are using the boat, it is the moorer's responsibility to ensure that they are aware of and comply with these regulations.
- f) Dispose of any refuse in the Club bin, other than general domestic food and allied waste. They are responsible for taking other items off site for disposal. Should such items be left that the Club has to dispose of, then the cost of disposal will be passed on to the individual concerned.
- g) Outside moorers shall not park on southside moorings

WINDING ON THE MOORINGS IS NOT ALLOWED, EXCEPT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE HARBOURMASTER. .

MOORING ALLOCATION, SENIORITY & BOAT MOVES

The club has no residential moorings. New mooring members will be asked to produce a utility bill or Council document, to prove residential status. Subsequent abuse of this requirement in expulsion.

An invoice for the renewal of moorings shall be sent to all mooring members during September of each-year, to cover for the following 12 months. The mooring member will have the opportunity to renew by one payment by 31st October, or by the instalment plan, which requires 50% by the 1st October, with the balance plus 10% being divided into 3 equal instalments, due on the 1st December, 1st February and 1st April.

Cases of hardship should be reported in confidence to the Harbourmaster for referral to the Committee. Moorers who fail to comply with this timetable will be deemed to have lapsed their mooring, and their boat may be removed from the Club's moorings.

A surcharge of approx 5% is built into the mooring charge. Members who renew

their boat licence through the Club Licensing Officer during the previous 12 months, will have this charge deducted from their invoice, in recognition of the commission the club receives from Canal and River Trust.

A mooring length will be the overall length of the boat, inclusive of fenders and any other structure (e.g. gas bottles or Z Drive/outboard), plus 3ft. A moorer shall have the opportunity to rent up to an additional 3ft. This option should be taken up at the time of allocation or a boat move. The option may not be taken up if it involves a backwards move for less senior boats.

Mooring positions are allocated on a time-served seniority basis, starting Clubside from the bridge northwards, then from the bridge southwards. Typically a moorer may choose north or south, with overall seniority deciding the relative position. Seniority is detailed on each annual mooring list. A member selling their boat may not 'sell' the mooring. In the event of a boat being sold or permanently removed from the moorings, no refunds will be made. If a sold boat remains on the Club's moorings, the Committee may decide to allow the benefit of payment to stand. If a moorer, after selling their boat, intends to purchase another, then they should inform the Harbourmaster accordingly. If the new boat is longer than the original boat, then they shall revert to the end of the line in which they are moored. In the event that there is insufficient room, then they shall revert to the end of the next line where space is available, maintaining seniority until there is available space in their correct position, without the necessity of a backward move to any other moorers. A moorer renting an additional length over the minimum requirement may not use that additional length to retain seniority for a longer boat. In the event of a transfer of boat ownership within a family, retention of the mooring seniority shall be at the Committee's discretion, having regard to the circumstances of the transfer. Vacancies which occur between boat moves will be made available to outside moorers on a rota basis, pending re-allocation in accordance with seniority at the next boat move. Where a space is insufficient to accommodate the next senior boat, a less senior boat will be promoted to maximise the moorings. Seniority will be retained and restored at the first opportunity. Such instances will be detailed on the mooring list. Any moorer who declines a move to remain in a specific position (not location) will forfeit seniority to boats who take up the higher position.

The Club reserves the right to move any boat without the owner's permission should it consider it necessary to do so.

WORK POINTS

There are two designated work areas, both north of the bridge, on either side of the canal. Members may book these points for a period of up to one week at a time, using the Calendars on the notice board. Further periods may be booked if no other member has reserved the facility. Further periods may not be booked until any current periods have expired, except by arrangement with the Harbourmaster. Work areas are intended for use by members working on their boats. A member not utilising the work area will be asked to vacate it if there is a genuine demand.

The crane on work point 1 (Club Side), is available to lift moderate loads only.

Under no circumstances is it to be used to lift boats.

VEHICLES

Vehicles may be parked adjacent to the moorer's boat only whilst they are in attendance, and provided they present no obstruction to access to others. **Outside moorers shall not park on southside moorings**

When a boat is away from the moorings, or the owner is not on their boat, vehicles must be parked on the grass car park adjacent to the northside moorings. All members and visitors wishing to leave vehicles at the Club for an extended period (longer than two weeks) should make arrangements with the Harbourmaster. The main car park shall be left free for visitors to the Club House. Marked disabled spaces shall be left clear for use by the relevant persons only. .

Vehicles shall not be driven at speeds in excess 5 mph, with due attention being paid to avoiding splashing mud or scattering stones over boats or other vehicles. All vehicles parked on Club premises must be licensed and insured.

NON-MOORING MEMBERS

W.B.C. members who moor away from the club have the right, as club members, to use Club moorings and facilities in order to attend the club socially. Such arrangements should be made through the harbourmaster. Clubside moorings may be available where mooring members have expressed a wish to host visitors, should members wish to leave their boat unattended. Overnight mooring with the boat occupied will generally be accommodated breasted up Clubside. Should non-mooring members make excessive demands on Club moorings or work areas, then they may be charged at the current temporary mooring rate.

TEMPORARY MOORINGS

Non mooring Club members who wish to moor temporarily for a period of less than 12 months, can be accommodated at the temporary mooring rates. They will be invoiced in advance to an agreed estimated date of departure. Their position shall be in accordance with seniority during summer months, and in winter months, will be breasted up Club side according to convenience. A temporary moorer shall have no seniority over a permanent moorer.

VISITORS

Visitors to the Club shall confine themselves to the car parks and Club house only. They are not permitted access to the moorings except by invitation of a moorer, and in their company. Visiting boats from A.W.C.C. affiliated Clubs are offered moorings for up to two weeks in any calendar year without charge. Any additional period will be charged at the temporary mooring rate. Such moorings may be available Clubside where a member has expressed a wish to host visitors, otherwise they may be towpath moorings. Visitor moorings should be arranged in advance, through the Harbourmaster. Unannounced arrivals should be referred to the Harbourmaster prior to being accommodated Clubside. All mooring visitors should leave contact details, and must comply with current Waterways regulations.

ELECTRICAL REGULATIONS

Electrical points are used at the moorer's own risk, and they are responsible for their own equipment and leads. If any fault is found within the meter box, then members should mark the box as NOT TO BE USED, and notify a member of the Committee. Meter boxes should be kept locked when not in use, and should not be left in use unattended.

It is advised that extension Leads should be sized at least 1.5mm, preferably 2.5mm. They should be fully extended and not left in a coil They should not be taped together, and any joins should be with a purpose built weatherproofed connector. Leads should not extend across another boat without that owner's permission Leads should be made visible where they cross the towpath, and on northside moorings, should be raised off the ground by a stake so that they can be seen If the main fuse trips, which is a 30ma RCD, unplug your appliance and reset the switch. If the fuse trips again, have your appliance checked with a RCD in circuit

CLUB LIABILITY

THE CLUB SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO ANY BOAT OWNER OR OTHER PERSONS, OR THE LOSS FROM OR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY, BOAT OR VEHICLE, WHICH OCCURS ON CLUB PREMISES, HOWSOEVER IT IS CAUSED.