

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 delegated 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 club members, 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 their 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.

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1. MOORERS SHALL:

- A. Ensure that their boat complies with all current requirements of 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. Keep their boat in a sound, neat, and tidy condition.
- D. Keep their mooring in a tidy and safe condition. The moorer is responsible for
 - i. grass cutting on their mooring, and maintaining an unhindered passage for other moorers and the Emergency Services.
 - ii. OIL, DIESEL or BATTERIES shall not be stored adjacent to the mooring under environmental legislation.
 - iii. Moorers should consult the Harbourmaster prior to the provision of any storage container for equipment.
 - a. 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
 - b. to facilitate the easy maintenance of the hedge.
- E. Inform the Harbourmaster of any absence longer than one week, by completing the form on the notice board in the clubhouse foyer.
- F. Proceed through the moorings at no more than 5 mph on land, or at tickover speed on water, creating no wash.
- G. Observe the electrical safety regulations when using the Club's power points.
- H. Ensure that the Elsan disposal point is left in a clean and tidy condition, and locked after use.
- I. To keep our costs low all members of the club are requested to help with the activities of the club & the maintenance of the clubhouse and the club's grounds (see rule 5 h). To help with the maintenance of the club & grounds, work parties are held on the first Sunday of each month (except August). Mooring members especially benefit from a well-maintained club & grounds.
 - i. Mooring members are therefore expected to attend a minimum of 6 work parties each calendar year (or the equivalent number of hours on similar maintenance work).
 - ii. If a mooring member does not attend the minimum number of work-parties in a rolling year then the Harbourmaster will report the matter to the committee for consideration under rule 10 of the club's Rules & Byelaws.

2. Double (Breasted) Mooring

- A. All boats moored alongside are required, at times, to have boats moored outside them.
- B. It is expected where boats are double moored, owners will agree between themselves on the etiquette and safety concerns of double mooring. Any disputes should be brought to the Harbourmaster for mediation.

3. Outside Moorers

- A. Outside boats shall have no specific mooring allocated to them. They will be moored as directed by the Harbourmaster and moved as required.
- B. 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.
- C. Should 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.
- D. Outside moorers may only use the electric points either when they are not in use by the alongside boat or by arrangement with the alongside boat owner.

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4. 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 at the work point.
- D. Leave their boat unattended on the service mooring.
- 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. Wind on the moorings.
- H. Boat owners shall not hire their boats out from Club Property.

5. USE OF ELECTRICAL POINTS

- A. Electrical points are used at the moorer's own risk, and they are responsible for their own equipment and leads.
- B. 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 an RCD in circuit
- C. 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.
- D. Meter boxes should be kept locked when not in use, and should not be left in use unattended.
- E. Boats **must not be left connected** to the mains electricity when the owner is not on the club site.
- F. Leads
 - i. It is advised that extension Leads should be sized at least 1.5mm, preferably 2.5mm.
 - ii. They should be fully extended and not left in a coil
 - iii. They should not be taped together, and any joins should be with a purpose-built weatherproofed connector.
 - iv. Leads should not extend across another boat without that owner's permission.
 - v. 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.

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7. MOORING FEES

- A. Mooring members will pay a mooring fee based on a boat's **mooring length**, which will be the C&RT licensed length of the boat plus three feet.
- B. An invoice for the renewal of moorings shall be sent to all mooring members during March of each-year, to cover for the following 12 months (April to March).
- C. The mooring member will have the opportunity to renew by one payment by 31st April, or by the instalment plan, which requires 50% by the 1st April with the balance plus 10% being divided into 3 equal instalments, due on the 1st June, 1st August and 1st October.
- D. 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.
- E. Members who, during the previous 12 months, have renewed their boat licence through the Club Licensing Officer, will (whilst the club continues to receive a commission from the Canal and River Trust for providing this service) have 2.5% of their mooring fee deducted from their invoice.
- F. Where appropriate a temporary mooring rate of 1.5 times the clubs normal mooring fees shall be charged to visitors, with a minimum payment of £7.50 per night for the first 3 nights.

8. OTHER FEES

- A. If requests from members for parking/storage of the following is approved by the committee the following fees will be charged
 - i. Caravans/motorhomes the normal mooring fee per foot.
 - ii. Trailers the normal mooring fee per foot
 - iii. Canoes/kayaks 50% of the normal mooring fee per foot.
- B. For the avoidance of doubt these fees do not apply to Mooring Members, or their guests, who leave cars or motorhomes on site whilst away cruising on their boat, or who wish to store 1 canoe/kayak near their boat mooring.
- C. Visiting Boaters who leave their car(s) at the club whilst out cruising will be charged £3 per night per vehicle whilst the boat is away from the club.

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9. MOORING ALLOCATION, SENIORITY & BOAT MOVES

- A. 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 will result in expulsion.
- B. Mooring positions are allocated on a time-served seniority basis, starting from the bridge northwards, then from the bridge southwards. Seniority is detailed on the mooring list posted on the notice board in the club house foyer.
- C. A member selling their boat may not 'sell' the mooring.
- D. In the event of a boat being sold or permanently removed from the moorings, no refunds will be made.
 - i. If a sold boat remains on the Club's moorings, the Committee may decide to allow the benefit of payment to stand.
- E. If a moorer, after selling their boat, intends to purchase another, then they should inform the Harbourmaster accordingly.
 - i. If the new boat is longer than the original boat and cannot be accommodated in the space allocated, then they shall revert to the end of the line in which they are moored, or be moored alongside another boat.
 - ii. They shall maintain seniority until there is available space in their correct position, without the necessity of a backward move to any other moorers.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. Vacancies which occur between boat moves will be made available to outside moorers on a temporary basis, pending re-allocation in accordance with seniority at the next boat move.
 - v. Where a space is insufficient to accommodate the next senior boat, a less senior boat will be moved to the space, to maximise the moorings.
 - a. Seniority will be retained and restored at the first opportunity.
 - b. Such instances will be detailed on the mooring list.
- F. 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.
- G. The Club reserves the right to move any boat without the owner's permission should it consider it necessary to do so.
- H. Please note a mooring position is a relative position between the end of a line and another boat or between two other boats, it is not a specific physical spot along the moorings.

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10. SERVICE POINT MOORING

- A. The service point mooring is immediately to the south of the bridge.
- B. The Service Point Mooring shall only be used
 - i. To take on Water and/or Fuel,
 - ii. To empty Elsan, or
 - iii. Loading and unloading the boat.
 - iv. Certain exceptions to the above may be made at the Harbourmaster's discretion.
- C. Disposal of regular Elsan type toilets and cassettes only is permitted.
 - i. Self pump-out or
 - ii. Disposal of large containers of sewage is not permitted.
- D. All sewage disposed of shall be treated with 'blue' or a similar product. Untreated sewage causes smell problems in and around the Clubhouse
- E. Whilst on the mooring the boat shall not be left unattended
- F. Once all service needs have been fulfilled the moorer should ensure that (if used) the toilet door, the water tap cupboard & the fuel dispense door are all locked.
- G. The boat should be moved back to its normal mooring once all service needs are completed.

11. WORK POINT MOORING

- A. The designated work area is the mooring immediately to the north of the bridge.
- B. Members may book the work point for a period of up to one week at a time, using the Calendar on the notice board in the club house foyer.
- C. Further periods may be booked if no other member has reserved the facility.
- D. Further periods may not be booked until any current periods have expired, except by arrangement with the Harbourmaster.
- E. The work point is intended for use by members working on their boats. A member not utilising the work area appropriately will be asked to vacate it if there is a genuine demand.
- F. The crane on the work point is not a working crane and **must not** be used to lift any objects.

12. NON-MOORING MEMBERS

- A. W.B.C. members who moor away from the club have the right, as club members, to use Club moorings and facilities. Such arrangements should be made through the Harbourmaster.
- B. Should non-moorers make excessive demands on Club moorings or work areas, then they may be charged at the current temporary mooring rate.
- C. Non mooring Club members who wish to moor temporarily for a period of less than 12 months can, if space is available, be accommodated at the temporary mooring rate.
 - i. They will be invoiced in advance to an agreed estimated date of departure.
 - ii. A temporary moorer shall have no seniority over a permanent moorer.

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13. VISITORS

- A. Non-boating 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.
- B. The club may offer temporary moorings to visiting boats.
- C. Visiting boats will be charged at the temporary mooring rate, except
 - i. Visiting boats from A.W.C.C. affiliated Clubs, who are offered moorings for up to two weeks, in any calendar year, without charge.
 - a. Any additional period will be charged at the temporary mooring rate.
- D. Visitor moorings should be arranged in advance, through the Harbourmaster.
- E. Unannounced arrivals should be referred to the Harbourmaster (or in their absence another club officer) prior to being accommodated.
- F. All mooring visitors must complete the green visitors form (copies are available on the notice board in the club house foyer) and must comply with current Waterways regulations.

14. VEHICLES

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. All members wishing to leave vehicles at the Club for an extended period (longer than two weeks) should make arrangements with the Harbourmaster.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. All vehicles parked on Club premises must be licenced and insured.

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.