

# 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.

### 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 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.

### 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 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.

### 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.
- **We strongly recommend that Children under 16 wear buoyancy aids on the pontoons**

## 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.

## 6 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.

## 7 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.