



Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) Regulations and Guidance for Boats in Storage.

1 General Safety

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.

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

2 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 or pass cards to other persons.

We would be grateful if members who observe any person acting suspiciously on the WPNSA premises could immediately report those persons to reception or a member of the WPNSA staff.

Valuable items should not be left unattended at any time and should not be stored on boats, and all loose items of equipment are clearly marked where possible.

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 will be posted to the owners on receipt of a suitably sized, stamped 'jiffy bag'.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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 for any single incident, and evidence must be available on request.

6 Boat Maintenance

Please take care when undertaking maintenance. Members should not remove or relocate any supports from under their boats when stored ashore. Please ask a member of WPNSA staff to assist.

The disposal of hazardous waste is the responsibility of the boat owner and must be removed from the site. Pressure washing of anti-fouled boats must only be carried out over the dedicated 'wash down area' near the top of the deep water slipway.

Contractors brought in to carry out work on boats at WPNSA must report to reception to obtain a permit to come on site prior to gaining access.

7 Environmental

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.

Dogs are permitted on site but must be kept on a lead and any mess must be cleared away immediately. Dogs, except assistance dogs, are not permitted inside any catering or carpeted areas of the WPNSA building

8 Payment Terms

A minimum £50 deposit is required at the time a booking form is submitted. The balance of the amount due is required prior to the hoist out date. Customers paying by standing order are required to return a fully completed standing order form and 20% of the outstanding balance due prior to the hoist out date.

9 Cancellation Terms

Cancellation of booking by the customer should be made by email or telephone. Cancellations made within 24 hours of a booked lift may incur a £50 administration fee.

WPNSA reserve the right to cancel hoist bookings due to weather or technical reasons but will endeavour to reschedule ASAP.

10 Ongoing Storage Fees

It is the customer's responsibility to ensure that storage fees are paid up to date. If you anticipate your boat remaining on shore for longer than originally booked, you must contact WPNSA to arrange further storage.

If storage fees fall into arrears of more than 30 days WPNSA will deem the boat "abandoned" and may take action as below:

In the case of an abandoned boat WPNSA may: -

(a) upon giving 1 months' notice require the owner to remove the boat from the WPNSA site;

(b) upon giving three months' notice in writing by registered post to the owner at his/her last known address sell the boat and deduct any monies due to WPNSA;

(c) if the boat is unsaleable (in the reasonable opinion of WPNSA), after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the boat in any manner WPNSA may think fit and deem the cost of doing and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to WPNSA by the owner.

(d) WPNSA reserves the right to charge storage for the boat until such time as the owner collects the boat or until the boat is sold or disposed of under clauses (b) and (c) above and may move the boat to any part of the premises without being liable for any loss or damage to the boat howsoever caused;

It is a condition of booking that all owners of boats in storage are subject to the Code of Practice on the next page. Anyone found to be in breach of the code will be asked to leave the site and will not be permitted to return.

THE WPNSA BOAT STORAGE CODE OF PRACTICE

To ensure everyone's safety and to look after our environment and facilities, we would appreciate that boat owners follow our code of practice. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff if you have any questions.

1. Surveyors or contractors brought in to carry out work on boats at WPNSA must register with reception on arrival.
2. Boat owners/contractors must ensure that any work being carried out does not inconvenience other users of the academy.
3. No overnight sleeping is allowed on boats.
4. Pressure washing of anti-fouled boats must only be carried out over the dedicated 'wash down area' adjacent to the deep-water slipway.
5. Anti-fouling or hull painting may only be carried out providing a protective sheet is placed on the tarmac/paving under the boat. **Boat owners/contractors found to have soiled the tarmac or paving will not be permitted to come onto site in future.**
6. Care must be taken to avoid any spillage of paint, solvent or other antifouling materials or chemicals onto the land or into drains. Please clean up carefully when you have finished and ensure that any scrapings and debris are collected and disposed of appropriately.
7. Care must be taken when operating on board boats, as decks are usually 2 or more meters above ground level. **No one is permitted to climb a mast of a yacht whilst it is on land.**
8. Before coming ashore all yachts must remove their head sails and any large unsecure main sails.
9. Please do not leave ladders propped up against boats. Any ladders left on site should be securely locked to the boat or cradle to avoid them being used for accessing yours or other boats.
10. Anyone using their own cradle for storage, we request that the cradle is brought onto site 1 week before the hoist is scheduled to take place, so that shore support can check the quality and suitability of the cradle.
11. Waste left on the site can be blown into the water presenting a hazard to marine life so all litter and waste material (including food waste) should be disposed of carefully in an appropriate bin or recycling receptacle. Bins are provided in various locations around the site and are divided into:
 - a. **Recycling** (white) - for plastic bottles, cardboard, paper and cans.
 - b. **General Waste** (blue) – for all other non-hazardous waste.
12. **Hazardous waste is the responsibility of the boat owner and must be removed from the site. It is illegal to place hazardous waste in general waste bins and anyone found doing so will be escorted from the site and not permitted to return.**
13. Whilst we do our best to protect the property and boats WPNSA does not accept responsibility for theft of or damage to any property on site. Your boat must be insured at all times whilst on site and you are strongly advised not to leave valuables on board. For the benefit of all users of the site, please ensure that all gates are closed behind you. Anyone found deliberately obstructing or blocking open gates will be asked to leave the site and will not be permitted to return.