



# Club Code

1. Be aware of our public image, it is very important. In our situation we are vulnerable to censure from other users of the area, some of whom resent our presence and ease of access. Do not give them any justifiable reason to complain.
2. Drive slowly and show extreme consideration to people on and close to the access road. We have had problems in the past and cannot afford to have any more. If we were banned from taking our vehicles along to the club we would probably not maintain a high enough membership to survive financially.
3. Park as unobtrusively as possible and leave the footpath clear. Do not churn up the ground unnecessarily.
4. Keep the club area litter free. Pick up any litter around your boat space, where you park and also the slipway area. If we **all** do this, it means that individually there will be virtually nothing to do.
5. Do not damage grassy areas with fires and barbecues and arrange to clear up any remains as soon as possible.
6. Keep radios, etc. at a sensible level.
7. If you have a dog, make sure that it does not cause a nuisance in any way.
8. Endeavour to leave your halyards so that they do not rattle in the wind. This may be music to your ears but is anathema to others. The problem can usually be solved by tying the various rigging adjacent to the mast very loosely.
9. Keep the vegetation cut short around your boat space in the dinghy park, there is a considerable fire risk especially near the perimeter fence.
10. Do not leave trailers etc. in the compound unless within your own boat space and remove or cover any dangerous projections from your rig or equipment.
11. Make sure that your boat is properly lashed down when unattended or remove the mast. Gales can occur at any time of the year and boats can and do blow over, causing considerable damage. The best way to achieve this is to bury something bulky at least half a metre deep with a rot-proof rope or chain attached.
12. If you unlock the compound gate, lock the padlock and chain to the gate to prevent it getting lost or stolen.
13. Never leave the compound and clubhouse unlocked and unattended.
14. Be very careful with your club key. Do not lend it to anyone. A key falling into the wrong hands could cause a lot of problems. Replacement of locks and keys costs around £400.
15. Be on the lookout for suspicious characters. Security is everybody's responsibility. Get to know as many club members as possible.
16. On no account borrow fittings from other people's boats without the owner's permission.

17. If you think that you are the last to leave, make sure that everything is in order and properly locked.
18. The clubhouse is for everybody's general use and should not normally be used for sleeping. Neither should it be used for storing personal gear as this makes the place untidy, difficult to keep clean and is an encouragement for break-ins.
19. Leave any of the club facilities you use in good order and report any defects to a committee member.
20. Take your rubbish home with you wherever practical, the dustbins have to be emptied by other club members.
21. If you open the clubhouse shutters, close them before you leave or arrange for someone else to do so. In any case do not just leave it to the last one there to do.
22. If you have young children make sure that they keep out of mischief and do not interfere with other people's property.
23. Do not abuse the privilege of inviting "occasional" guests.
24. Pay your club fees in good time or remove your boat and return your key. Delays in payment result in uncertainty for admitting new members and a potential loss of fees. Chasing late payers is an unpleasant task and wastes the Club's resources. Payment by instalments can be arranged if there is a problem with meeting the required payment date.
25. Make every effort to attend working parties. They are essential for the club to function successfully. Unlike most other sailing clubs we do not have strict rules regarding this but leave it to the conscience of the individual. Please help to keep it this way.
26. Finally: recognise that the quality of the club is equal to the quality of the membership. It is, after all, YOUR club. It is run entirely by voluntary members, with the sole object of making the most of the amenity at minimum cost, whilst providing a sound structure for the future. If you have any ideas or criticisms let a committee member know and it will be looked into. If you wish to do more, then take the necessary steps to become a committee member yourself.

**Most of all, enjoy your sailing.**