



## Dinghy Park Rules

- D1. All users of the Dinghy Park are to assist the Dinghy Committee and nominated volunteers with the safe and effective management and presentation of the Dinghy Park by abiding by the Rules prescribed in the following paragraphs. A berth allocation is to be seen as a privilege and not a right of membership. The Dinghy Committee reserves the right to have owners remove their vessels from the Dinghy Park if the Rules are not observed.
- D2. All boats using the Dinghy Park are to comply with the boat and trailer labelling system.
- D3. A berth allocation is for a single vessel; it is not an allocation of space. The packing and stacking of several small craft in a berth, or the construction of bespoke storage arrangements, may be physically possible but is not permitted.
- D4. All vessels using the Dinghy Park are to be licensed by the owner for use in Chichester Harbour. Harbour dues are to be paid and licence disc displayed (port, rear side of the vessel) in accordance with the [Chichester Harbour Conservancy](#) rules.
- D5. The responsibility for members' dinghies, sailboards, canoes and tenders and the safety of all persons using them, while racing or cruising or in the Dinghy Park, foreshore, beach or Club Car Park shall solely and inescapably rest with the owner or 'owner approved' individual. All vessels are to have insurance including third party cover of at least £2,000,000<sup>1</sup>.
- D6. Dinghies and Sailboards not allocated a berth should not be left overnight in the Dinghy Park unless permission has been given by the Office. Improperly placed boats may be removed by and at the discretion of the Dinghy Section Committee.
- D7. Owners remain responsible for the condition of their boat whilst stored in the Dinghy Park. This includes conforming with the prescribed method of identifying vessels and trolleys. Covers are to be secure and boats are to be securely tethered to their allocated berth, including to the chains where provided. Covers should be 'tented' sufficiently to ensure rain water run-off. The area around the boat is to be kept clear and tidy of loose equipment and weeds.
- D8. It is to be understood that the terms of our lease allow only for single-hulled (mono-hull) sailing dinghies under 16ft on the Dinghy Park.
- D9. The Dinghy Park is not to be used as a convenient long-term storage solution for a vessel. Active members (those who make the greatest use of their vessels during the year) will be afforded priority allocation the following year, whilst inactive members (often signified by vessels with an underused and overgrown appearance) may be required by The Dinghy Section Committee to remove their vessels to make way for new members. Members with a Dinghy Park berth are encouraged to sail a minimum of 12 outings per sailing season (1 April to 31 October) to be considered for a berth in the Dinghy Park for the following season.
- D10. Members who find they are unable to use their vessel as much as they would personally like may arrange with the Office to loan the vessel to the Club (under a formal agreement, which may include some Dinghy Park fee reimbursement, if the vessel is suitable) for training or coaching

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<sup>1</sup> RYA membership benefits include favourable insurance rates with a number of brokers.

purposes. Members may also engage with the Office to assist with the sale of a vessel that an owner feels they no longer require or can make use of.

D11. Dinghy Park berthing fees are to be paid in accordance with the Office issued invoice and are non-refundable. The berth may be re-allocated if payment is not received.

D12. Privilege, not a right. If at any time Dinghy Berthing fees payable to the club by any members or former members shall be two months or more in arrears, or it is evident that the boat has not been used for a season, or damage to other boats could be caused, or it is not tied down or it is blocking a gangway, landlord or public right of way or roadway or it is temporarily in the car park or blocking an emergency thoroughfare or there is a genuine need:

- a. The Dinghy Committee and/or Office shall be entitled to move the boat to any other part of the premises without being liable for any loss of or damage to the boat howsoever caused. If moving a boat which is not owned by the person moving it, the owner or Dinghy Committee should be informed and in all cases the Office should be informed.
- b. The Committee shall be entitled upon giving one month's notice, over two consecutive months in writing to the member or former member, at his/her last known address shown in the register of Members, to sell the boat and to deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscriptions or Dinghy Park fees or otherwise) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.
- c. Any boat which, in the opinion of the Committee, cannot be sold may, upon such notices as aforementioned, be disposed of in any manner the Committee may think fit and the expenses recovered from the member or former member. Any aforementioned arrears shall be deemed to be a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member.
- d. Further, the Club shall at all times have lien over members' or former members' boats parked on the Club premises in respect of all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears of Dinghy Park fees or subscriptions or otherwise.

D13. Car Park - those using the Dinghy Park should adhere to House Rules paragraphs 36-40 and when loading and offloading dinghies.

D14. If a dinghy or other vessel is locked or clamped, a key or note of the combination, along with the berth number and a description of the vessel, should be given to the Office.

D15. From time to time the General Committee can require that dinghies, individually or by rows, or all boats in the dinghy park be removed for the purpose of ground or other maintenance or annual reallocation of berths or reallocation in order to keep classes / similar sized boats together.

D16. No Dinghies or other craft or rigging or equipment should be left in such a manner in the Dinghy Park as to block a gangway, whether the alley between rows or access between individual berths. Where the mast or mast sections are longer than the boat they should be stepped, upright and rigged, and not left in the lowered position or on the ground where it can present a hazard.

D17. Safety. The Dinghy Park electric winch may only be used by those members or staff who have been trained by the Bosun or his authorised representatives and whose names are contained in the 'Authorised User' list held in the office. Those 'Authorised Users' will be issued, on a personal basis, with safety instructions which must be adhered to at all times. The winch must be kept locked when not in use and the key must be collected from and returned to the Office after use. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that the winch is returned to the store and immobilised and that no unauthorised persons are allowed to use it while under his/her control.