

Boat Park Allocation Guidelines

Space on the dinghy park is allocated annually on application. Preference is given to dinghies in regular use and members who contribute voluntarily to club activities. The allocations may be reviewed during the year at the discretion of the sailing committee. – Club Byelaw B.7.3

The need for a transparent and fair allocation policy has become pressing as the pressure for space on the dinghy park has grown. In recent years the dinghy park has always become full at some point. An increase in active sailing membership and the use of some spaces for 'Olympic teams' has had the effect of bringing this point forward in the year and affecting a greater number of Club Members. The development of clear allocation guidelines supports two main aims:

1. The promotion of active sailing
2. The voluntary ethos of the club

Guidelines in outline

Regular sailors will be allocated space on the dinghy park in anticipation of their renewal the following year. The remaining boat park space will be allocated when the renewal applications are received.

November – administrative decision made about boats that qualify* for early allocation.

December – Space required for Olympic teams clarified.

January to end of February – Normal renewal period

March 1st -7th – Remaining spaces allocated according to applications received. Criteria may be used as the basis for decisions if there is insufficient space for all applications.

Applications for boat park space received on or after March 1st will only be considered if there is space and strictly in the order received.

* Qualifying boats will be those that can show they have sailed regularly. The aim is to ensure that at least half of the (ground) dinghy spaces will be allocated to sailors who are known to sail regularly. The Sailing Committee may be called upon to make the final decision where there is any doubt about whether a boat has sailed 'regularly'.

Guidelines in detail:

1. **BOATS THAT ARE NOT SAILED WITHOUT GOOD REASON MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE BOAT PARK AND THE APPLICATION FOR BOAT PARK SPACE MAY BE REFUSED.**

2. Administrative allocation in November

Qualifying Criteria and process:

- 2.1 A boat should be considered to have sailed 'regularly' between April 1st and September 30th of the current year.
- 2.2 Allocation is per boat, not per membership, so if more than one boat is owned by a membership each boat must have been sailed regularly.

- 2.3 The boat may be sailed by different crews and still qualify. (So boats that are shared may have an advantage).
- 2.4 Race record, Cadet record and Friday morning sailing will be the main references used to validate record of sailing.
- 2.5 Boats may submit a 'cruising log' of sailing undertaken for consideration if they are unable to meet the qualifying criteria under 4.
- 2.6 The Boat Park Administrator will decide the early allocation of boat park spaces for boats in regular use when the sailing records are available.
- 2.7 A draft boat park plan showing allocations for boats in regular use shall be made available to view on the Club Website in December.
- 2.8 Membership renewal, application for a boat park space, and payment, must be received by the end of February in the renewal year.

3. Allocation January - February

- 3.1 The Boat Park Administrator will allocate the remaining Boat park space in the first week of March in the renewal year.
- 3.2 If demand exceeds the space available boat park space may be allocated using the following criteria in the priority given.
 - a) Replacement boat – membership with an established sailing record
 - b) Members with a good record of contributing to the club.
 - c) Additional boat - membership with an established sailing record.
 - d) Family members taking up membership in their own right
 - e) Members with a crewing record
 - f) Previous members returning to the club
 - g) New members joining with a boat and an established sailing record

4. Allocation March 1st onwards

- 4.1 Applications for space on the boat park received after 1st March will be allocated strictly in order of receipt.
- 4.2 "Contingency" spaces, as decided by the Club (for example 'Short Notice Spaces') may be offered when space has otherwise run out.
- 4.3 Trail sail will be the final option available allowing members to launch and sail from the club.

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