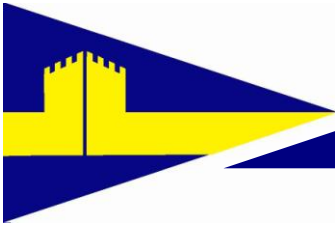


WORK BOAT & BARGE

USE POLICY

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The Policy

The Club Work Boat Policy is divided into two parts, with Part 1 relating to the general conditions of use and Part 2 relating to specific use with the Barge.

It must be noted that the Club has only one Work Boat. As such it is regarded as a very valuable asset which must be operated with care and consideration to its design and capability. Any disregard of this Policy will be considered directly by the Management Committee.

PART 1

Users

- 1) Only full members of the Club, who are competent for the task, are permitted to use the work boat. Juniors & Cadets, etc. may drive / sail the boat under supervision of a full member. Temporary members are not permitted to drive the boat.
- 2) The users name, contact details and reason for use must be entered, at the time of booking, before taking the boat out.

In the event of an emergency use, a note must be left in the key cupboard stating who has the boat and contact number.

Booking

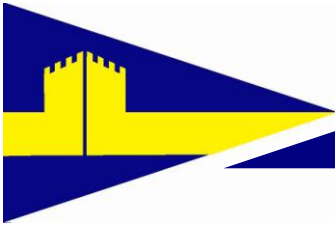
- 3) The boat **MUST BE BOOKED** using the online booking system at www.Portchestersc.com. A PC is always available in the Club foyer for this use.
- 4) Use of the club Work Boat is prioritised by the Club Boats Officer or in his absence the Bosun

Checking

- 5) It is also required that all users of the work boat undertake a pre-use inspection of the boat and report any damage on the club forum under "Club boats and equipment issues" as soon as possible after use.

If any defect is found that would endanger the user or the Work Boat, the boat must not be taken off the mooring.

- 6) It is the user's responsibility to ensure that the boat is fit for use before taking it off the mooring. Regular checks will be made by the club boats team but it is the user's responsibility to ensure it is seaworthy and fit for use.



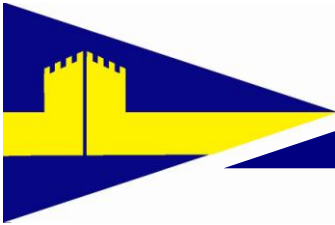
- 7) The pre-use check procedure must be followed prior to use. A full copy of these checks are kept on the boat engine compartment.
- 8) The user must leave the boat in a clean and tidy condition after use.

Usage

- 9) The boat can be used for :
 - Mooring work in conjunction with the barge.
 - Strop removal and replacement is allowed provided no heavy lifting is performed. (It is forbidden to haul chain over the sides).
 - Maintenance of moorings above the waterline.
 - Fishing.
 - Towing of boats within the mooring area.
 - Towing dinghies outside the mooring area and out of the harbour.
 - Emergency rescue of club member's boats.
 - Race support inside and outside the harbour
 - Safety support of dinghies sailing to the Isle of Wight and outside the harbour
 - Dive boat, including divers hired by the member.
 - Club and training activities.
- 10) Exclusions:
 - Other than for Club or Training activities, it is not permitted to use the Club Boat outside of the harbour.
 - It is not recommended that the boat is used for personal use when the wind speed is greater than F4 (15 knots). This will be determined in reference to Chimet.
 - Pleasure trips.
 - Towing boats other than dinghies outside the harbour.
 - Pulling mooring chains on-board.
 - Commercial fishing.
 - Use of boat for hire or reward
 - The boat cannot be used after sunset as there are no navigation lights.
(Note, it is planned to install lights)
- 11) Exceptions

It is accepted that in emergency situations where members or boats are in danger that the workboat may be used in extreme weather conditions.

- 12) Limitations



The limit of use is:-

- West to a line due north of Gurnard Point
- East to a line due north of Bembridge Life boat station
- South of a line due east of Calshot Spit.

- 13) In the event of a member abusing the boat or using it for any other purpose than specified, then disciplinary action will be taken and the member will be temporarily banned from using the boat until the incident has been adjudicated by the Management Committee.
- 14) It is the users responsibility to ensure that the correct Colreg signals are displayed for the activity being performed.

Such as:

- Letter A for diving
- Limited manoeuvrability if towing a boat.

- 15) Safety

Members are strongly reminded that they have an obligation to consider the safety of themselves and their crew. To this end the Club advise the wearing of life jackets at all times afloat.

PART 2

Workboat and barge combination.

- 16) Only members who have assessed as competent may use these vessels in combination.
- 17) The approved assessors are :
- Hugh Crothers
 - Steve Freeman
 - Chris Lawrence
 - Craig Freeman
 - Rob Shrimpton
 - Ian Gregory
 - Trevor Exelby
- 18) For further information on the use of the barge see :
- Barge usage policy 1.0