

DINGHY PARK REGULATIONS

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Blakeney Parish Council provides and maintains the dinghy park to enable residents and visitors to Blakeney to enjoy getting on the water in Blakeney Harbour. It is intended to provide boat parking, during the boating season, for boats which are actively used to ensure that the maximum number of people can benefit from this facility, and to ensure that it is not used as storage for unused boats, we ask boatowners to adhere to the following regulations. Most importantly, we require owners to register their boats so that we can contact the owners when necessary, e.g. in cases where boats have broken free or been damaged after strong winds.

The Dinghy Park is administered by the Blakeney Dinghy Park Committee (BDPC), a committee of Blakeney Parish Council.

The Dinghy Park, which is on National Trust land leased to Blakeney Parish Council, extends between Bridge Creek to the north and the concrete bollards to the south, and between the bank to the east and the mean high water mark to the west.

The Dinghy Park is for the use of Sailing Dinghies, Catamarans, Rowing Boats, Canoes, Kayaks, Windsurfers, Paddle Boards and Motor Boats. Hereafter all referred to as 'boat/s'.

All 'boats', and their means of launching, left on the Dinghy Park are at the owner's risk and all users of the Dinghy Park do so entirely at their own risk

Good Practice: -

For safety reasons 'boats' which are normally stored with the mast up should be rigged as soon as possible after arriving on the dinghy park.

When 'boats' arrive in the dinghy park, they should, wherever possible, be parked tightly to adjacent 'boats'. Spaces between 'boats' should be no more than 0.5m.

Catamaran owners are requested to place their storage boxes between the hulls or between the rows of 'boats' in order to maximise the space available for other 'boats'

Regulations: -

1. Owners MUST hold valid Public Liability Insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m arising from any one incident. Proof of insurance SHALL be shown, if requested, to the BDPC.

2. Owners are required to register their 'boat' with the BDPC – to facilitate contacting the owner when necessary, Registration forms are available from the Parish Office or from our website. The registration disk to be fixed to the boat or securing rope and be clearly visible at all times.

3. The Dinghy Park is open between 1st March and the 30th November.

'Boats' or any other items MUST NOT be put on the Dinghy Park before 1st March. No spaces can be reserved by whatever means and there are no rights to any particular space. 'Boats and all other items must be removed before the 1st December.

4. No road trailers are to be left in the Dinghy Park unless under a 'boat' and it is the ONLY way of launching the 'boat'. All trailers/trolleys must have their wheels left on.

5. All 'boats', excepting Canoes, Kayaks, Windsurfers and Paddle Boards, MUST have a means of launching, i.e. a trolley or trailer.

6. 'Boats' are to be stored only on the grassed area. 'Boats' and masts are to be kept clear of paths and MUST be individually securely tied down with a substantial rope or strap across the beam and attached to the mooring chains provided or owner's metal stakes.

Where possible the 'tie down' rope or strap is to be attached to the boat amidships not just over it and not just by the bow rope. This applies to all 'boats'.

Stakes must be at least 0.5m long and MUST be driven below ground level and MUST be removed at the end of the season.

Tyres for supporting 'boats' MUST NOT be brought onto the Dinghy Park as this is against National Trust and Environmental Policies.

7. Owners may remove their registered 'boat' for short periods during the season and retain their space by prior agreement with the BDPC. The space must have a visible, securely attached, reservation notice issued by the BDPC. Applications MUST be received at least 21 days before the requested removal. Any other owner's 'boat' placed in that reserved space will be in breach of the regulations. Temporary removal forms are available from the Parish Office or from our website.

8. Owners who use their registered 'boat' regularly in the closed period may apply for a permit from the BDPC for it to remain in the Dinghy Park. Applications MUST be received before 1st November each year. The granted permit must be clearly displayed on the Winter season form which are available from the Parish Office or can be downloaded from our website. These 'boats' will be stored in a designated area and must be very well secured for the winter.

9. The BDPC reserves the right to move or reposition and secure 'boats' at their sole discretion in the event of an emergency or to optimise use of the Dinghy Park, in this latter case the owner will be contacted before it is moved, if possible. In moving a 'boat' the owner must secure the 'boat', moving the stakes if used. The owner must BDPC will check the security and take responsibility.

10. 'Boats' which in the opinion of the BDPC are not in a safe or useable condition are prohibited from using the dinghy park and may be removed.

Infringement of the Regulations, Charges: -

Any item used to reserve a space before 1st March - will be removed without notice.

Owners will be contacted (if possible) drawing attention to the infringement, be given a date by which the infringement must be rectified and a 30 day notice attached to the 'boat' and/or item.

If the infringement is not corrected by the end of the notice period the 'boat' and/or other item may be taken to an open store and a Charge will be made for their release.

Any 'boat' or item taken to an open store and not claimed within 60 days will be sold/disposed of.

'Boat', Trailer or Trolley taken to an open store - Release Charge - £100 for boats and £50 for canoes, kayaks, windsurfers, paddle boards, trailers and trolleys. Tyre removal at Cost.

Please note: - Charges are made to go towards the cost of removals and any licensed contractor's disposal charges for tyres and 'boats'.

The decision of the BDPC in respect of any of these regulations is final.

By Order of Blakeney Parish Council

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