

**This page to be returned to Priory SC  
with an Application Form please**

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Information about Blue-Green Algae. and Weil's Disease

Blue-Green algae are present in all inland water, including Priory Lake. They are not a new phenomenon, having present since fossil times, but hot weather and the growth of nutrients have caused an increase in the number of algae, particularly at the edges of shallow water. The algae are potentially toxic, and ingestion of high concentrations of algae can be dangerous. Fortunately the exercise of a few simple precautions reduces the risk to an entirely acceptable level.

Weil's Disease is spread by rats, and the growth of the rat population has caused inland water, Surrounded by their nesting sites, to contain the organism responsible. The organism enters the body through cuts and abrasions or through the nose and throat. The incubation period is 7-13 days, and symptoms include fever, muscular pains and loss of appetite - rather like flu. Once again prevention is a relatively simple matter, but the condition must be recognised and if flu-like symptoms are experienced 1-3 weeks after sailing then a doctor should be seen. It is unsafe to assume that it is flu.

Those at risk, in descending order are:

1. Swimmers, paddlers, dogs, children playing at the water's edge, beginner windsurfers.
2. Dinghy sailors, canoeists, advanced windsurfers,
3. Fishermen, powerboat drivers.

Precautions:

- Minimise contact with water.
- Keep non-sailors and children away from the water's edge.
- Hose down all items after sailing.
- Do not handle food without washing.
- Soak wetsuits in fresh water after use.
- Do not store wet clothing.
- **Keep cuts, scratches and broken skin covered while sailing.**
- **Shower immediately after sailing.**
- **Wear shoes of some kind and keep lower limbs covered.**

(Most practical things to remember in BOLD)

And finally:

Please remember that we have not had any incidents so far at PSC and that we monitor the situation all the time and keep in touch with Bedford Borough Council who test the water. More information is available and will be shown to you.

**By signing the attached membership application form you acknowledge that you have been informed about the infections potentially present in inland water.**

**Please retain this information to remind you of the symptoms of the infections and of the precautions you should take,**

**Please note that you cannot sail until the application acknowledgement has been received.**

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS INFORMATION**

**PRIORY SAILING CLUB**  
Priory Country Park, Barkers Lane. Bedford

**PIRATE**  
**APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM**  
**(age 7 and over but under 18)**

*Please complete/correct all relevant parts of this form*                      *Amount Due*

Pirate Member (5 or 6 session course):    £20

TOTAL : \_\_\_\_\_.

Name ..... Age: .....

Address ..... Date of Birth : .....

..... Postcode : .....

Tel.No .....

E-mail address .....

Name of School .....

**LAKE SAFETY**

Members must wear a buoyancy aid *at all times* whilst on the water and follow P.S.C. Sailing Rules. Sailing is permitted only when the *Safety Boat is* in use or there are *at least two craft, manned by "adults"* on the water (see Sailing Rule 3).

The Club will endeavour to ensure that:

- there is a First Aid Kit and blanket in the ground floor (wet) training room.
- there is a Survival bag on the Safety Boat.

There is also an emergency telephone on the outside front wall of the Clubhouse.

A parent or responsible adult must remain on site with children at all times.

I acknowledge receiving information about blue-green algae and Weil's disease.

I agree that membership records for myself and the Junior Member may be stored and processed electronically in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

*I agree / I do not agree\** that my name, *address* and *telephone number* and those of the Junior Member may be made available to other members of Priory Sailing Club.

**\*Please delete as appropriate**

Signature (Parent or Guardian) .....Date .....

Please print name .....

Please make cheques payable to **Priory Sailing Club**

Please return this application with your remittance to:

The Membership Secretary,  
Tony Ogborn    (Tel 01234-708010)  
10A Rotten Row  
Riseley  
Bedfordshire, MK44 1EJ