



PRIORY SAILING CLUB, PRIORY LAKE, BEDFORD

SAILING RULES

1. All craft must be covered by Third party insurance to the sum of £2,000,000 and members shall produce current insurance certificates when called upon to do so.
2. Summer Sailing : April 1st or Good Friday (whichever is earlier) – October 31st
Daily 0930 – Sunset. Access to whole lake
Winter Sailing : November 1st – March 31st or Maundy Thursday (whichever is earlier).
Restricted to Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.
Hours 0930 – Sunset. Access restricted to part of lake

N.B. SAILING IS NOT PERMITTED MONDAY TO FRIDAY DURING THE WINTER SEASON

3. The Local Authority 'No Go' areas (marked by small buoys) are prohibited to ALL craft and must not be violated except in EMERGENCY.
4. No craft shall beach other than in an area operated by the Club, except in an emergency.
5. Every person shall render all possible assistance to any other craft or person in distress, whether a club member or not.
6. Wet or Dry suits must be worn when afloat during the winter season.
7. An adequate life jacket or buoyancy aid must be worn at all times whilst afloat. A harness is considered acceptable for experienced windsurfers, but a buoyancy aid is recommended. Wetsuits alone are not considered to be adequate.
8. The area in which sailing shall be confined will be defined by the Officer of the Day, having regard to the requirements of the Local Authority and to the prevailing conditions.
9. All members must check for any sailing restrictions which may be in force on that day – before sailing.
10. Power boat use is restricted to safety and coaching boats and for race officer duties.
11. Every craft shall have sufficient positive buoyancy adequately secured (bags or cases etc) so as to be able to support itself and crew when waterlogged. The Committee reserves the right to prohibit the use of any item or type of craft or tackle.
12. Craft or other apparatus shall be stored or left only in such places and at such times as the Committee defines.
13. An Owner of any craft will not allow it to be used for any purpose other than that for which it was designed, or to allow it to be used in a manner which may be hazardous to other water users. Towing is prohibited except in cases of emergency or training.
14. All members sailing on the lake shall obey the recognised International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCS).
15. Any member not racing shall avoid, if possible, impeding any member who is racing.
16. Only mono-hulled craft not exceeding 16' 3" in length are allowed on the lake.

Note: All alterations, and additions or deletions to the Club Rules or Bye-Laws shall be notified to members via the newsletter and a copy will be displayed on the club notice board.

