



Boatyard Regulations & Conditions

Stonehouse Pool Boatowners Association (SPBA)

Strand Street, Stonehouse,
Plymouth, United Kingdom

1. Yard keys remain the property of the SPBA at all times and are not transferable. Any member found lending keys to unauthorized persons will be liable to expulsion from the Association.
Any keys found should be returned to the yardmaster.
Lock the gate at all times. Always assume that you are the last to leave and ensure that the clubhouse, workshop, engine shed and pontoon gates are secured.
2. Car parking in the yard is available to permit holders only on a first come first served basis and entitles the permit holder to park one car per mooring. Friends, family or visitors cars are to be parked elsewhere. Parking permits must be displayed.
3. All members using SPBA facilities are responsible for keeping the area clean and tidy. This includes the clubhouse, workshop and toilet. Every member is expected to remove their own rubbish and tidy up after themselves at the end of each day.
4. Children and animals are to be supervised at all times.
5. Noise is to be kept to a minimum, particularly at night to avoid disturbing nearby residents. During the winter storage period halyards are to be tied away from the mast and loose covers are to be secured.
6. Loose fuel and flammable materials are not to be stored in the boatyard.
7. The pontoons are for the use of all members and are not to be used as a marina berth. Unattended or overnight mooring to the pontoons is not permitted without prior permission from the yardmaster or a committee member.
8. Tender storage is available in the boatyard racks for a 12 month period. Tenders may also be moored to the pontoon between (April – October) for a yearly fee set by the committee. All tenders are to be clearly marked on the inside of the transom with the SPBA mooring number.
9. Members using the pontoon for tender berthing are to consider other members at all times and not block the access ladders. Tender berthing to the pontoons is on a first come first served basis, no individual spaces are allocated. Tenders are to be moored in the designated area only. Tenders are to be removed from the pontoon area prior to, or during the October lift out. The pontoons will be closed to general access for the winter period. Tenders should not be returned and the pontoons not used until after the spring launch maintenance tasks have been completed as instructed by the Bosun.

10. Winter Storage facilities shall only be available to Association mooring holders, at fees set by the committee and shall be payable by the 30th September.
Payment of the winter storage fee shall entitle the member to the following only:
 - a. Vessel storage October to April.
 - b. Reasonable use of electricity and water.
11. During the winter storage period the yard gates are to be kept locked at all times. No vehicles are to obstruct the entrance to the gates.
12. Winter Storage fees are charged per foot of boat length. This includes bowsprits, davits, permanently fitted outboard engines, Z drives and swimming platforms.
13. Owners of vessels laid up in the yard for winter storage are to ensure that the said vessel is insured for the full winter storage period.
14. The vicinity of the lifting area during craning is a "Hard Hat Area". Any members not directly involved with the lifting operation are to remain clear of the lifting area
15. Owners of sailing boats are required to drop their backstays prior to lifting.
16. Owners are to provide and be responsible for the shoring of their vessel to the satisfaction of the yardmaster. In addition:
 - a. Keel and bilge blocks to be placed athwart ships and all blocks are to be of sufficient base dimensions to ensure stability in the event of an accidental bumping.
 - b. Concrete blocks are not to be used.
17. During the winter storage period, trailers are to be within the confines of the length and beam of the mother vessel. Trailers are to be removed from the yard immediately after launch day.
18. Outboard engines are to be removed or covered, from all vessels on crane out day and are not to be refitted earlier than 2 days before the spring launch.
19. Electric cables are to be free from defects, repairs and non waterproof joints. Long cables of insufficient capacity for the load being carried could get hot and pose a fire risk.
20. All cables to be unplugged at the end of each day and either coiled up and put away or left in a manner that they do not interfere with other users or constitute a hazard. Nothing is to be left switched on overnight or when unattended, this includes battery chargers, heaters and de-humidifiers.
21. The pumping of bilges, tipping of oil, fuel or paint down drains or over the sea wall is strictly forbidden. Any spillages are to be cleaned up immediately.
22. No vessel will be craned in or out without the owner or his / her agent being present. If an agent is to be appointed the yardmaster must be advised in writing.
23. The Association will not, under any circumstances, act as agent.
24. The Association will not accept liability for the safety or insurance of any vessel or its contents.

25. In the event of any owner offering the vessel for sale whilst it is laid up in the yard, the following conditions shall apply:
 - a. Sale must be by private treaty.
 - b. "FOR SALE" notices on vessels are prohibited under the terms of the lease.
26. In the event of any owner selling his boat whilst it is laid up in the yard, the owner (SPBA member) remains fully responsible for the said vessel until it leaves the yard. The new owner must be accompanied at all times whilst visiting the yard.
27. Boat owners will relinquish their storage space and will have to join the waiting list if they change their boat and their new boat exceeds the capacity of the yard.
28. A member is entitled to absent their boat from the yard for one year. The member must inform the Yardmaster of their decision to absent their boat in writing at least 30 days before the craning out days. The member must still pay for their winter storage space. The owner can attempt to find a temporary replacement boat offering it to other members in order as per the winter storage waiting list. If a replacement boat can be identified the boat owner will be reimbursed up to the total paid by the replacement boat owner. Reimbursement will never exceed the original amount paid for winter storage by the member. All arrangements must be ratified by the Yardmaster.
29. **By taking Winter Storage you agree to the following :**
 - a) Yard Winter Storage is dependent upon boat owners being present at all times for the craning in and out of their boats. Anyone failing to comply will not be invited back into the yard. The SPBA have no liability if a boat has to be launched and placed on a mooring without an owner present.
 - b) Anyone unable to be present themselves for craning must notify the Yard Master (not anyone else) who their elected representative is in good time before craning and report their launch or storage plan.

**THESE REGULATIONS ARE MANDATORY. THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO IGNORE THEM
COULD BE REFUSED FURTHER MEMBERSHIP OR STORAGE.**

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