



Boat Park Rules (last updated April 2026)

General Principles

We try and keep boats in the same fleet together.

Spaces are allocated on an "as available" basis but members wishing to move spaces are placed on a waiting list.

Spaces are not transferable without the permission of the boat park administrator.

The boats of regular sailors (once a week) will be prioritised for spaces near the launch areas. The committee reserves the right to move a boat to another space if it is necessary for the operation of the boat park. Rarely sailed boats (less than once a month) may be moved to an alternative space to make room for regular sailors. Members will be notified if their boat is moved permanently.

Rules

1. Process

- a. Any application for a space in the boat park should be made initially to the boat park administrator ("Administrator"), whose details are shown on the website [boatpark@chelmarshsailing.org.uk].
- b. Payment is to be made annually in advance by WebCollect; an apportioned payment may be collected initially, in respect of the period from when the space is allocated to the member until the next renewal date;
- c. The Administrator will allocate spaces and may change the allocated space in accordance with the general principles set out above;
- d. No refund of the boat park fee will be made in the event that a member resigns or sells their boat, but the boat space may be passed on with the boat if the new owner is a club member and is keeping the boat at the club;
- e. To enable the boat park register to be kept updated, each member must notify the Administrator as soon as reasonably practicable of any of the following:
 - i. they change their boat;
 - ii. their boat is transferred to a new member in accordance with rule 1.c above; or
 - iii. they remove their boat permanently from the Club's premises;
- f. Each member occupying a boat space is responsible for keeping the space clear of weeds and vegetation. No chemicals are to be used for this purpose. A club strimmer, hedge cutter and loppers are available for use or members may use their own tools;
- g. If any trailer or equipment is kept at the Club premises, but outside the boat space for which the member has paid, the member shall be liable to pay for the additional space;



- h. All trailers and launch trolleys should be clearly labelled with the owner's name and all boats stored in the boat park shall have a sticker on them (available from the Administrator) clearly showing the member's name.

2. Insurance

- a. All boats must be insured against third party claims to a minimum of £5,000,000.00.
- b. Each member is responsible for any damage caused by their boat so they are responsible for properly securing their boat and checking them regularly, particularly if windy weather is forecast.

3. Abandoned boats

- a. The Club shall at all times have a lien over a member's or former member's boat, trailer or equipment at the Club premises in respect of all moneys due to the Club whether in respect of arrears of subscription, boat fees or otherwise ("Outstanding Sums")
- b. If, at any time, any Outstanding Sums due from a member are more than three months in arrears, the Club shall have the right (without prejudice to any other rights available to it) to
 - i. move the boat, trailer or equipment to any other part of the Club premises without being liable for any loss or damage howsoever caused;
 - ii. sell any boat, trailer or other equipment belonging to such member at the Club Premises and put the sale proceeds towards discharging such Outstanding Sums provided that all reasonable steps have been taken to notify the owner regarding the outstanding debt no less than 28 days before the sale takes place. Such sale shall take place in any manner the Committee may think fit and the cost of sale will be a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member;
 - iii. to the extent to which the proceeds of sale exceed the debt due to the Club, they will be paid to such member if their address is known. If the address is not known and such member has not claimed the surplus within 6 years of the sale the Club may retain such surplus for its own use.

4. Surplus space

- a. In the event that there are unused spaces in the boat park then the Administrator may offer these on such terms as are agreed by the committee, but on the basis that the occupier is either a sailing member or a supporter member and that such occupation is terminated in the event that the space is required by a member who intends to sail at the Club. In the event that such right of occupation is terminated as a result of the space being required by a sailing member, however, the user shall be given at least one month's notice and shall be entitled to a refund of any boat park fee paid beyond the termination of such period of notice.