



Vale of Glamorgan Model Boat Club Rules 2024

The membership year is from April 1st. **Please ensure your membership is up to date.**

Proof of membership is required to be provided when asked for.

1. When approaching or leaving the Park entrance vehicles must take care when parking to unlock or lock the gate post.
2. The security of the Lakeside entrance post is paramount; each member must ensure the post is secured on entering and leaving the Lakeside.
3. Members may only enter the Lakeside with a vehicle when intending to sail. NO Boat, NO Entry.
4. Low speed limit of 5 MPH in Park grounds. Vehicle hazard lights should be operated when driving within Park. vehicles must give way to pedestrians, wildlife and animals.
5. On entering or leaving Park vehicles **must NOT stop and be left unattended** on the sloping ramp when unlocking/locking the gate post. Vehicle must be stopped on **Level Ground**, engine off and doors secure.
6. Parking is in two rows, lake side and grass side. (As per attached map) Please ensure car doors and boot are closed to prevent injury to passers-by.
7. All drivers to request assistance from another member (when present) to safely guide a vehicle when reversing. On "Event Days" Traffic Controllers Used, 2 In high visibility jackets.
8. General good housekeeping required at lakeside. boats and equipment should not be left unattended on ground. Items kept close to rear of vehicle when preparing boats. When parking at water's edge vehicles must leave a minimum distance of 3 metres (10ft) between vehicle and water's edge to allow safe passage of pedestrians.
9. Health and Safety - Generally it is expected that every member operates with due consideration to other member's models and in a safe and proper manner so as not to endanger, compromise or injure any other club member, the general public, wildlife or property.
10. As we all know it is not at times easy to launch our boats at our lakeside, therefore please make sure you have the relevant slings or lifting or launching devices to not compromise Health and Safety. If you need help, please ask for it. Avoid over-reaching.
11. Please be aware to avoid slipping on the wet surface or areas affected by wildlife excrement or ice.
12. Regarding oils or greases used in model boats, it is recommended that only mineral based oils and greases be used, so as not to permanently damage the environment in which we operate.
13. Charging of LIPO batteries should be carried out at the Members home. Where charging has to be carried out at the lake side appropriate chargers and LIPO charging pouches or boxes must be used. This should be carried out away from parked vehicles.
14. **If Senior Members decide to enter the water, they do so at their own risk.** Precautions must be taken. Fisherman's waders should be worn, a safety line used, and a second person should be present at the Lakeside. **DO NOT enter the water alone.** Never enter the water barefoot. **Junior Members must not enter the water.**
15. Members displaying models do so at their own risk. The Club will not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage to any member's property or model howsoever caused.
16. Members operating radio equipment other than 2.4GHz must check and inform other like members to avoid duplication of Radio Frequencies.
17. An appropriate frequency flag must be flown on the transmitter aerial. These are coloured for the 27 MHz, and green with the frequency number in white letters for the 40 MHz
18. Strictly, only 27 & 40 MHz & 2.4 GHz. radio control sets are allowed.
19. All transmitters with extending aerials must have eye protection fitted at their tip. This should be the approximate size of a table tennis ball.
20. The use of Internal Combustion Engine (IC) Marine craft is not allowed

21. The use of radio controlled land vehicles are not permitted on the car park or pathways adjacent to the lake – Except for the launching and recovery of amphibious craft used on the Lake.
22. The use of steam powered craft is permitted – Subject to approval by the Committee.
23. Members should cleanse hands with an appropriate hand cleansing gel (Sanitizer) after handling and retrieving boats and when they have opened or closed the gate post. Hands to be washed as soon as possible after leaving the lake. Particularly before consuming food and drink. Council staff to follow Council guidance and procedures.
24. Offensive language or behaviour will not be tolerated at the Lakeside, or other Club activities. Such behaviour may result in expulsion from the Club.
25. Junior members under the age of 18 yrs. must be supervised by a parent or guardian when attending all Club activities.
26. Wilful damage to property under jurisdiction of the Club will not be tolerated, nor any misdemeanour, considered by the officers to be against the interest of the Club.
27. Club regular sailing times are Tuesdays and Saturdays 10am till 1pm. Members may sail outside of these times. However, Club Members are requested not sail on a Sunday Between 10 am and 1pm or when notified by Club Officers, due to lake being used by other Clubs or events.

REGULATIONS (Legal requirements)

Anyone wishing to seek clarification on any of these rules and regulations should ideally contact the Club Secretary

***Remember* Access to the lake with vehicles is a privilege authorized by The Council. Please don't abuse that privilege. Don't leave Litter, bin it!!**

