



Watermead Model Boat Club

Code of Conduct



1. General Sailing

- 1 All scale model boat skippers, please sail in the bay area of the lake unless launching or retrieving when the slipway area right of the main jetty may be used. Model racing yachts please keep well clear and out of the bay area of the lake when racing.
- 2 Please sail safely at all times and respect other club members both on and off the water. The use of offensive language and displays of anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. Remember accidents do happen, beware of other models on the water when sailing. Inappropriate behaviour towards others will not be tolerated and may lead to the Committee taking action if required.
- 3 Please ensure that a 'safe members only' area is created by using the barriers provided. Please only sail and launch your models from within these areas. For safety reasons sailing alone is not advisable as referred to in the relevant WMBC Risk Assessment.
- 4 In the interest of safety extremely fast electric models are not permitted for use within the general club sailing areas of the lake unless partaking in an organised event or where there is no risk to other scale or sailing models. The use of internal combustion powered models is strictly prohibited. Steam powered models are permitted (boiler certificate if required).
- 5 The use of model electric flying boats /sea planes is permitted only when operated to the right of the main jetty.

2. Club Events Calendar

When a designated class of model yacht/boat event is scheduled and taking place all other model boat and yacht users who are not taking part in the scheduled event please keep your model yachts/boats well clear of the event area. Please try and limit your sailing to club scheduled operating times.

3. Membership

All WMBC members please have your membership cards to hand at all times as you may be challenged for proof of club membership by the owner of the lake.

4. Use of full-size Rescue Boat

Only competent and experienced WMBC adult club members are permitted to use the club rescue boats. Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times by crew members when afloat. The rescue boat must be operated with a minimum crew of two when possible. A land-based observer must be present at all times to oversee the safe use of the rescue boat. All club members using the rescue boat do so at their own risk. Taking personal items aboard is done so at the user's own risk and individual liability.

5. Wildlife

Wildlife has complete priority over model boats at all times. Please respect all animals, birds and waterfowl found on and around the lake.

6. Other users of the Lake

Please help to maintain our good relationship with the fishermen, members of the public and other Organisations who also use the lake.

7. Frequency Use

All radio control equipment users (except 2.4GHz) must use the frequency pegboard to indicate the frequency they wish to operate on. All transmitter aerials must be fitted with an eye protector if long enough to be a risk. Please check the frequency board before switching on any transmitters.

8. Parking

Parking in the car park is allowed at the kind discretion of Aylesbury Vale Crematorium. Please Park your car with care and consideration to others. Please display a WMBC car parking disc in your car and make yourself aware of the opening and closing time of the Crematorium car park gates. Please take great care when using the slipway for parking, loading and unloading. Please do not leave litter or mud from boots on the surface of the car park.