

Wykeham Watersports Rules and Regulations

Wykeham Watersports operate as agent under licence to the Dawnay Estate for the purpose of providing watersports facilities at Wykeham Lake. Season permits and a key to the site are available on completion of an application form and payment of the agreed fee to Wykeham Watersports. We want everyone to enjoy themselves, but respect for safety is paramount for all users. The site is a working quarry and Health and Safety regulations apply there. Permit holders must read and understand the following, and by signing agree to abide by the rules.

- **All users must wear buoyancy aids at all times in or on the water.** These must be CE compliant and fit correctly. Buoyancy aids may be hired from Wykeham Watersports.
- All water users must demonstrate adequate competence in handling their craft, otherwise they must complete a basic training, provided by, or approved by Wykeham Watersports.
- Do not cross the line of flotation buoys. There is a silt bed beyond this point.
- Do not land on the island.
- Do not land on the lakeside beyond the water sports compound, except in an absolute emergency.
- No alcohol beyond the legal limit is to be consumed by water users. Failure to comply with this will result in the permit being withdrawn immediately.
- Permit holders must ensure they have adequate all risks insurance, including third party liability cover for £2 million.
- Whenever possible, water users should operate a “buddy system” whereby one person acts as observer ashore whilst the craft is in use on the water.
- **Wykeham Watersports do not provide safety cover unless hired to do so.**
- Motorised craft are not permitted for use by individual permit holders.
- The slip must be kept clear and is for boat use only. Do not impede access to and from the water.
- The shore, together with the adjoining grass slope, is for manoeuvring craft in or out of the water only. Ensure that everyone is safely out of the way when craft are being manoeuvred as these procedures can be dangerous.
- Boat trolleys must not be left at the water’s edge but must be removed to a safe distance to allow suitable clearance for other users.
- **The roped off compound around the changing rooms is for Wykeham Watersports’ training sessions. Please do not use this area without prior permission from a member of staff.**
- **No dogs are to be brought on site,** other than guide dogs.
- The permit must be displayed in the holder’s vehicle when on site.
- Boats and/or boards left on site must display the permit holder number.
- Road trailers must be removed from site, or incur a levy of £40 per season.
- Permit holders’ guests or visitors in additional vehicles, must sign in and out at Wykeham Watersports office.
- Only one vehicle per permit holder is allowed on site and must be parked in the car park only. **Do not park on the grass, or in the boat park.**
- The number of accompanying family and/or guests must be limited to four. **Over and above this number £2 must be paid** for any additional person travelling in the permit holder’s vehicle.
- **Further guests in additional vehicles** may be admitted only with the consent of Wykeham Watersports and a **charge per vehicle is payable of £3 per morning or afternoon, or £5 for a full day.**
- Responsibility for accompanying guests and children lies with the permit holder who must ensure they are aware of, and observe, the rules and regulations. Copies are available on request from the site office.
- The permit entitles the permit holder to launch one craft only. A day launch charge is levied for additional craft not paid for on an annual permit.
- Accompanying guests must pay the day rate to launch additional craft.
- Provision of First Aid for him/herself and any accompanying family/guests is the responsibility of the permit holder.
- Picnics can be held on the grassed area of headland near the boat park.
- BBQs may be used only with prior permission.
- **Please take all litter home** in order to reduce the risk of vermin.
- **No swimming and no water toys** are permitted without prior consent from Wykeham Watersports’ staff.
- Please ensure the toilet is kept clean. Relieving oneself elsewhere is not allowed.
- There must be no disposal of any substances/fluids etc. in the lake, as this can upset the eco-balance of the water.
- The boat park must be kept tidy and maintained at all times by the permit holder, each being responsible for the area designated for his/her craft.
- Vessels and trailers must be left in their allocated space in an orderly and safe fashion, and secured to the ground when laid up to avoid third party damage.
- If the water sports centre is closed the gate must be locked on entry and exit.
- Everyone must be off site by **9 pm** at the latest. **Fishery gate code:3615**
- A speed limit of **10 mph** must be observed **on all tracks on the Estate** and due caution must be observed within Wykeham Watersports’ compound.
- Wykeham Watersports operate a verbal and/or written warning procedure for breach of rules. All warnings will be noted and kept on file. Three written warnings will result in the user permit being withdrawn, and any craft stored at the Lake must be removed at the expense of its user and/or owner. In such an event no fees will be refundable.
- Wykeham Watersports, acting as agents for the Estate, reserve the right to withdraw and/or refuse permission to individual permit holders and guests to access the site and/or the water.
- Neither Wykeham Watersports nor the Estate can be held responsible for any loss or injury to persons, vehicles, and private belongings whilst on the Estate and within the watersports compound.

I understand that Wykeham Watersports reserve the right to enforce these rules and regulations. I have read and understand them and agree to abide by them at all times. I understand I must retain a copy and return a signed copy to Wykeham Watersports.

Signature.....

Print name..... **Date**.....