Bowmoor Sailing Club - Rules Summary

Buoyancy Aids

- Buoyancy aids (a minimum of 50N) must be worn on any boat, jetty, SUP, canoe or kayak or if playing in the water.
- You must provide your own buoyancy aids; the Club will only provide buoyancy aids for official training courses.

Sailing (inc. wind-surfing, wind-foiling, wing-foiling)

After 9.30 am	Whole lake until 3.30pm (Nov- Mar) or 4.30pm (Apr - Oct)
3.30pm until dusk (Nov - Mar)	Whole Lake EXCEPT for the western end
4:30pm until dusk (Apr - Oct)	Whole Lake EXCEPT for the western end

- **On-water craft have priority, however members must check the Activity Whiteboard in the Activity Shed before starting their activity as there may be swimmers in the water.** If the orange flag is flying, members must wait until the swimmer has finished their activity – this would be a maximum of 30-minute wait.
- The Club programme for organised activities has priority over recreational activities. If in doubt, check with the OOD or SI.
- Lake maybe closed for Open events as advertised in Bowsprit (Club newsletter), the Club Facebook page and on the Website.
- Buoyancy Aids must be worn.

Swimming

Summer (Apr - Oct)	Raise the ORANGE FLAG and then lower it when finished
Before 9.30 am	Whole lake
Weekdays term time only	If lake is not being used by water craft, SIGN ACTIVITY BOARD, 30 mins activity only
After 4.30 pm	Western end of lake marked by yellow buoys
Winter (Nov - Mar)	Raise the ORANGE FLAG and then lower it when finished
Before 9.30 am	Whole lake
Weekday, term time only	If lake is not being used by water craft, SIGN ACTIVITY BOARD, 30 mins activity only
After 3.30 pm	Western end of lake marked by yellow buoys

ACTIVITY BOARD

- Check the activities white board, water craft have priority but if the lake is not being used swimmers may use the lake. Swimmers must first add their **name**, **time** of entering the water and **location** of their activity on the activity whiteboard in the Activity Shed. Swimming is limited to a 30-mins activity and the Orange flag must be raised.
- Swimmers should use bright swim caps and tow floats unless participating in elite event training.
- All swimmers under 16-year-old must always wear high visibility swimming caps, tow swimming floats and swim in close company with an adult capable of providing assistance if required.

SUP - Paddleboarding & Kayaking

- SUP's and kayaks may use the lake at anytime (except during Open Events) provided they do not inconvenience any other activity on the lake. Organised activities have priority.
- Paddleboarders must wear a leash and buoyancy aid and keep clear of open water swimmers and sail craft.
- If entering the water from the craft, you must always stay within 5m of the board/canoe.
- Buoyancy aids are mandatory

Playing in the Water

- Anyone in the water must wear a buoyancy aid (a minimum of 50N and CE marked); arm floats and floatation rings are not acceptable alternatives.
- You must not be in the water from 15min before the start of dinghy racing or formal training until 15 min after they have concluded.
- If entering the water from a boat, SUP or canoe you must remain within 5m of that craft.
- You must avoid the area where sailing craft are approaching and leaving the shore.
- Inflatable water toys are not permitted on the lake (i.e. craft must have CE or USGC rating for use on open water).
- Stones must not be thrown, leave them on the shoreline/ground.

Security **If in doubt, lock the gate and clubhouse (all members should have keys)**

- The security of the site and clubhouse is the responsibility of all members.
- The main gate and clubhouse must be locked by the last person leaving the site.
- If camping on site, the main gate must be locked before sunset.
- The clubhouse should be locked overnight unless there are 5 or more families camping on site.

Duties

• Members are required to take part in at least one duty per year.
• A retrospective opt-out charge for failure to complete assigned club duty.

Guests and Minors

• You may invite up to 3 friends (or a single family) to the Club on any given day, providing that the same guest is not invited more than 3 times in a calendar year.
• You must be present while your guest(s) are on site and you are responsible for ensuring your guest(s) comply with Club Rules and Guidelines.
• For insurance reasons, on arrival you must complete the visitors book for each guest; the book can be found just inside the front door in the clubhouse.
• All under 16-year olds must be supervised by a full adult member unless they are taking part in Club organised training activities. If in doubt, please contact the event organiser before the start of the event.

Dogs

• Dogs are permitted at the Club, providing they are kept under close control.
• Please ensure dogs are on a lead in the Clubhouse and on the Deck.
• You are required to clear up any dog mess and remove it from site.
• Dogs are not permitted in Clubhouse when food is being served/galley open.

Camping & Pods

• Members may camp on the grass between 1 April and 30 October.
• No camping/parking within 25m of western shoreline gravel and 5m of or within Boat Park.
• Caravans and campers may also use the car park hard standing October to March.
• Tents, vans and caravans must not be left on site unoccupied. Abandoned tents etc. may be removed.
• You may only stay on site continuously for a maximum of 10 days (unless otherwise licenced).
• There is no right of permanent residence.

Rubbish

• Please take your rubbish home with you after your stay. The external bins are for Club (not personal) dry recycling and landfill waste.
• The clubhouse bins are only for waste from The Galley or meals eaten in the clubhouse or on the decking.
• When the bins are obviously full, please do not continue to place rubbish in them.

Boats

• Boats can only be kept on a mooring, in the car park cruiser bays or in Boat Park berths provided they are sailed at least once a year at Bowmoor.
•A disposal charge (£250 minimum) will be levied against abandoned boats.
•The only power boats permitted on the lake are the Club safety and coaching boats driven by qualified drivers.
• Registered cruisers are permitted to use small motors to depart from the jetty and/or moorings.

Vehicles

• Cars should only be driven into the boat park to move boats or deliver equipment to boats.
• No parking in or within 5m of Boat Park.
• Seasonal car access to Boat Park and grassed areas is permitted (April to October only).
• Electric vehicles must not be charged on site.

Drones

• Clearance is required for any Drones (or RC aircraft models) from Brize Norton Air Traffic Control or RAF Fairford.
• Drones must be fully insured.

The full version of the rules can be found at http://www.bowmoor.com - Club Rules, Guidelines and Operating Manual