

## WQSC - Friday Evening Code of Conduct

Weir Quay is a volunteer-led Club that operates as a fun based family Sailing Club and can only continue to operate by relying on contributions from many people. As the Club continues to grow, it is important that dinghy sailors and all others on site know the standards of behaviour expected so that everyone can enjoy sailing, appreciate the river whilst learning in a pleasant and friendly environment.

- Be respectful to all club members no matter their age or their experience.
- Arrive on time and be ready to sail; if you arrive after 6pm without telling one of the instructing team that you will be late, for that evening you will be unable to participate in activities afloat.
- To avoid injury and damage to people and boats, be aware of your surroundings and ongoing activities, especially in the boat park during rigging and de-rigging.
- Ensure young children are always kept under full supervision.
- Provide your full attention to the evening's briefing so that you can get the most out of the sailing time whilst staying safe.
- When rigging boats, help one another as this helps to get onto the water more quickly.
- No sailing dinghies are to leave the hard until at least one safety boat is in operation.
- Our instructors and safety boat drivers have extensive knowledge and experience. If we ask or tell you to do something it will either be for you own safety, the safety of others or to help you improve your sailing.
- At the end of the session, when boats are landing, stay out of the water unless you are being directly useful. This is potentially a dangerous time with lots of boats trying to land.
- Once your boat is packed away make sure you help others to pack away their boats.
- If the safety boats are not already in the dinghy park, assist in getting the boats home.
- No showers are to be had until **all boats** are packed away and you are given the go ahead by the instructor in charge (in exceptional case by case circumstances permission can be given by the lead instructor or the shore team for individuals to use the showers/changing rooms before all the boats are packed away).
- There are a limited number of showers so please be quick when using them, to allow everyone a chance to have a shower/get changed.
- Be respectful during the de-brief, there are often important learning points and announcements made during this time.
- Everyone over the age of 16 to talk to the Welfare office, as safe guarding lead, to arrange a DBS check after their initial 3 sessions if planning on continuing to sail with the club (the club provides the DBC check and is free of charge to all individuals)

Weir Quay Sailing Club is only able to operate because the volunteers give up a large amount of their personal time. They are willing to do this to allow others to enjoy sailing as much as they do.

If you are not willing to follow our code of conduct and continue to ignore instruction from the Friday night team, we will ask you to consider if this is the right environment for you.

If you have any concerns with this code of conduct, please talk to either the Dinghy Officer (Rosie Duncan) or the Chief Instructor (Steve Kirby).

We will ask all members who attend Friday night sailors to sign to say they have read, understood and excepted the Friday evening code of conduct.

Thank you

**Weir Quay Sailing Club Friday Evening Team**

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