



MID THAMES MODEL BOAT CLUB

ESSENTIAL SAFETY & CONDUCT INFORMATION

This document condenses information from the Safety Rules and the Code of Conduct to provide members with the information they need to give us all safe boating. But please take the time to read the Safety Rules and Code of Conduct on the club website which are more detailed.

Our location at Hi5! lake is secluded so there must always be two people present when the facilities are being used. i.e. a **Two Person Rule**

**In the event of an emergency the What 3 Words location of the pontoon is:-
hotel.face.barks**

Take special care at the edges of the water because banks, pontoons, platforms and edges can be unstable and slippery particularly when wet.

Members must respect the activities of Hi5!, their customers, the public and the wildlife that share the facilities with our club. Hi5 activities have priority on the lake and in the event of people in the water all fast electric motorised activity must be stopped.

Generally, only members may run boats on the lake. Invited guests who have suitable insurance cover can run their boats in "Run What Ya Brung" or similar events, at the discretion of the activity leader on the day. Fast boats are "No - insurance - no boating - no exceptions." Wherever possible, fast electric boats should be fitted with safety loops, but it is recognised owners may prefer not to do this with RTR models.

There is a rescue boat on the lake and effective buoyancy aids are compulsory when using it. The boat is only to be used by members familiar with small boats, and **only** when there is another person present on the bank. If fast electric racing is in progress it must be stopped if the rescue boat has to be deployed.

Members are responsible for the safe operation of their boats, charging equipment etc. Please note that by the door in the storage unit there is an antiseptic foam dispenser, which you are welcome to use (Same as you see in Hospitals etc). This will minimise any risk of Weil's disease being caught from the inevitable local rat population.

Lithium polymer batteries must not be charged in the storage unit. The use of a fireproof container is preferred. A bucket of dry sand should be positioned at the charging location, and is available at the storage unit. In the unlikely event a Lipo powered model suffers battery problems on the lake, this will normally be evident from the smoke being produced. The rescue boat, either manned or R/C electric, should not approach until the affected model shows no further signs of problems.

It is incumbent on all 'able' members to be alert to the difficulties the 'not so able' members may encounter and to offer help. e.g. in launch & recovery of large or heavy models, or the rescue of stranded models.

No short set of rules can be fully comprehensive, so the club gives its activity leaders the right to intervene and stop what they see as unacceptable behaviour on the lakes, or within our club area.

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