

MID THAMES MODEL BOAT CLUB

BEALE PARK SAFETY & CONDUCT RULES FOR 2018/9

GENERAL

Members must at all times respect the public, children, fishermen, and wildlife who share the park facilities with our club.

Generally, only members may run any boats on either lake. Visitors who have insurance cover can run 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.

Visitors with slow running boats may be allowed on the inner lake under discretion, if they are seriously looking to join the club.

There are rescue boats on both lakes. Effective buoyancy aids are compulsory. The boats are only to be used by members familiar with small boats, and preferably only when there is another member present on the bank.

When fast racing is in progress on either lake, it will be stopped if the rescue boat has to be launched.

Members are responsible for the safe operation of their boats, charging equipment etc.

Please note that by the door in the clubhouse 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.

INNER LAKE

No boats faster than Club 500s or F600s may be used on the inner lake. There is no exception to this. Speed is the issue, not boat size.

Wildlife has priority at all times, even if that means stopping during a race. The race official will be responsible for calling any necessary stops. (He can delegate this to another member if necessary.) An injured bird could lose us use of the lakes.

OUTER LAKE

Wildlife has priority as on the inner lake. Beale Park is a charity registered as a wildlife park, and that is its “raison d’etre”.

The lake is also used by fishermen. Members using it outside the advertised race days should keep as far away from them as practical.

LIPO CHARGING

Lipo batteries must not be charged in the clubhouse. The use of a fireproof charging bag is preferred. A bucket of dry sand should be positioned at the charging location, and is available at the clubhouse.

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 RC electric, should not approach until the affected model shows no further signs of problems.

FINALLY

This document covers the essentials to give us all safe boating. But please take the time to read the Code of Conduct and the Safety Rules on the club website. They are more detailed.

No short set of rules can be totally 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.