

Cromarty Boat Club - Boat Parking



POLICY & TERMS/CONDITIONS REGARDING THE PARKING OF CRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT IN THE CLUB COMPOUND AND CLUB WORKSHOP.

1 Introduction

Cromarty Boat Club leases land lying immediately to the East of the harbour to provide a boat parking compound (the Club Compound) within the local Conservation Area. It is intended for the parking of seaworthy craft, cradles or trailers, & tenders for craft outwith the boating season. It is not a repair yard & neither is it for indefinite parking of boats no longer in use. The terms of the lease & the planning permission govern activities in the compound & have been incorporated into the Parking Permit terms & conditions (see later). Certain small outboard motors for tenders may be kept in the Club's workshop (in the former Lookout Tower across the road from the compound) subject, also, to the Parking Permit terms/conditions.

2 Power to amend the policy & terms/conditions

The Management Committee may, at its discretion, amend or add to this policy & terms/conditions

3 Categories of eligible craft & equipment

- a) Seaworthy Yachts - included in the generic description "craft."
- b) Seaworthy Motor boats/Ribs/Dinghies - included in the generic description "craft."
- c) Tenders with/without trolleys
- d) Outboard motors for tenders but EXCLUDING portable petrol cans
- e) Cradles/trailers for eligible craft
- f) Equipment/materials for maintenance of active craft
- g) Redundant equipment not required for active craft

4 Definitions - Seaworthy craft - Active & Inactive Craft - Boating season

- a) A seaworthy craft is a craft that, in the opinion of the Management Committee, is fit to go to sea safely.
- b) Active craft are craft that are in the water for the boating season.
- c) Inactive craft are craft kept out of the water & not used for the entire boating season.
- d) The boating season is the period between crane-in & crane-out. Usually, it starts around the beginning of April & ends around the end of September.

5 Storage of outboard motors in the Club workshop & prohibition of storage of portable petrol cans

There is only a limited amount of racking in the workshop for the storage of outboard motors & so its use is restricted to the storage of small (<4hp) motors used with the tenders of active craft (one per tender). The only exception is the large outboard for the Club's mooring barge. Under no circumstances is the storage of portable petrol cans permitted in either the Club compound nor the Club workshop.

6 Priority for craft moored/berthed at Cromarty

When allocating parking spaces in the compound, the Management Committee may, at its discretion, give priority to active craft that are moored or berthed at Cromarty.

7 Categories of Parking Permits

There are five categories of parking permit & each permit must be renewed annually. Priority will be given to Annual Permits with the granting of other permits being subject to availability of space.

A) ANNUAL PERMIT (12 months commencing 1 October)

Applicable to seaworthy craft that are active & seaworthy craft that are active but are launched/recovered by trailer for each use & kept in the compound between uses during the boating season (eg small motor boats or ribs, & dinghies).

Includes winter parking of craft, & storage of mast & equipment & year round storage for cradle/trailer/tender with or without trolley & outboard motor for tender (in Club workshop).

B) BOATING SEASON INACTIVE PERMIT (6 months commencing 1 April)

Applicable to seaworthy but inactive craft & is in addition to the Annual permit. Normally only permitted for one boating season. Includes boating season parking of craft, storage of mast & equipment & also cradle/trailer/tender but not storage of outboard motor.

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C) BOATING SEASON TRAILER/TENDER PERMIT (6 months commencing 1 April)

Applicable to trailers/trolleys/tenders parked in the compound during the boating season but in connection with craft not having an Annual Permit.

D) LONGER TERM INACTIVE PERMIT (12 months commencing 1 October)

Applicable to seaworthy craft inactive for more than one year. Replaces the Annual + Boating Season Permits for these craft AFTER THE FIRST YEAR not in the water. Must be renewed annually & available for 2 years only (thus allowing up to 3 years of parking in total for an inactive seaworthy craft).

Includes annual parking of craft, storage of mast & equipment & also cradle/trailer/tender but not storage of outboard motor.

E) DISCRETIONARY STORAGE PERMIT

Applicable to any redundant equipment or other items for which temporary storage is requested. The Management Committee will, at its discretion, decide the length of storage allowed & the charge for such storage.

8 Charges for Permits

The Club will levy permit charges as agreed from time to time by the Management Committee.

The charge for the first year of the Longer Term Inactive Permit will be double the sum of the charges for the Annual Permit & the Boating Season Permit.

The charge for the second year of the Longer Term Inactive Permit will be double the first year charge for the same permit.

The charge for the Discretionary Storage Permit will be set by the Management Committee taking into account the details of the application (eg item(s) to be stored & length of storage period requested)

9 Application for a Permit & deadlines

Applications for permits must be made on the official application form (see separate document). Nothing within the application for a permit or the allotment of space within the Club Compound/Workshop will constitute an arrangement for a lease of such space.

Each application must be accompanied by the relevant permit fee which will be promptly refunded if an application is unsuccessful.

The deadline for applications for an Annual Permit is 31 August.

The deadline for applications for a Boating Season Inactive Permit is 31 March

The deadline for applications for a Boating Season Trailer/Tender Permit is 31 March

The deadline for applications for a Longer term Inactive Permit is 31 August.

10 Terms & conditions pertaining to storage permits

1. Only Full, Family, Joint, Corporate & Life members may apply for a parking permit. There is no automatic entitlement to a parking permit
2. Any member applying for a parking permit must be owner or co-owner of the craft/equipment being stored. All co-owners must be members.
3. Only eligible craft & equipment may be parked. Unseaworthy craft are excluded.
4. Craft parked must be 10m (32 ft) LOA or less & have draft of 2m (6ft) or less.
5. All craft parked in the Club compound must have adequate Insurance & a copy of the current insurance certificate must be presented along with the parking permit application form.
6. No craft or equipment will be allowed in the compound until the owner(s) receives permission from the Management Committee.
7. All craft & equipment are parked entirely at the owner's risk.
8. All craft & equipment must be kept within the allocated space.
9. All masts must be un-stepped with their spreaders removed & must be stored in the rack provided unless otherwise agreed by the Management Committee.
10. Allocated spaces must be kept clean and tidy at all times with all rubbish & weeds removed.
11. Only routine maintenance may be carried out - no major repairs unless with the prior approval of the Management Committee. Any debris from maintenance activities must be cleaned up & removed from the compound for safe disposal.

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12. Only routine servicing of engines may be carried out unless with the prior approval of the Management Committee. When changing oil, precautions must be put in place to prevent spillage onto the ground & waste oil must be removed from the compound for safe disposal.
13. No portable containers for oil or fuel may be kept in the Club compound nor in the Club workshop.
14. Users of the compound or tower are responsible for ensuring the security of the premises at all times including making sure that water/power is turned off after use.
15. Any concerns regarding illegal tampering of craft or illegal removal of equipment must be reported immediately to the Secretary.
16. Any member failing to adhere to these rules will forfeit the storage of their craft & equipment

11 Power to remove, sell or dispose of craft and/or cradles/trailers/equipment/outboards

In the case of an abandoned or unauthorised (as described below) craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard the Management Committee may:-

- a) move the craft and/or cradle/ trailer/equipment/outboard to any part of the compound/workshop, or outside the compound/workshop, without being liable for any loss or damage to the craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard howsoever caused.
- b) upon giving 1 months' notice, require the member or former member to collect the craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard.
- c) upon giving three months' notice in writing by registered post to the member or former member at his/her last known address shown in the register of members sell the craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard & deduct any monies due to the Club (whether arrears of subscription or facility fees or compound fees or otherwise).
- d) if the craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard is unsaleable (in the reasonable opinion of the Committee), after giving notice in writing as aforesaid, dispose of the craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard in any manner the Committee may think fit & deem the cost of doing & any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to the club by the member or former member.
- e) the club reserves the right to charge storage for the craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard until such time as the craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard is collected under clause (b) above or is disposed of under clauses (c) or (d) above.

PROVIDED THAT in each case that proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken by the Management Committee to trace a member or former member and that when & if the craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard is sold the proceeds of sale (where these exceed the amount of any indebtedness by the member or former member to the club) shall be placed in a bank deposit account & retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether he be the said member or former member) for a period of six years.

The Management Committee shall be entitled to treat any of the following as an abandoned or unauthorised craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard:-

- a) an unseaworthy craft.
- b) a craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard located in the compound or workshop without the permission of the committee.
- c) a craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard located otherwise than in its properly allocated space.
- d) a craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard that remains in the compound or workshop for more than one month after any date advised by the Committee by which craft and/or cradles/trailers/equipment/outboards must be removed.
- e) a craft and/or cradle/trailer/equipment/outboard which is the property of a member or former member which remains on club premises after any fees payable to the club by any member or former member (whether by way of arrears of subscription or facilities fees, storage compound fees or otherwise) are more than one month in arrears.

12 Permit Application - Points system

The Management Committee will use a Points System to guide the allocation of parking permits. The Points System is intended to protect active Club members from those who would join the Club solely for the purpose of obtaining cheap storage for their craft. Points will be awarded in the following manner:

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- a) 1 point for each MONTH in the current season when the craft has been active and has either been moored/berthed at Cromarty or kept in the compound between uses.
- b) 2 points for each "Club Event" attended in the current year (MYA Races, CBC Regatta, CBC Commodore's Cruise, CBC day/weekend cruises, social events & workshops, work parties and Club Meetings)

The Committee has discretion to consider factors other than the number of points in the allocation of spaces & its decisions are final.

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