

DHSC

Terms of use for DHSC Pontoon

The following guidelines were prepared to ensure safe and fair usage of the pontoon for all the members and visitors.

1. Access to the Pontoon

- a. The DHSC pontoon is a facility made available for use of members of DHSC and visiting leisure craft. The pontoon is designed to be used as a mooring pontoon for punts and tenders and for short term stays for larger craft; it is not available for long term berthing, either with or without crew. Visiting craft are defined as vessels not owned or controlled by members of DHSC. The pontoon has CCTV for monitoring and security.
- b. Access to the pontoon is controlled by security locks. Members should not loan fobs to non members.
- c. The Committee of DHSC reserve the right to refuse permission to use the pontoon or instruct an owner to remove their craft if anti-social behaviour is evident, for security or safety reasons or if fees are not paid.
- d. The Committee will implement a Fair Usage policy which will be agreed by the members.

2. Landing Berth

- a. A landing berth is identified on the pontoon; boats, which must remain crewed, are permitted to lie at the landing berth for not longer than twenty minutes. The berth must be vacated immediately when requested to do so by Pontoon Staff. Craft left unattended on this berth may be removed without notice.

3. Safety

- a. The Committee strongly recommends that lifejackets be worn by all pontoon users. Children under the age of twelve, while on the pontoon, should be under the supervision of a responsible adult at all times.
- b. Swimming / Fishing from the pontoon is not permitted.
- c. Barbecues are not permitted on the pontoon.
- d. Lifesaving equipment is located at defined positions.

4. Facilities

- a. Water and a 220V power supply are available on the pontoon. Cards for the use of electricity are available . Potable water must not be wasted. Ensure constant supervision when filling tanks.
- b. A general waste bin and a recycling bin are available nearby in the town. Please take all waste materials away and never discard items on the pontoon deck or ramp

5. Punts and tenders

- a. Tenders and punts are to be moored on the designated area of the pontoon, bow on.
- b. Tenders and punts moored on the pontoon must not exceed 16ft in length.
- c. A rope painter of appropriate length should be used. Chain or wire should not be used, and the locking of tenders to the pontoon is not permitted. No boats with masts may moor on the inside of the pontoon.

6. Visitors Charges

- a. Visitors should report their arrival at the pontoon according to the instructions posted at the entrance gate.

b. The charge for visiting craft is €15 per night. The maximum length of stay is six nights. Any extension to this must be approved by the Committee. Any craft remaining on the pontoon without permission may be removed without notice, at the sole risk of the owner

A charge of €5 may be made on non-member craft using the pontoon for embarkation/disembarkation.

7. Member's Charges

a. A charge of €5 per night will apply to members craft for the first 2 nights and € 10 for subsequent nights. The maximum stay is six nights. When a boat is absent from the pontoon for at least 48 hours and returns the charges starts again at €5 as above. **To minimise administration please pay your fees at the end of the week in the clubhouse or to the volunteer Pontoon Manager**

b. DHSC accepts no liability whatsoever for any injury suffered by any person using the pontoon or any damage caused to any craft or equipment thereon. Persons using the pontoon do so at their own risk.

8. General

a. The person in charge of any craft using the pontoon is responsible for ensuring that their craft is adequately secured by suitable warps and protected by suitable fenders.

b. Berth holders shall at all times respect the privacy of others and shall keep noise pollution to a minimum.

c. The pontoon may not be used to berth disabled craft.

d. Inflatable and other tenders belonging to boats on the pontoon must not obstruct other vessels or other berth users and are not permitted to be placed or stowed on the pontoon.

e. DHSC accepts no liability for damage to first or third party craft caused by inadequate mooring or fendering. DHSC accepts no liability for any damage to persons, or their belongings, using the pontoon. Persons using the pontoon do so at their own risk. Boat users should insure that vessels adequate insurance to cover third party risks.

f. Where common cleats are used, the person in charge must ensure that any third party warp which may have to be released is remade in a secure and seamanlike manner.

g. Warps shall be tied off so as not to cause an obstruction or danger to persons walking on the pontoon.

f. Boats may not be scraped, painted or stored on the pontoon walkways. Bicycles may not be stored on the pontoon or chained to the gate. The pontoon walkways may not be used as a work area for boat maintenance. Boat or other equipment must not be left unattended on the pontoon. Pontoon walkways must be kept clear at all times for safety reasons.

9. Commercial Use

a. Commercial operators must apply to the Committee for permission to use the pontoon.

10. Agreement to terms of use

a. Members may be required to sign a document agreeing with, and agreeing to abide by, the terms of use of the pontoon.

11. Amendments

DHSC Committee reserves the right to review and amend terms of use, as and when required.

The committee will appoint a pontoon sub-committee to organise and supervise the pontoon on a day to day basis, these will be volunteers so please co-operate with them.

Any suggestions or helpful comments are welcome