



EAST DOWN YACHT CLUB

Rules for the Pontoon and the Dorn

PONTOON FACILITIES

Wind Conditions

Members and Visitors are welcome to use the pontoon except in strong and gale force winds, and always under the direction of the Sailing Committee.

Personal Buoyancy

A Personal Flotation Device must be worn by children under 12 years of age and by all non-swimmers using the pontoon or the approach Walkway and Bridge.

Club Reserved Spaces

The positioning of club boats takes precedence over member's boats. Space for the Chevy and for a RIB to be left in the water must be maintained. The north side of the pontoon is reserved for the Chevy.

Rafting and tying up

Yachts may be tied up providing the skipper or owner remains on-site. Rafting, in suitable conditions, to a maximum of three boats is permitted with lines to the pontoon from the outside boats. Those in highly manoeuvrable boats should consider leaving as much of the pontoon length as clear as possible for larger less manoeuvrable boats.

Clearing the Pontoon

Space may be required to be cleared or reserved for Training, Safety, Event Management or an Emergency.

Prolonged Use

In the event of breakdown, dispensation may be given by the Executive Committee for the use of the pontoon provided the boat is being worked on actively.

Environment

Skippers are required to adhere to good environmental practice at all times, especially while moored to the pontoon. This includes not discharging of waste to the environment and the transport of refuse to bins on shore. Unattended obstructions or tripping hazards on the pontoon must be avoided.

THE DORN

Visitors Moorings

The Moorings (two grey buoys to the east of the Club pontoon) referred to as Visitors Moorings are maintained by EDYC at the club expense, they assist to promote sailing in Strangford Lough. They are for the use of visitors and are not for the routine or extended use of members. Please do not

abuse this facility. Members should vacate these moorings as soon as possible, giving visitors and other members access and use.

Speed & Wash

A 5 knot speed limit (speed over the ground) is imposed in the immediate area of the clubhouse waters bounded to the North by Dodd's Island and in the South by the entrance to the Dorn (often marked by perches), during the sailing season.

The following list of vessels has permission to exceed the speed limit :-

Club support vessels, club safety boats and club rescue boats in their immediate race management and safety/rescue duties only, not on general passage making, subject only to safe and considerate helming.

