

## EDYC guide to using the dinghy and boat park (summer car park)

A recent member who had parked his boat out of the ordinary way of things, - said no one had told him how to use the boat park. In an effort to pass on what some members would consider to be a common sense approach to boat park use, please find the following notes instructive.

Park with other boats of the same size and construction. Neighbours will understand the intricacies of your particular type of boat. In sheep terms - you to stay within the flock! Boats which stick out are to be avoided, they need extra care, extra warning marks and are over exposed, don't be one of these, stay within your size group. Do not park your L17 within the 30 foot cruisers, it means keep your Topper out of the Wayfarer row.

Do not block other boats in, or else be prepared to move or be moved by others who also have both parking and movement needs.

The car parking space markings may assist in terms of alignment however do not feel you must locate within a space. Boat widths especially cruisers may mean that you take more or less than a car or number of cars, hence the next adjacent boat to park should park close to the last one and not in the centre of the next empty available car space. This means efficient use of our space. Acceptable space between two boats means a ladder may be used abeam the stern, but at their maximum beam widths boats should be about one foot (0.3m) apart

The dinghy park - North of the slipway, has the common practice to keep the heavier dinghies next to the shore side hedge- shortening the pull distance for heavy dinghies.

This leaves the middle rows for the less heavy eg GP14s and the next row for the lightest Lasers and Toppers. The club have the five spaces under the canoe rack for the club Toppers and also next the upper hedge spaces for the six Fevas.

As a general guide for dinghies - if you are an infrequent user, place your dinghy further away from the slip, towards the North hedge. Thus if you are only using a boat monthly, others with twice weekly use do not have to drag past your boat. In the dinghy park (North of the slip) keep the U shaped drive way clear at all times, saving reversing for some who can't reverse well with trailers and maintaining alternative ways to drag your dinghy to the slip.

Cruiser tenders normally stay to the South of the slipway utilising the vacated cruiser spaces without blocking too much car parking in the summer. The shore side area outside the dinghy park hedge is used in the main for tenders usually stored upside down.

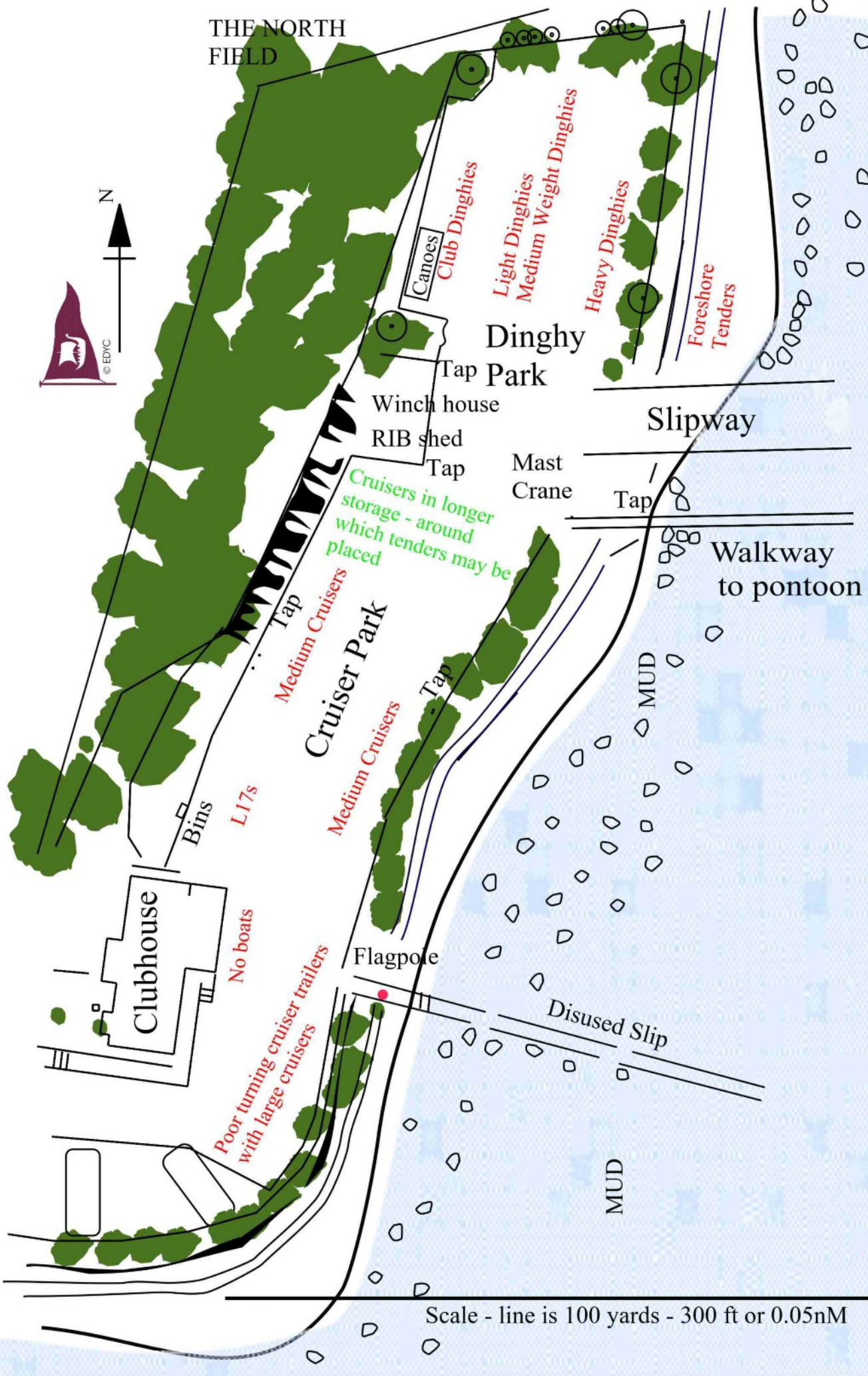
Within the cruiser park, the current store of boats out of commission next the RIB sheds and crane goes against the sense of leaving major slip adjacent space for tenders, but tenders should surround all out of commission boats rather than take car parking spaces or hedge side spaces which can be blocked by car parking.

There are summer and winter patterns of parking and there are transition times. Overall patterns are established in the transitional periods, however be aware that the pattern has to make sense and previous patterns have worked in the main. Avoid parking across other boats.

Permanently parking under the crane must be avoided, as is any permanent parking within the yellow hashed area in front of the RIB sheds. Blocking RIB shed access is a complete no brainer - these boats are for safety and may be demanded at short notice !

Your boat and tender etc. **should be well and obviously labelled**, else it could be considered abandoned property. Abandoned property gives the impression the owner does not care for it and likely others may be unable to discuss care of your property/boat with you.

THE NORTH FIELD



Dinghy Park

Tap

Winch house

RIB shed

Tap

Slipway

Mast Crane

Tap

Cruisers in longer storage - around which tenders may be placed

Walkway to pontoon

Cruiser Park

Medium Cruisers

Medium Cruisers

Bins

L17s

Clubhouse

No boats

Poor turning cruiser trailers with large cruisers

Flagpole

Disused Slip

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Scale - line is 100 yards - 300 ft or 0.05nM

EAST DOWN YACHT CLUB