

# EDYC General Guidance

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## **Pontoon & Water 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 ~~as is the south-west side of the pontoon~~. These club boat positions are to be used, always seeking to avoid damage to the RIB from weather or difficult handling conditions. It is the intention to keep the RIB/Chevy on the North side of the pontoon, giving easier parking.

**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 Sailing Captain 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 receptacles on shore. Unattended obstructions or tripping hazards on the pontoon must be avoided.

**Visitors Moorings** The Moorings (two grey buoys to the east of the Club pontoon) referred to as Visitors Moorings were provided by Down District Council and are now 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. Abuse of this facility may result in the member being approached by the club. 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.

**Health & Safety** EDYC has adopted a Health & Safety Policy (see Handbook Appendix C), to which the following notes will assist members.

**H&S Training & Guidance** The Executive will provide both training and guidance on any aspect of club activity, on request, with a view to making our activities safe. A wide range of activity has an associated risk and via training and guidance we aim to reduce the risk. It should be your judgement as to when your experience, training and guidance sufficiently overcome the risk. Guidance sheets are prepared in relation to crane use, winch use and other activities.

**Accident Book & Reporting** The statutory accident book is retained in a drawer in the kitchen. It is to be used when appropriate. The Executive need to hear of all accidents, even minor, via verbal, written and/or email reports. Monitoring and recording all incidents will give us direction on where our safety can be improved. An email or a signed note, dated and placed in the kitchen drawer, would be simple ways to alert the Executive of a less serious accident.

**Safety Maintenance** Maintenance is a continuous task and, in many cases, relates directly to safety. In the same way as the Executive wish to hear of accidents, they also wish to hear of maintenance tasks which, if conducted, will improve safety. Due to the importance of safety equipment, we must hear when such equipment is missing, damaged or faulty.

**First Aid** The Club maintains first aid consumables in three locations - on shore in the First Aid Box in the kitchen and afloat in waterproof containers (white barrels, red lids) on club Safety Craft and in the shed. Serious incidents afloat may require Coast Guard communications and Ambulance attendance. It is recommended that each member and boat should have some first aid provision. Trained First Aiders are available in the Club and the holding of an RYA Instructor's qualification also indicates training in First Aid. A list of trained First Aiders is located with the First Aid box in the kitchen.

**Assembly Point** The location of the assembly point is on the lane to the right as the club grounds are entered.

**Vehicle parking** There are designated areas around the club site where vehicle parking is considered to be hazardous or where parking may infringe upon a right of way for others. These areas are clearly marked out in yellow paint and club members are asked to keep these spaces clear for the safety and convenience of others.