

# Hamble le Rice Parish Council

## Terms and conditions for the storage of small craft in the Dinghy Storage Park, Hamble Foreshore

The Foreshore is a valuable public open space and an asset belonging to the whole community. The Foreshore provides public access to the water and is valued by the whole community. It also provides storage for over 200+ boats providing quick and easy access to the water via a public slipway and wash off facilities through an on-site water tap. At certain times of the year there will be large numbers of people in the area and these terms and conditions are designed to ensure that everyone can enjoy the space safely.

### General

- 1.1 A plan of the dinghy storage park is available on the Parish website.
- 1.2 Only boats with a valid permit sticker can use the dinghy storage park.
- 1.3 Dinghies are stored at their owners' own risk and HPC will not be responsible for any loss and damage, however it may occur.
- 1.4 Only vehicles authorised by the parish office are only allowed in to the dinghy storage park.
- 1.5 Access to the dinghy storage park is via a lockable barrier. A key is available on payment of a refundable deposit of £20 as long as it is returned within 48 hours of issue.
- 1.6 Boats or equipment will only be moved by Hamble Parish Council staff for safety reasons or to manage a contravention of the terms and conditions.
- 1.7 Please help to protect the local environment and biodiversity by not using anti-fouling or other substances which may contaminate either land or water. Helpful information about best practice is available from the RYA at <https://www.thegreenblue.org.uk/Boat-Users>. Potential or actual contamination of the foreshore will be treated as a serious contravention and the Council reserves the right to cancel a permit with immediate effect.

### Allocation Process

- 2.1 Spaces are let on an annual basis starting on 1 March for single hull boats under 16ft (4.8m) length with a beam of no more than 6'3"(1.9m). Trailers or trolleys should not exceed the overall boat length by more than half a metre. Boats with a fixed keel, cabin or inboard engine are not permitted.
- 2.2 Complete and return the dinghy storage park application form from the parish website. <http://www.hambleparish.gov.uk>
- 2.3 Up to 3 spaces per household are allocated in the following order:-
  - to boat owners who are resident in the parish and on the electoral register;

- to non-resident applicants
  - to residents requesting fourth or fifth permits
- 2.4 Applicants who have caused or permitted serious or persistent contraventions during the previous 12 months (serious includes impounded boats or failing to pay levied fines) will only be considered when all of the above have been allocated spaces.
- 2.5 Spaces are allocated on the basis of size and the allocation of spaces may change each year.
- 2.6 If a specific space is needed due to mobility issues please contact the office.
- 2.7 All users will be asked to provide a digital photo of their boat once the sticker is attached and the boat has been moved to its correct space.

### **Conditions of Use**

- 3.1 Ensure your boat, trailers and associated equipment is totally contained within your space; not your neighbours!
- 3.2 Remember that the dinghy storage park is a public area so keep the walkways free of obstructions and in a clean and tidy condition for everyone to enjoy.
- 3.3 Permit stickers enable Hamble Parish Hamble Parish Council to identify boat owners in an emergency and must be clearly displayed on the transom. Please ensure the permit stickers are in a visible position and not obscured by boat covers.
- 3.4 Permits are not transferable between boats or owners.
- 3.5 All boats must be insured by the permit holder for Public Liability.
- 3.6 When not in use the boat should have its mast stepped back unless it can be stored within the length of the dinghy. Please also remove drain plugs to immobilise the boat and so it doesn't fill with water making it difficult to move in an emergency.
- 3.7 As boats may need to be moved in an emergency so make sure that trolley/trailer tyres and wheels are in a serviceable condition.
- 3.8 The cost of water use is reflected in the cost of the annual charge – so save water and save money.
- 3.9 Keep your contact details up to date so we can contact you in an emergency.

### **Enforcement**

**Hamble Parish Council has consulted users of the dinghy park on these terms and conditions. Where people are either ignoring the conditions or are not authorised to be there the Council will take all reasonable steps to resolve the situation but will use a combination of fines and removals. These are designed to achieve a speedy end to any breaches.**

- 4.1 Only boats **displaying** an authorised permit sticker are permitted in the dinghy storage park. If a sticker is not displayed it is assumed that the boat is not authorised to be there.
- 4.2 Boats and trailers will be subject to periodic inspections to ensure these terms and conditions are being complied with.
- 4.3 If a contravention is found the following measures will be taken:
- (i) the owner will be contacted by the parish office, informed of the contravention and given 14 days to rectify it;
  - (ii) if the contravention is not rectified a fine of £50 will be levied. This is payable within 14 days and the contravention must be rectified;
  - (iii) If no action has been taken the boat will be removed from the dinghy storage park and a supplementary storage fee of £50 per week or part of week will be levied in addition to the unpaid fine.
  - (iv) if the boat has not been claimed after 6 weeks in storage then arrangements will be made for its disposal.
  - (v) If the boat has not been claimed after 6 weeks in storage and the outstanding fee paid in full then arrangements will be made for its disposal.
- 4.4 Where a boat has been impounded and the storage fee paid the boat owner must contact the Council to arrange collection of the boat. Failure to collect a boat within 10 days will result in the reinstatement of the steps above.
- 4.5 The Council reserves the right to refuse to issue a further permit where any of the following apply:
- Money/fines remain outstanding
  - Damage or misuse to the dinghy storage park, tap, Foreshore, slipway or other Council facilities including the toilets
  - Abuse or threatening behavior to other dinghy storage park users or members of Hamble Parish Council (staff and or Councillors)
- 4.6 A person who places an unauthorised boat in the dinghy storage park or obtains a permit by misrepresentation will not be considered for a permit for 5 years from the date of the Hamble Parish Council's formal decision.

## **Charges**

Dinghy storage park permit: £3 per week payable as a one-off bank transfer of £156.  
Minimum fee of £78 applies

Replacement of permits: £10