

SECTION 2

USE OF THE BOAT PARK AND SLIPWAY (ALL)

1. **Launching & Recovery.** The slipway and boat park are LHFA property & its upkeep is paid for by Association members. Non-members are not permitted to launch & recover boats from the slipway; this is a legal requirement of LHFA and Exe Estuary Navigation Authority. LSC members should refer non-members seeking permission to launch any craft to the Harbour Master. Details are posted on the LHFA noticeboard.
2. **Parking.** Parking is prohibited to all vehicles with the following exceptions:
 - a. Vehicles providing services to the Association as authorised by the Harbour Board.
 - b. Members' vehicles but only for loading & unloading.
 - c. Trailers **MUST** be removed after launching. Launching trolleys only can be left on the slipway while owners are afloat.
3. **Safety.** LSC members must take the following into account when using the dinghy storage area and slipway:
 - a. All craft are to carry third party insurance. It is a condition of LHFA membership that all vessel owners are insured against third party risks.
 - b. Recognise your physical limitations. Keep control of boats/launching trolleys, teaming up as necessary for the heavier dinghies and the safety boats.
 - c. All helms must sign both on and off the water if taking part in LSC organised activities.
 - d. Members must be cognisant of tide times, tide heights and weather conditions in planning their waterborne activities. Know your own limitations and "Respect the Water."
 - e. In extremis, unrecovered boats can be secured to the LSC inshore mooring buoy or on the emergency berth, the latter only with LHFA Harbour Master's approval.
 - f. All boat users must wear suitable clothing for the planned activity and wear a buoyancy aid / lifejacket when going afloat. No bare feet and no 'flip-flop' sandals when launching, recovering or operating any craft.
 - g. During Club events, the OOD is to monitor the slipway and ensure compliance with LFHA Rules and good practice.
 - h. Be courteous. Respect the rights of LFHA members, who are not LSC members and may be competing for space for launch and recovery.
 - i. As it is a LHFA facility, LSC members have no authority to approve arrangements for visiting boats. LSC members should refer all enquiries to the Harbour Master.

j. In the event of an accident, first aid kits and access to fresh water are available in the Clubhouse. Incidents must be recorded in the Incident Log

k. Safe practices are in everyone's interest. Be vigilant toward your own actions and more importantly those around you. Reporting is encouraged and can be completed in the Incident Log. Anonymous reporting is equally welcome not least where the reported incident may be near miss that has been noted.

l. **Pressing safety concerns should be brought to the immediate attention of the OOD or to the senior trainer on site.** To improve all safety processes, all accidents and near miss events must be recorded in the Incident Log in the clubroom. Previously reported events have included:

- i. The behaviour of Safety Boat Helms.
- ii. The refusal of helms to allow severing of control lines during dinghy recovery.
- iii. Casualty care / first aid provision.
- iv. Safety boat loading.
- v. The safe and respectful recovery of sailors from the water into the safety boat.

