BUXTON MODEL BOAT CLUB
Health & Safety Policy

1. General

All members are responsible for their own Health & Safety. In addition they are responsible for other members health and safety should they observe an unsafe act.

Please show respect to the wildlife within the gardens.

2. Sailing hours

Thursday 0800hrs to 12.00hrs during school term time
Sundays 0800hrs. to 12.00hrs during school term time
Thursday 0800hrs to 11.00hrs during school term time
Sundays 0800 hrs to 11.00hrs during school holidays

The club may be requested to operate outside these times i.e. special events, bank holidays etc. These instance's will be briefed down to members in good time by the executive officers of the club.

In addition the club Gazebo could be erected above the landing stage. This for the purpose of exhibiting members models. This to be manned at all times.

3. Launching

All models must be launched using webbing slings or launching devices.

Do not bend over the water's edge

One person launching or retrieving in the agreed area.

Kneeling is acceptable. Assistance can be offered or requested with large models or when retrieving yachts on windy days.

4. Rescue of ships in distress

A second boat agreed as the rescue boat and powerful enough to carry out the operation.

A tennis ball with line attached can be used

If a submersible is in difficulties a grappling hook and line to be used.

If the boat hire people are operating on the Main Lake, contact them on completion of sailing.

5. Main Lake

On arrival members must ensure that both models and equipment are carried or transported from the road to the landing stage in a safe way. Not endangering themselves or the general public. The steps are uneven and can be slippery in the winter.

Before sailing can commence, the landing stage must be clear of any rubbish or obstructions, the chain can then be removed.

A first aid box should be available, supplied by the club.

Sailing to commence once 2 members are on the landing stage in case of accident.

Members are encouraged to operate their models within the boundary of the landing stage.

Members boats can only be launched and sailed from the landing stage.

An agreed maximum number of members sailing on the landing stage, on the day based on what is safe and adequate vision of models should be considered common sense.

The members only area will be taped off along the rocks at both ends and a sign placed at the top of the steps.

On completion of sailing ensure that the chain is replaced, all litter removed and placed in litter bin near cafe.

Whilst vehicle loading is taking place, please ensure at least one person watches all equipment and personal items until all are safe.

6. Fountain lake sailing days

Access will be agreed with the Organiser and cascaded down 7 days before, to club members. Any last minute changes will be briefed down as received.

If the vehicle access route to the lake is busy with members of the public, a club member will walk in front of car.

The agreed operating area must be taped off in a way members can exhibit models and be able to answer questions. Space must also be given to enable a safe method of launching.

Launching by the use of webbing slings or launching devices.

Do not bend over the water’s edge, kneeling is acceptable.

Departure should be to dismantle the gazebo and load this first.
Then models to be removed and the area cleared of any rubbish which is to be placed in the bin provided.
Cars should be walked out where possible, remember there will be a lot of children about.