

PENNINE SAILING CLUB
WATER SAFETY REGULATIONS (2005)

Scope of these Regulations

1. These regulations apply **at all times** to all members, guests and visitors to Pennine Sailing Club.
2. The regulations apply to all activity on Winscar reservoir and its shoreline.

General

3. The Sailing Committee has the authority to take any action, as it deems necessary, if a safety regulation is deliberately broken.
4. It is the responsibility of the Officer of the Day (OOD) to ensure compliance with the Safety Regulations and report serious incidents to the Sailing Committee.
5. Club members, guests and visitors must comply with the instructions of the duty team at all times.
6. All contact with the dam wall, regardless of whether the contact results in damage, must be reported to a member of the Sailing Committee and recorded in the Pennine SC Incident Book (kept in the clubhouse).

Children

7. Parents/guardians of children under 16 years of age are required to give annual written consent to their children's sailing activities.
8. Children under the age of fourteen must be under the direct supervision of their parents/guardian or other nominated adult at all times while on Club premises.

Sailing and Other Craft

9. All craft must comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea **at all times** except where these have been modified by the Pennine SC Sailing Instructions.
10. The seaworthiness of any craft, its operation and management is the responsibility of the owner/user/competitor using the craft. No craft that is unseaworthy is permitted on the water.

Personal Buoyancy

11. Personal buoyancy must be worn **at all times** when using any form of craft or if entering the water from the shore.
12. Children aged fourteen and under must wear a buoyancy aid at all times when on the foreshore.
13. Wetsuits or drysuits alone are not considered adequate buoyancy in any circumstances. Belt and nappy type sailboard buoyancy aids are not suitable for use in sailing dinghies.

Safety Cover Afloat

14. At least one support boat must be fully equipped, launched, crewed and tested prior to any sailing dinghies taking to the water **at all times**. Only members aged 16 years and over may drive support boats following training recognised by the Sailing Committee. Exceptionally, members aged 14 years and over may drive support boats if qualified to RYA National Powerboat Certificate standard and with consent of the Sailing Committee.

15. Dinghy sailing must only take place within sight of a support boat.
16. Sailboarders may sail without support boat cover provided that they operate a "buddy" system and are able to effect "self-rescue" in accordance with the RYA method.

Free sailing

17. "Free-sailing" is any activity on the water that is not formally organised by the Sailing Committee or other nominated group. It is only permitted during daylight hours and at the discretion of the OOD when racing is scheduled.

Sailing Area and Hazards

18. Pennine SC has full use of the water except as stated below.
19. The dam wall, overflow at the end of the dam wall furthest from the clubhouse, disused valve tower on the old dam wall and North West arm of the reservoir beyond Mark C are sailing hazards.
20. Craft are therefore prohibited **at all times** from sailing:
 - 20.1. within 40 metres of the dam wall, regardless of the water level, or across an imaginary line drawn between the white railings on the pump house at the north end of the dam wall and the white pole on the south shore (near the club gates);
 - 20.2. in a 20 metre zone around the overflow;
 - 20.3. within 5 metres of the disused valve tower when its safety mark is exposed;
 - 20.4. further than 30 metres into the North West arm of the reservoir beyond Mark C.
21. Exceptionally, support boats may enter a prohibited area expressly to preserve life or prevent injury. Property may be recovered if it is considered safe to do so by the support boat helm and that no damage to the dam wall, support boat or its crew will occur, except under the circumstances described in paragraph 25.
22. No one may enter an open channel/culvert, nor must they enter the disused valve tower on the old dam wall.

Special considerations when the reservoir is overflowing

23. Racing is permitted when the reservoir is overflowing at the discretion of the OOD. The OOD must take into account the overflow hazard prior to permitting racing to take place. In particular, the flow rates, wind strength and direction, the effects of waves, number of support boats and the ability of those racing.
24. If racing is permitted the OOD must consider the same factors when setting a safe course and in directing the placement of the support boats. The racing mark nearest the overflow (Mark J) should not be used during a race when the reservoir is overflowing.
25. **Under no circumstances** may a support boat enter the 20 metre zone around the overflow **to recover property** when the overflow is running.
26. Free sailing of any craft is **not permitted at any time** when the reservoir is overflowing.

Management Committee