

ALTON WATERSPORTS CENTRE/ANGLIAN WATER SERVICES - RULES OF SAILING 2024-2025

- A valid permit is required before launching.
- I.R.P.C.S [*International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea*] sailing rules apply.
- All water users must keep 25 metres from fishermen.
- All cars must display a valid launch permit and park within designated spaces only.
- Children under 16yrs old using the water alone must be signed onto the water by a responsible adult who must remain on site.
- All dogs must be kept on a lead onsite.
- Dogs are not permitted to enter the water under any circumstances.
- No person shall enter or leave the site other than by access roads or other points of entry provided for that purpose.
- No engines/outboards shall be used on Alton Water unless prior written permission has been given by Anglian Water.
- No person shall, without the consent of Anglian Water, enter any part of Alton Water, designated as a nature reserve.
- All water users must take notice of any safety advice given by Alton Water sports Centre staff, including any restricted areas of sailing, which may change daily due to events or special occasions.

INSURANCE

- All craft must hold a minimum of £5,000,000.00 public liability/third party insurance.

BUOYANCY AIDS & LIFE JACKETS

- No person shall, without the consent of Anglian Water, use or be a passenger on any craft without wearing a buoyancy aid or an Anglian Water Supplied life jacket. Windsurfers are permitted to sail without a buoyancy aid provided a suitable harness is worn whilst on the water.
- No person shall, without the consent of Anglian Water, venture onto any pontoon without wearing a buoyancy aid or an Anglian Water supplied life jacket.

LAUNCHING

- No person shall launch any craft when Alton Water sports Centre is closed.
- No person shall proceed onto the water without first registering at the Water sports centre reception.
- All craft shall uphold the "Check, Clean and Dry policy" and any bio security measures set in place by Alton Water sports Centre/ Anglian Water Services, before proceeding to launch on Alton Water.
 - Craft that have not upheld the bio-security standards and policies set in place will be refused access to Alton Water.
- All persons shall uphold any bio security measures set in place by Alton Water sports Centre/ Anglian Water regarding craft, clothing, PPE and accessories used on or in the water, before leaving site.
- No person, without the consent of Anglian Water, may launch a boat or board onto Alton Water, from any other area except that of the designated launching area on the shore directly outside the Water sports Centre Building and between the bays on either side to the east and west.
- Any person launching a craft shall take responsibility for controlling it safely both on land and on water and be responsible for the safety of all its occupants and of the general public.
- Any person launching a craft must be competent to sail and control said craft.
- Any trailer used to carry or launch/recover a craft must be in a suitable condition and fit for the purpose intended.
- No person shall launch/recover a craft using any form of ROPE attached to a vehicle.
- All water users must immediately report to the Water sports Centre upon leaving the water to "sign off".
- All cars / trailers must park in the designated parking areas. No parking on the slipway.
- Dogs are permitted on board sailing craft/ board or boat with prior consent given by Anglian Water and a dog buoyancy-aid must be worn at all times. However, dogs are NOT permitted to enter the water under any circumstances.

PADDLE CRAFT: Canoes, Kayaks and SUP's

- All paddle craft (both hired and private) must remain within the designated area unless permission is obtained from Alton Water sports Centre Management.
- Inflatable craft such as canoes, kayaks, row boats, sailing boats etc. are NOT PERMITTED to launch on to Alton Water.
- Inflatable SUPs are permitted but must remain within the designated area. A launch fee applies, and insurance is still required for Inflatable Stand Up Paddle boards.
- The IRPCS rules apply to all water users.
- Enclosed kayaks may only access the water in a group with a minimum of 2 craft.

PONTOON

- No person shall venture onto any pontoon without a buoyancy aid, or an Anglian Water provided life jacket.
- No person shall clean their boat with chemicals whilst afloat on Alton Water.
- No person shall clean their boat on land, with chemicals, unless prior consent is given by Anglian Water.

OVERLOADING CRAFT

- No person shall use or sail any boat carrying more than the maximum number of persons recommended by the manufacturer or in a manner which causes the boat to be, in the opinion of Anglian Water, overloaded.

NON-BOATING SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

- No person shall bathe, swim, wade, paddle, jet ski, kite surf, water-ski, ice skate or carry out any other activity involving contact with water in Alton Water except with consent of Anglian Water.

CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER WATER USERS

- No person shall use or sail any boat or craft without reasonable consideration for other persons enjoying the amenities of Alton Water.
- No person shall use or sail any boat or craft in such a manner or at such a speed as to cause annoyance, undue inconvenience, or danger to any other person sailing, fishing, (from a boat or on the shoreline) or enjoying the amenities of Alton Water.
- No person shall for any unreasonable amount of time, prevent any other person on the water exercising such rights as they may be entitled to exercise. No person shall intentionally disturb, interrupt, or annoy any person in the proper enjoyment of Alton Water, or engage in any game, sport or other activity, which may endanger this person.

HARASSMENT/ NOISE

- No person shall use offensive language, mark, or permit to make any noise to the reasonable annoyance of other persons at Alton Water.
- Alton Water sports Centre staff should be treated with respect at all times. Anti-social behaviour or abuse of any kind will not be tolerated.

POLLUTION AND LITTER

- No person shall cause or permit any poisonous, noxious, or polluting matter to enter in or on Alton Water.
- No person shall leave on any part of Alton Water any litter or waste of any nature with intent to abandon it, provided that this byelaw shall not apply to leaving rubbish in receptacles specifically provided for it nor to the tipping or depositing of materials approved by Anglian Water in the course of operation and places which Anglian Water has authorised.

SALE OF GOODS

- No person shall sell, offer to sell, expose, or hire any product, equipment, service, food or refreshments onsite for reward without consent from Anglian Water.

OBSTRUCTION

- No person shall intentionally obstruct, disturb, or interrupt any authorised officer in the proper execution of their duty.

FIRES, FIREWORKS AND BARBEQUES

- No people shall, without the consent of Anglian Water, light any fire or discharge any fireworks at Alton Water.
- No person shall light a barbecue at Alton Water except in any designated areas for such use.
- No disposable barbecues allowed on Anglian Water sites except in the designated areas for such use.
- No person shall abandon, throw or let fall at Alton Water any lighted match, lighted cigarette, or any other article containing any inflammable gas or spirit or any inflammable substance, or any bottle or broken glass so as to cause or to be likely to cause damage by fire.

Any persons found in contravention of these rules may be asked to leave the site and/or banned from Anglian Water reservoirs

These rules of sailing are produced in addition to the Anglian Water Water Park byelaws.

Copies of the byelaws are obtainable from Alton Water Park upon request or visit <https://anglianwaterparks.co.uk/water-park-byelaws>

If you would like anymore help or information regarding the Rules of Sailing at Alton Watersports Centre please contact us on 01473 328408 or e-mail altonwatersports@anglianwater.co.uk

By making payment you are agreeing to these terms and conditions.

