

HOLLOWELL SAILING CLUB
STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING POLICY

March 2021 (v2.13)

Stand up paddleboarding will be permitted at Hollowell Reservoir subject to specified terms laid out below. 'This Policy forms part of, and should be read in conjunction with, the Hollowell Sailing Club Membership Policy'

Club Rules

- 1) Club rules must be obeyed at all times. By joining the Club, SUP members confirm their adherence to club rules and bylaws with which they must make themselves familiar.

Membership and fees

- 2) SUP membership is the same as a sailing or windsurfing membership. There is no additional craft fee.
 - a. Family
 - b. Single (over 24)
 - c. Young Adult (18-24 inc)
 - d. Junior Sailing
- 3) As with all club memberships SUP members must carry out their required number of duty days to support the operation of the club.
- 4) Stand up paddleboarding is only permitted by members of Hollowell Sailing Club, and their guests. Stand up paddleboarding is permitted by guests of eligible members of Hollowell Sailing Club who are required to sign in as such in the Visitors Log and adhere to club rules.
- 5) Stand up paddleboarding is not permitted by members of any affiliated membership and only allowed as a member of Hollowell Sailing Club or as guests of an eligible member.
- 6) Memberships of the Club other than social or accompanying adult, allow members to take part in any one or more of the permitted activities being dinghy sailing, windsurfing or SUP. Members of Hollowell Sailing Club (other than social or accompanying adult) may SUP with no additional craft fee.

Safety and water access

- 7) Only craft adequately insured for third party risks will be allowed on the water. It is the responsibility of craft owners and users to ensure that they carry sufficient insurance to cover liability for damage and/or injury to third parties, and they shall make a declaration to this effect before being permitted on the water.
- 8) Approved buoyancy aids must be worn when afloat.
- 9) SUP members must wear clothing appropriate to the weather conditions and water temperature.
- 10) SUP members are responsible for ensuring they possess the competence required to paddle safely, return to the shore and have suitable equipment before launching on the water.
- 11) SUP members should not use or permit paddle boarding when wind conditions exceed Force 4 on the Beaufort Wind Scale (Anglian Water request)
- 12) Stand up paddleboarding is permitted during daylight hours by adults and supervised children under the age of 18 years except when 'no free sailing' is indicated on the Club calendar.
- 13) SUP members must respect the rights and entitlements of anglers at the reservoir and keep a minimum distance of >20 meters from any active fishing.
- 14) Stand up paddle boarders can only launch from the area around the clubhouse and not access the water from the surrounding fields.
- 15) SUP members will avoid areas where sailing vessels are racing and will give way to sailing vessels in potential collision situations.
- 16) SUP members can SUP out of programmed sailing hours, when there will be no safety cover, according to the Open Water policy. SUP members are strongly advised not to SUP alone.
- 17) On arrival on site, and before removing a paddle board from site, it must be checked, cleaned and dried in accordance with the Club's Bio-Security Policy <http://www.hollowellsc.org.uk/biosecurity.html>

This policy is to be reviewed in July 2021 after 3 months SUP activity.