



# BSC Pontoon Usage guide

Please ensure you read this guide before using the pontoon

## **Safety and Security**

- The BSC pontoon is exclusively for the use of BSC members and authorised guests only.
- Ladders to be folded down when pontoon is in use, and safely stowed when not.
- Users should be aware that because of strong tides and possible undercurrents, there is a real risk of being swept under or away from the pontoon.
- When launching or recovering always do so from the down tide side of the pontoon.
- Damage or misuse must be reported to a member of the Committee.
- Security gates to be closed and locked after use or pulled to if left unattended for a period of time whilst the pontoon is in use.
- Flood gate to be closed and locked after use.

## **Do's**

- A life jacket / buoyancy aid must be worn at all times.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn, the pontoon can be slippery, especially when wet,
- Launch trolleys, trailers, carts & personal belongings must be stacked / stored in an orderly fashion so as to leave ample room for launch / recovery and avoid tripping hazards.
- Launch and recover dinghies, kayaks, paddleboards, windsurfs and small predesignated club boats only.

## **Don'ts**

- No Alcohol, BBQ's or fires
- No bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or other non-water sport related equipment
- Not to be used in storm force conditions, unless in an emergency
- No launching or recovery of large / heavy vessels, the pontoon is not suitable
- No mooring of large or heavy vessels, the pontoon is not suitable
- No overnight mooring is permitted unless preauthorised by a member of the committee (not suitable for the mooring of large or heavy vessels)