

HOLLOWELL SAILING CLUB
STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING POLICY

February 2024 (V3.0)

Stand up paddleboarding will be permitted at Hollowell Reservoir subject to specified terms laid out below:

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 the affiliated Hollowell Scullers or any other affiliated membership other than as members of Hollowell Sailing Club or as guests of an eligible member.
- 6) Members of Hollowell Sailing Club (other than Social Members) may SUP at no additional charge.

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 sign a declaration to this effect before being permitted to sail.
- 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 by adults and supervised children (ie: a child being anyone under the age of 18 years) at any time - with the exception of:
 - Stand up paddleboarding is not permitted on days where there is no free sailing.
- 13) SUP members must respect the rights and entitlements of anglers at the reservoir and keep a distance of >30 meters from any active fishing from the shore
- 14) Paddle boards can only launch from the area around the clubhouse and not access the water from the surrounding fields.
- 15) Paddle boards will avoid areas of water in use for club racing. Additionally, to maintain safety during race fleet launch and return, the bay must be cleared of people and craft including SUP not engaged in racing or training. The launch period will begin 20 minutes prior to a scheduled race start and end at the race start horn and the return period will begin at the first horn for a race finish and end when the last craft has returned (On the Water Safety Policy 2023)
- 16) SUP members must abide by the rules of sailing as regards right of way and are considered to be under power.
- 17) 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.
- 18) On arrival on site, and before removing a paddle board from site, it must be checked, cleaned and dried in accordance with the clubs bio-security <http://www.hollowellsc.org.uk/biosecurity.html>