

The Harbour Club Rules & Regulations of Using our Slipway 2026/27 Season

The Harbour Club has a duty of care for all persons using our facilities and all persons, including the general public, while we allow such activities!

Boatyard – Car Park & Silver Sands Beach

1. All persons launching a boat, jet ski (PWC) or any craft through the HC boatyard **must** be paid members of The Harbour Club.
2. All powered boats and Jet skis must have valid insurance & hold a current port authority licence.
3. Jet Ski owners to provide the Harbour Club with a valid RYA Personal Watercraft Certificate
4. All users are to be mindful and extremely careful (especially when busy) when manoeuvring a vehicle or trailer of people (*especially children*) outside the rear of the club and on Silver Sands (public) river beach. The same mindfulness is needed for swimmers, paddle boarders and other users when launching and berthing your craft!
5. Parking of trailers! All vehicles and trailers are to be parked in the car park or on the street, not on the riverbank! For those who store their vessel in the boatyard, please use your space for your trailer (do not park your vehicle in the boatyard!) In busy times, an area just north of the car park will be opened for jet ski (small) trailer storage!
6. When the sun is out, the tides are right, weekends, bank holidays, etc. Silver Sands area and the boatyard can get extremely busy, so please be patient and wait your turn when launching and berthing!
7. Please put back water hoses and turn off taps after use, and if no one else is using the boatyard, **always lock both gates!**

River rules

1. **No Jet Skis** (PWC) can turn left (upriver) from the **HC**. You must always proceed directly out to Sea!
2. **Only** launch or retrieve your vessel from the Silver Sands Beach Area; **DO NOT** launch from downstream!
3. There is a strict **6 knots** speed limit on the river and within Shoreham Port's limits for every powered vessel! **Please do not break it! Just respect it!**
4. Pass all oncoming vessels, keeping to the right!
5. Be mindful of the dangers and speed of the tides!

When at sea

1. All powered craft, especially **Jet Skis**, are to stay South of the Yellow Buoys running along the shoreline, as these are markers for swim areas. The only exception is when using a designated boat lane, which is none on Shoreham Beach!
2. No passing under any piers; **respect the Brighton / Hove & Worthing beach patrols, swimmers and other boat users!**
3. All skippers and all passengers aboard any vessels and any towed equipment **MUST** have the appropriate buoyancy aids/safety equipment. Note that the sea temperature is only 13 °C (June 25), so hypothermia can occur quickly without suitable thermal protection.

The harbour club works on a three-strike basis for any breach of general harbour and coastline rules, if you are warned for breaking any of the rules above more than twice, then your harbour licence and slipway use could be suspended! Any hazardous behaviour reported to us by the **Harbour Master, NCI, RNLI, Beach Patrols** or **Coastguard** will result in your use of the slipway access being suspended or revoked immediately!

I have read, understand & will respect the above rules and guidelines.

Name..... Signature..... Membership No.....

Shoreham Port owns Silver Sands Beach, which is a publicly accessible area, so the utmost **care** is essential when launching. If you become stuck during launch or recovery, raise the alarm immediately. You can call **Chris Scriven (07733 361910)**, The Harbour Club's Health & Safety officer, to the port authority or **Mark Briant (07976 261535)**, The Harbour Club's boatyard organiser, who may be able to offer help!

All launching/recovery operations are the owner's responsibility; the Harbour Club cannot guarantee its availability to help on every occasion.