

# **Protocol for Use of Stand Up Paddle boarders (SUPs) on the Blue Lagoon**

## **Times of Use**

SUPs use will only be permitted on Thursday between 12am until dusk. They will not have exclusive use of the lake

## **Equipment**

SUPs will need to supply their own boards which need to be in good condition and properly equipped

Leashes that secure the paddle boarder to their board must be used at all times

## **Insurance**

Paddle boarders must be insured with a third party public liability insurance of not less than £3,000,000

## **Liability**

NHEBSC cannot be held liable for any claim by SUPs - SUPs use the facilities at their own risk.

## **Safety**

Bouancy aids must be used at all times by SUPs. Boards must be for single person use only unless the equipment has been designed for multiple persons. Multiple person boards need to be approved for use on the lake by a member of the Management Committee before it is allowed to be used.

SUPs must consider weather conditions and criteria before using the lake

SUPs must be aware that NHEBCS will **not** be deploying a safety boat during times of paddle boarding.

Current COVID advice for NHEBSC members applies to all including SUPs and must be followed.

## **Weather conditions.**

SUPs and Dinghy sailing are usually mutually exclusive as SUPs prefer no wind and sailors wind. But for clarity SUPs must **not** be used when the wind speed is beyond 10mph in non sheltered parts of the lake. Off shore wind (wind from beach front across the lake) is to be avoided.

## **Launching & Retrieving**

Launching and retrieving should be done on the hard standing to the left of the jetty. Jetty to be used for Sailors and windsurfers only.

## **Respect for other Lake users**

There are other users of the lake, namely Anglers, Dinghy sailors. All lake users must respect other users's activities. Therefore SUPs must keep 10 m away from other parts of the foreshore and 20 m way from Anglers fishing. SUPs must give way to Dinghy sailors as sailors have limited control in light winds.

Rear Commodore

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