

- 1 For organised Club events, as recorded on the Club event sheet, the Officer Of The Day shall also act as Safety Officer.
2. The Safety Officer shall monitor boating activities and shall have the authority to stop any activity contrary to these safety rules.
3. Since unlimited and public sailing is allowed at the lakeside without the attendance of a Committee Member, all Club Members shall be issued with these safety rules and it is their responsibility to abide by them at all times.
4. All Committee Members and any other Member acting as Safety Officer shall be instructed on the safety procedure required at the lakeside.
5. Should any accident occur, full details must be recorded and passed to a Committee Member. The report of any accident shall be recorded in an Accident Record Book, held in the club house and given to the Secretary. A copy of the reported accident must also be given to Southend Council as soon as possible

**Any accident of a serious nature or involving a member of the public must immediately be reported to Southchurch Park staff.**

## **SAFETY RULES**

### **General**

1. Where possible, Club Members should operate only from the area allocated to the Club. (see Map)
2. All long whip type transmitter aerials must be protected at the top at all times. The use of a practice golf ball or similar is recommended. It is strongly recommended that small rubber aerials, where available, be used, as these are completely safe.
3. The top ends of rigid and whip receiver aerials must be protected when not on the water.
4. When operating and walking around our operating area or in the public area, transmitter aerials must be kept in the upright position. At all other times the aerial should be closed down.
5. When testing a boat on the tables, the member should check the stern to ensure that nothing is touching, or likely to touch the propellers. Take care to keep fingers and clothing away from propellers whenever the model is switched on. Always switch on the transmitter first, and switch it off last.
6. Boaters should take care when lifting models, especially into and out of the water. They should request help rather than risk injury or falling in the water struggling with a heavy model'

### **Frequencies**

1. Frequency flags must be attached to the top of aerials when transmitting on 27MHz or the 40MHz bands. These shall be either a coloured ribbon appropriate for 27MHz, or the three-digit frequency number in white on a green background for 40MHz.
2. It is the responsibility of all club members to ensure the frequency they are operating on is available before switching on radio equipment. For this purpose, a

pegboard is used for 27MHz and 40MHz bands.

3. Club members using 27MHz or 40MHz channels must have a peg with their name on it, and this should be fixed over the frequency number or colour on the pegboard. Should there be a peg already covering this frequency, the equipment must not be switched on even if testing. Either change crystals to a free frequency or wait until the frequency becomes free. Once a frequency is no longer in use, the peg must be removed by the person who was using that frequency