

Dear ARC Member

Summer is a very busy time on the water and we share Ardingly Reservoir with a number of other water users.

As a result of last week's collision, your Committee have put in place some changes to the Circulation Pattern. These will be reviewed in September.

The effect is that all boats (Club and Private) must turn opposite our pontoon.

There is a maroon buoy almost opposite it and a bit further down on our side of the reservoir is a white buoy and if you turn between these 2 buoys this will enable you to turn and go back up the reservoir.

The large black one is still there and you could use this as an alternative.

In any case, you must take extreme care when turning and starting your run back up the reservoir keeping a close lookout for boats leaving the pontoon.

In addition, I should draw to your attention the continuous need to be aware of what's happening elsewhere on the reservoir before and during the outing. **Stay alert.**

Your risk assessments on the landing stage should include

- *Who is on the water (including, but not limited to, other rowers, kayaks, paddle-boards, dinghies, wind-surfers, fisherfolk, launches, canoeists and swimmers)*
- *Where are they now and where might they be bearing in mind they will not stay in the same place*

A timely reminder of the Row Safe guidelines:

“Any person going out in a boat takes on a highly responsible role and must:

- Be aware of their position at all times relative to circulation patterns, hazards and other water users
- Maintain a high level of attention both visually and aurally in order to be able to assess situations and take appropriate action to avoid accidents
- Understand and observe the navigation rules and the audible and visual signals given by others who share the reservoir.
- Know how to stop the boat safely in an emergency"

Let's have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Regards

Safety Officer

On behalf of the Ardingly Rowing Club Committee

29th June 2014.