

Chipstead Sailing Club

Paddleboarding Protocol

Memberships

1. Paddleboarding ("PB") membership at CSC is available for **Family member subscription of £125 per annum (as at 1 January 2024; the latest rates will be shown on the CSC website)**. There will be no joining fee.
2. **CSC Full family members may also use their paddleboard** or sit on kayak ("SOK") at no additional cost – but only within the times below.
3. **CSC Family Junior members do not have the rights to paddleboard.**
4. **Membership can be obtained online** at https://webcollect.org.uk/chipstead_sc
Enquiries about paddleboarding activities should be made to: paddleb@chipsteadsc.org.uk
5. Membership of the club is conditional upon **acceptance of the club's rules and bylaws** which can be viewed online at <http://www.chipsteadsc.org.uk/> (refer especially to our Bylaws 2 and 5).
6. **Membership starts from 1st January** and is **valid until the end of the calendar year**.
7. **No duties will be required** for paddleboarding members however the club welcomes volunteers to assist in the operation of the club. There is an option within the membership sign-up process to volunteer.
8. Paddleboarders **operate as a separate class** at the club.
9. **No voting rights** will be vested in PB members.

General requirements

10. All adult paddleboarders must **wear and clearly display an up to date CSC wristband** when on the club premises and on the water.
11. Members of the Paddleboarding class at CSC (including those paddleboarding or SOK using under paragraphs 2 and 3 above) **must have suitable insurance** that meets the requirements of Club Bylaw 5; this may easily be obtained through a British Canoeing / Paddle UK Waterways Licence.

Safety requirements

12. Overall, we want to ensure that paddleboarders and SOK users can **enjoy the lake safely** along with all other water users.
13. PB and SOK users are recommended for safety reasons **not to paddle in winds of (or over) a force 5 / 17-22 knots**.
14. A PB member will be required to **have a leash attached to their board when afloat**.
15. A PB member or SOK user **MUST wear a buoyancy aid at all times** on the water or on the pontoons and comply with Club Bylaw 11.
16. Paddleboarders and SOK users are obliged at all times to **keep 20m clear of all sailing boats and fishing persons**.

17. To paddle or SOK outside of organised sessions, including social paddles, lessons and supervised sessions, members **must have suitable experience and competence**.
18. New PB or SOK members are required to **attend a brief induction** to cover the rules and regulations, a lake orientation, and a safety briefing. **For those without additional qualifications, this will also involve an on the water safety test.**
19. PB users should **kneel on boards until well in shallow water**. When entering / exiting the water, **remain kneeling until well away from the banks**.

Use of the lake

20. A PB member or SOK user may **paddle on the days and at the times shown in the below schedule** and at other such times as are subject to agreement with the Sailing Secretary. Any paddleboarding or SOK use outside the initially agreed programme will first be discussed by, and require the approval of, the Sailing Committee.
21. Paddleboarders and SOK users must **keep clear of other lake users at times of shared occupancy** of the Lake, taking particular care to **avoid the area used by open-water swimmers and radio-controlled sailors**.
22. During use by **Wealden Sailability on Tuesdays and Thursdays**, care should be taken and PB and SOK use should take place at the eastern end of the Lake.
23. During **powerboat or RIB training**, please be aware that it will at times be necessary for them to do **planing speed manoeuvres, which will likely create wash that may knock paddleboarders off their boards**. PB or SOK users are advised to check in with the powerboat training team before going out on the water.
24. PB or SOK **use will not be permitted during the annual Chipmates Summer camp nor when Club Open Meetings or other racing is scheduled**, nor at such other times as the Sailing Secretary may notify to the Paddleboarding class captain. PB or SOK access is likely to be limited to specific areas of the lake during training courses. **Dates can be found within the Chipstead Sailing Club programme** available at <http://www.chipsteadsc.org.uk/>

Persons under 18

25. All paddleboarders or SOK users **under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian member present** at the Club at all times when paddleboarding or SOK use is being undertaken. **The parent or guardian member is responsible for supervising their child** whilst all activities are being undertaken, including, but not limited to: social paddles, supervised sessions, other events, and whilst on the shore or pontoons.
26. Children **under the age of 14 must have a parent or guardian member on the water with them at all times, in a maximum ratio of two children to one adult**.

Use of other club facilities

27. As a PB member you are welcome **to use the club's bar, galley, toilets, showers and join in social events** at the club.
28. A club key giving **access to the car parks and foreshore ramp barrier** will be available for a refundable fee of £10. No cars are to be parked on the foreshore.

SCHEDULE OF PADDLEBOARDING AND SOK USE TIMES (see also para. 20-24 above)

Winter (November - March)

Monday	Sunrise to dusk	(keeping clear of Radio-controlled yachting 09:30-13:00)
Tuesday	Sunrise to dusk	
Wednesday	Sunrise to dusk	(keeping clear of Radio-controlled yachting 09:30-13:00)
Thursday	Sunrise to dusk	
Friday	Sunrise to dusk	(keeping clear of Radio-controlled yachting 09:30-13:00)
Saturday	Sunrise to dusk	(<i>sunrise to 09:00 on 16 & 23 Mar</i>)
Sunday	Sunrise to 10:00	

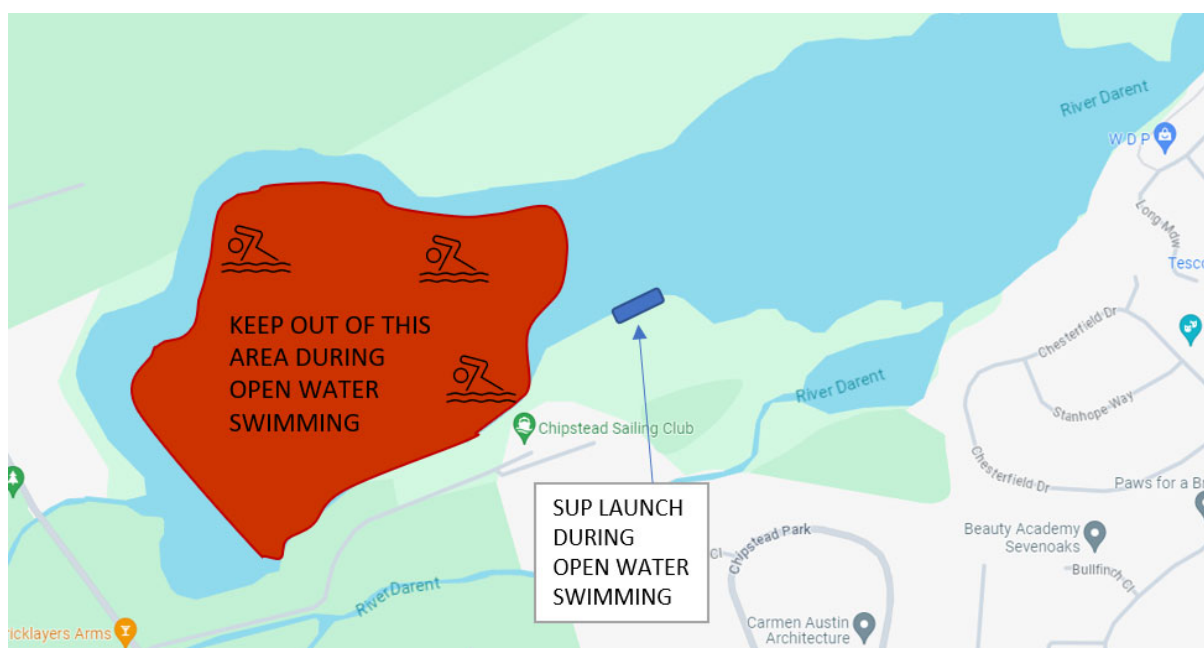
Summer (April - October)

Monday	Sunrise to dusk	(keeping clear of Radio-controlled yachting 09:30-13:00; <i>sunrise to 09:00 on 29th Jul & 5th Aug; sunrise to 13:30 on 6 May; no SUP 26 Aug</i>)
Tuesday	Sunrise to dusk	(eastern end of lake only; <i>16:30 to dusk on 28 May, 30 Jul & 6 Aug</i>)
Wednesday	Sunrise to 13:00	From 8 May to 21 Aug (<i>sunrise to 09:00 on 29 May, 31 July & 7 Aug</i>)
	Sunrise to dusk	From 5 Apr to 1 May and from 23 Aug onwards
Thursday	Sunrise to 09:00	
	14:00 to dusk	(eastern end of lake only; <i>16:30 to dusk on 30th May</i>)
Friday	Sunrise to dusk	(keeping clear of Radio-controlled yachting 09:30-13:00; <i>sunrise to 09:00 on 31st May</i>)
Saturday	Sunrise to 09:00	(keeping well clear of Open Water Swimming: stay clear of red area on the map below)
	16:30 to dusk	
Sunday	Sunrise to 09:30	(keeping well clear of Open Water Swimming: stay clear of red area on the map below)
	16:30 to dusk	

Bank holidays timings to note (for more details, see programme on Sailing Club website)

- BH Mon 6th May (club open day) paddleboarding until 13:30
- BH Mon 27th May (Regatta) paddleboarding at eastern end of lake only
- BH Mon 26th Aug (dragon boat racing) – no paddleboarding

Map showing area to avoid during open water swimming



N.B. Please take particular care on windy days when paddleboards may be blown towards the open water swimming area. Do not cross the open water swimming area at any time when open water swimmers are present.