

The Derby Motor Boat Club

Clarification of Rule 3(b)

Introduction.

Rule 3(b) states:

“No member shall use or permit to be used, their boat for hire purposes whilst it is kept at the Club moorings or carry on any form of trading on Club property or, as a residence.”

The Club has a responsibility to its members to ensure that fair and proper use is made of the Club's facilities. The Club also has responsibilities to comply with Local Authority rules on residency.

Clarification.

The Council have decided to issue a clarification to the rule so that all members can avoid unwittingly using their boat as a residence and so breaking the rule.

It will be considered acceptable to spend a continuous period of 4 weeks including long weekends on the moorings, separated by periods of 4 weeks not on the moorings.

Long weekends comprising 3 consecutive nights will be acceptable at any time during the year.

The Club is mindful of special circumstances which occur from time to time, such as special maintenance requirements, for example. Any member may apply to the Council for special dispensation should it be required. A written application is required stating in detail the reasons for the dispensation and the dates for which it is to apply.

Any case of adverse river conditions affecting the ability to cruise may be considered by direct contact with the Flag Officers.

Suggested Letter.

Dear Member,

We are writing to you regarding the amount of time that you seem to be spending on your boat on the Club's moorings.

The Council has to consider the interests of all members of the Club with regard to the fair and proper use of the facilities, particularly the use of water, electricity, sewage. As these facilities are included at no extra cost on top of the membership fee, excessive use by a few members increases the costs for everyone.

For this reason the Council has considered the Club Rules, particularly with regard to Rule 3(b), and has agreed a clarification which states:

"It will be considered acceptable to spend a continuous period of 4 weeks including long weekends on the moorings, separated by periods of 4 weeks not on the moorings.

Long weekends comprising 3 consecutive nights will be acceptable at any time during the year."

You are asked to observe this clarification.

The Council hopes that this letter explains the situation clearly. If you wish to discuss the matter further, or if you think that there are specific circumstances that you wish to be considered, please contact one of the Flag Officers, or another Council Member, who will make sure that your comments are discussed at the following Council Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

For the Council of the Derby Motor Boat Club