

Llyn Brenig Sailing Club

Cruiser and Moorings Policy 2022

This policy is effective from the start of the 2022 season and replaces all previous policies and procedures on moorings.

Prior to 2019, moorings were previously the responsibility of individual members, they are now the responsibility of the club. This change reflects the club's concerns regarding health and safety, together with other risk considerations.

No craft of greater length than 24ft (7.3m) can be accommodated at Llyn Brenig.

Individual moorings will be allocated and priority will be given to those craft considered to be "cruisers" together with open deck craft of a size that makes launch and recovery a consideration. Club owned safety boats will also use club moorings.

No moorings other than those provided by the club may be used by members. No new moorings may be introduced to the lake other than those provided by the club. Members use the moorings at their own risk, having satisfied themselves that they are secure.

All members new to the cruiser fleet from January 2019 will be required to pay a one-off sum of £105 to secure the use of a club mooring. Thereafter, the annual cost of using the moorings will remain the same as the cost for all other craft kept at the club. All such charges and costs may be changed from time to time by agreement of the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

The moorings are in two lines of ten with a minimum of 10m between them and they are individually numbered. Numbers 1 to 10 are for lighter craft whilst numbers 11 to 20 are intended for craft with a displacement of greater than 750Kg. This is not a critical issue, but the outer line has a slightly heavier grade of ground tackle.

The mooring buoys are attached to the ground chains via a substantial riser chain and all shackles are through-drilled and secured with steel pins. They all have a top swivel. Because of this structure, attachment to the mooring should be secured via the top

of each buoy. Ideally, attachment to the ring on the buoy should be made by means of a metal snap hook.

The mooring strop is the responsibility of the member, but should be of a suitable chain, wire or rope and should be of a length that, after allowing for height to prow and distance to cleat or Sampson post, the distance between the bow of the boat and the buoy is no greater than 1.5 times the vertical distance from the fairlead at the bow of the boat to the surface of the water. This is to provide sufficient margin to adjacent moored boats. It is recommended that a pick-up buoy be attached to the mooring strop whilst sailing.

Other than in exceptional and agreed circumstances, boats should be removed from moorings by the club close-down date each year.

It is of course an on-going requirement that all users should take extreme care whilst using moorings and that third-party liability insurance is in force at all times, in accordance with the club's wider conditions of membership. Members are also advised to check that their mooring arrangements are in accordance with any particular requirements from their insurers.