

# Bewl Water Fishing – Rules, Regulations and Safety advice.

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**Fishing office: 01892 890 352**

**Emergency radio [emergency use only] 01892 890486**

**(Southern water 24-hour emergency only number 0845 278 0845)**

**To help in emergency: reach – throw – wade – row**

**Telephone for help immediately but do not enter water and put yourself at risk**

## **BEWL WATER FISHERY REGULATIONS**

1. Persons contravening any regulation or byelaw in force at the time will have all fish in their possession confiscated and will be required to leave the reservoir.
2. Every person visiting the reservoir shall indemnify the Company against loss or damage to the Company's property or any other property that might arise from his or her presence or activities at or on the reservoir. The Company cannot accept liability for loss or damage howsoever caused.
3. The angler must ensure that fishing tackle can neither endanger nor be damaged by other users.
4. A permit must be purchased before fishing commences.
5. Bank flyfishing only permitted from sunrise until one hour after sunset.
6. Boats are available for hire from 0900 hours and must be returned to the fishing jetty by time displayed at the Fishing Lodge or at sunset.
7. Each permit is valid for one angler only and is not transferable.
8. Only one rod per angler may be in use at any time.
9. Flyfishing is permitted from bank or boat by means of fly rod, line & reel with artificial fly or lure tied with traditional materials or by dapping tackle.
10. Any Method fishing is permitted from boat only and includes the use of worms, maggots, spinners, corn, soft pellets, paste attractors, and artificial lures (including spinners, spoons, jigs and plugs), but does not include the use or the use of fish bait (live or dead).
11. Ground baiting and free feeding is not allowed.
12. The use of remote craft for the placing of bait is not allowed.
13. Keep nets are not allowed.
14. Anglers are bound strictly by the terms and conditions stated on their permit relating to number of fish that may be caught and the manner in which caught fish are dealt with.
15. Catch and Release Fly Fishing is available with water temperatures up to 20degC. Catch and Take Fishing is available throughout the season.
16. Any Method fishing does not allow Catch and Release of rainbow and blue trout – trout caught by Any Method must be taken.
17. Any coarse fish or brown trout caught by Fly Fishing or Any Method fishing must be carefully unhooked and returned to the water alive. The brown trout season runs from 3rd April to 31st October.
18. Second permits, when available, may only be purchased by an angler returning to the Fishing Lodge to have their first catch recorded prior to recommencing fishing.
19. If required to do so by any fishery officer, any angler shall show all the fish, equipment and tackle in his possession.
20. All anglers must complete their catch records (including nil returns) on the reverse of the permit and place it in a Permit Returns collection box before leaving the reservoir. Locations of boxes are shown permits.
21. Anglers are not allowed to fish in certain areas including the nature reserve, the club house watersports frontage, within the green buoys surrounding the cages and the water frontage and jetty close to the visitor centre when in use. Anglers fishing from the dam wall may only do so when permitted and must keep 1 metre clear of the water at all times.
22. No part of any bank may be reserved by any angler.
23. Fishing lines and casts below 4lbs dead weight should not be used.
24. An angler must not cast a line if there is a possibility of it causing danger to any person or fouling any boat.
25. Anglers wading are warned that there are areas of soft mud and deep holes and great care should be exercised. The use of chest waders is not recommended.

## BOAT REGULATIONS

26. Boat issue may be delayed or boats may be recalled early in adverse weather or for other reasons at the discretion of the Duty Manager.
27. Lifejackets are available from the Fishing Lodge and must be worn when on the jetty or in boats.
28. Boats may only carry the number of persons advised by Bewl staff.
29. Anglers may not cast within 50 metres of other boats or bank anglers.
30. Boats are not allowed within 100 metres of the draw-off tower, overflow tower, dam wall or water sports frontage and are not allowed to enter to enter the Nature Reserve or the ring of green buoys around the fish rearing unit. Any additional restrictions or special events will be advertised at the Fishing Lodge.
31. Fishing boats under power, whether driven by motor or oars, must give way to sailing dinghies, windsurfers, canoes or sculling boats at all times.
32. Fishing boats engaged in fishing must give way to sailing dinghies, windsurfers, canoes or sculling boats engaged in racing.
33. Buoys with flags on identify a sailing course in use that day. Boat anglers must keep well clear of such buoys and in particular avoid drifts which may take them close to the buoys as racing dinghies will not be able to alter course easily.
34. Drifting boats must not be set on a course which will interfere with boats previously anchored. Likewise boats must not anchor in the path of boats already drifting.
35. Fish traps, nets and other fishery management devices must not be interfered with.
36. Thwart boards and clamps may be used only if suitably padded to prevent damage to gunwhales.
37. No leeboards, rudders or other controls are allowed except drogues.
38. Anglers must only moor to buoys with mooring rings.
39. When a boat is under power, whether driven by motor or oars, fishing is not allowed and no line may be left in the water to be drawn behind a powered or drifting boat.
40. Boats may not be hired or driven by any person under the age of 18. Proof of age may be asked for when hiring boats.
41. The hire of the boat ceases when it is returned to the fishing jetty.
42. Hired boats may not be transferred to other anglers.
43. Breaking of the regulations by one member of a boat party shall reflect equally on all other occupants of the boat.



### Use of Kill Cords

**Each boat engine has a red 'Kill Cord'.**

One end of this has a plastic fork which must be inserted beneath the red button for the engine to run while the other end should be worn around wrist or clipped to a firm point on your clothing whenever the boat is underway.

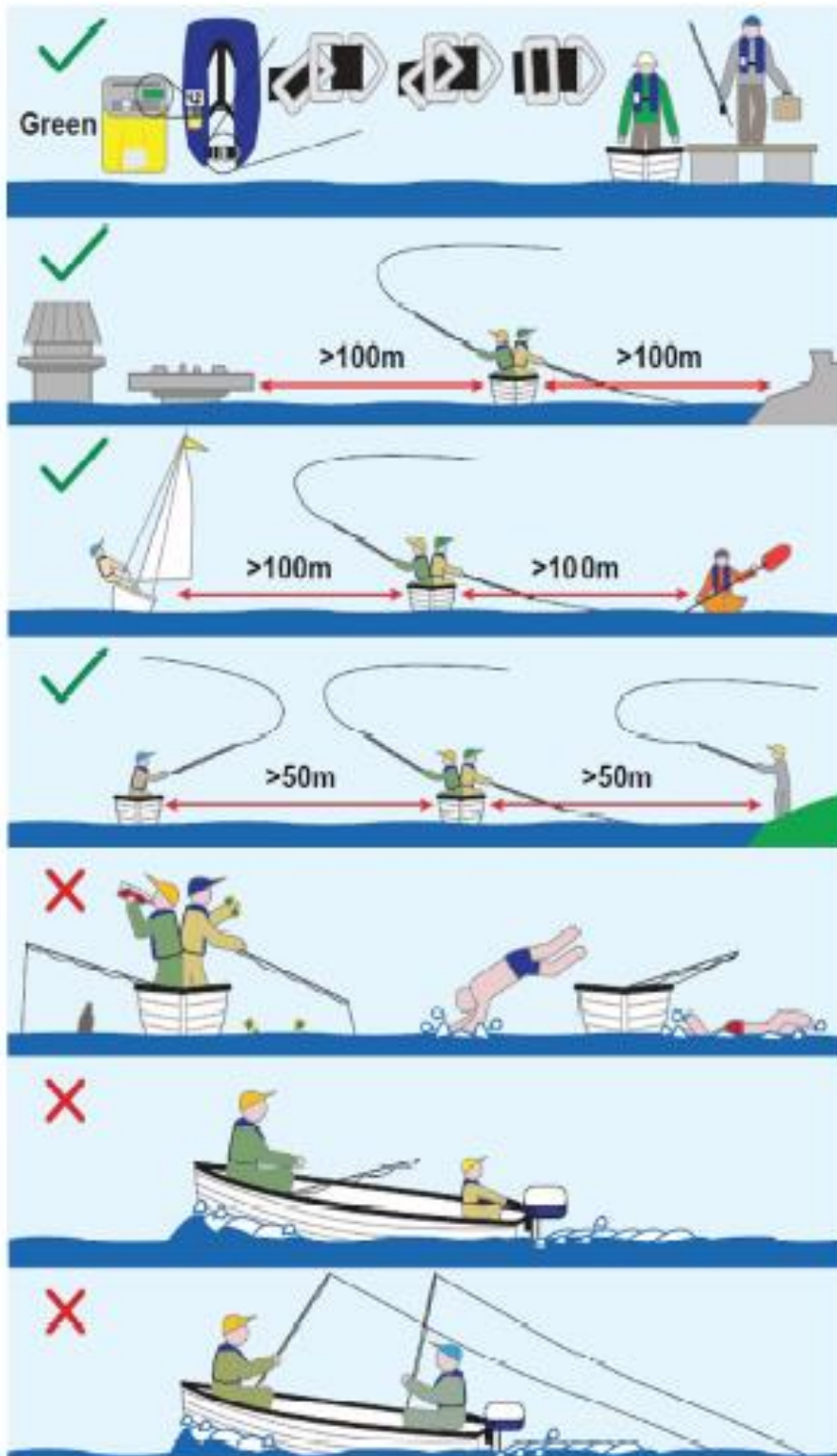
In the event of you falling from the boat while underway the cord will pull the fork from the red button stopping the engine.

This will ensure that the boat remains close to you as well as preventing the uncontrolled boat from injuring you or others.

**PLEASE USE THE CORD WHENEVER YOU USE THE BOAT ENGINE BUT ENSURE THAT IT IS LEFT ATTACHED TO ENGINE AFTER USE**

# BEWL WATER FISHERY

## Safety Advice and Fishery Rules



## GENERAL

Age restriction. You must be 18 or over to hire a boat and make a booking (proof of age may be requested at time of booking and/or time of activity)

Wear lifejackets. -Life jackets will be supplied (included in the fee paid) and must be worn secured at all times.

Swimming is prohibited. Even on a hot day the water in a reservoir can be very cold. There is a risk of hypothermia, injury from other users or drowning.

Protect yourself. It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure fitness for the activity and that you have appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and accessories.

Note: You may be exposed to sun, rain or cold for long periods.

Assess the Risk. Be aware of and assess the risk of your environment, including (but not limited to) fishing from the bank and other users of the Bewl Water.

Avoid algae. Algae can cause stomach upsets and skin rashes in humans and can be poisonous to dogs.

Keep clear of algae and wash thoroughly if in contact.

Weil's Disease. Weils disease can cause serious illness or death. Keep cuts and scratches covered.

Avoid ingesting water and wash thoroughly after contact with water.

## BOATS

Instructions. Instructions on the use of boats will be provided.

Drugs/Alcohol. You must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol when participating in the activity.

Use engine kill cord. When under power boat operators must be attached to the engine kill chord to cut engine if operator falls from boat.

Start engine before casting off.

Before leaving the pontoon or anchor point start engine to avoid drifting. Ensure you are stable and pull cord firmly to start keeping free hand clear of cord.

Do not stand up in boat. Standing in a boat is unstable – sit down at all times.

If you fall overboard. Attempt to get out of the water as quickly as possible. Stay with boat even if it has capsized. It will float and you will be seen more easily.

If someone else falls overboard. Operate the kill chord to disable engine and row to casualty. Call for immediate assistance.

To get back into the boat. When climbing back into the boat use the back or front (not the sides).

If you have fallen in make sure you keep warm once you are out of the water. Avoid hypothermia by putting on spare clothing and returning to shore.

Bad weather. Do not put yourself in danger, seek safe shelter and ring for help. Make for nearest bank or sheltered area and wait for the safety boat.

Accidents. After any incidents return to the fishing office and report the details.

**LIFEJACKETS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE STORE AFTER YOUR FISHING CEASES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A £100.00 CHARGE.**

The Fishery reserves the right to restrict or cancel fishing in inclement weather or operational reasons.