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Fast Boats on Surrey Park Lake

The Committee of the Surrey Park Model Boat Club wish to bring the following to your attention.

Fast electric model boats are now available on the Internet that are capable of an incredible performance. In fact boats can now be purchased 'off the shelf' that would have been world record holders a few years back.

When these boats first started making an appearance on Surrey Park Lake it became obvious that their operation was incompatible with traditional boats being used on the lake at the same time.

Not only was there the risk of their damaging other boats but there was a genuine risk of their causing severe injury to onlookers and wildlife.

To minimise these risks the fast electric boat operators were asked to develop a set of 'Fast Boat Rules' under which these boats would operate. They did this and their 'Fast Boat Rules' were accepted and endorsed by the Committee at their meeting on 6 February 2011. A copy of the Fast Boat Rules are attached.

With the passing of time it appears that the Fast Boat Rules are being increasingly disregarded: boats are appearing on the Lake at un-designated times, the warning bell is not always rung and there is a suggestion that boats are being operated at above the Lipo 4S limit.

The Committee insists that fast boat operators comply with the 'Fast Boat Rules' they developed. Failure of operators to comply with these rules may result in the Committee having to apply significant sanctions: these sanctions could include the suspension of offending operators from the Lake.

It is in the very best interest of the fast boat operators to comply with their rules.

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