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## Using West Kirby

Posted by bobapcoed - 2008/05/05 16:11

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Having been kicked off Crosby Marina at the weekend by the coastguard, and the on-going confusion as to who exactly can use the lake, it looks like I may have to claim refugee status and start using West Kirby (if you'll have me!). What's the procedure for using the marina, who do you pay and where? Oh! the important bit, how much is it? Any advice would be greatly appreciated, cheers.:S

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by markh - 2008/05/05 17:59

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Just turn up & pay £11 (I think) at the potacabin. So cant WS use Crosby marina any more???

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by bobapcoed - 2008/05/05 18:23

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Thanks for the reply. The coastguard turned up and very politely said only clubs with safety cover could use it. Although there were dinghies out, with safety cover, it wasn't my safety cover therefore I couldn't use the lake. So, effectively, WS can't use the lake unless you're in a club with a speedboat on standby. I don't know about you but I can't stretch to a speedboat and someone, trained in rescue, to sit in it. So freelancing is out. I pointed out maybe I'd be safer at Burbo Bank, on my own with no safety cover, it had no effect. I'll have a word with Sefton Council in the morning to see what the position is, if I can drag them away from Solitaire or whatever it is they do.

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by markh - 2008/05/05 19:33

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Sounds crazy to me. I didn't think the coast guard had the authority/power to stop people sailing, I mean the cant pull the safety boat/club thing if your out on the coast so why on a lake???. Sefton BC must have slipped one extra new rule in for crosby marina users.

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by Shawn - 2008/05/06 09:50

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In this age of Health & Safety madness they probably think that anyone who was unfortunate enough to sail on the lake & hurt themselves because there were no rescue facilities, would sue the council.... The even madder thing is that they probably could!!

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by neil888 - 2008/05/06 14:37

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At the last cabinet meeting it was agreed that Sefton would provide a rescue boat. If they have not, (and I will be finding out) then I shall take it up with the relevant Councillors and officials and so should everyone else. All I can say is that an official called Alistair Robertson (sport and leisure dept) appears to have absolutely no intention of making it easy for windsurfers to use the lake. Watch this space.....

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by Shawn - 2008/05/06 14:57

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I bet he's a dinky sailor/ fisherman/ twitcher

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by markh - 2008/05/06 16:20

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You'd think that the head of the sport and leisure dept would encourage sports, & not present us with barriers, thats one weird sports & leisure dept??? I wonder if it would be possible to sign a disclaimer to get around the sueing thing. With WK lake closing for repairs in Oct, I was going to use Crosby Marina when the tides ar'nt right on the Dee. I'm guessing that the coast guard are not always present so its possible to sail without being kicked off?? Strange that the coast guard get involved as we sometimes sail WK lake without cover but we dont get chased off.

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by bobapcoed - 2008/05/06 17:23

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Spoke to Alastair Robertson (should get his money back from the charm school), who said there is a meeting next week with the interested bodies regarding using the lake, which will include Crosby Windsurfing Assoc. The licence will reflect the fact the lake will not always be available, and you could hope the fact that we're into May already. Pay-as-you-go would be prudent. I asked how would we know when the lake would be available for use and he said you'd have to join a club and find out that way.

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by cleggy - 2008/05/06 20:39

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That's a ridiculous but safe situation at Crosby.  
Anyone know what they intend to do with West Kirby Lake in October? How long will it be shut? Lets hope they dredge it out along the wall as it's getting kind of shallow in places. I also hope they fix the wall properly this time, rather than just throw in some sandbags and extra tarmac. Why can't they do the work now as there's bound to be big SW in October?  
Cleggy

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by stu - 2008/05/07 21:43

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Hang on, number of windsurfers killed at Crosby... None.

Number of people (possible drug dealers getting themselves into a pickle, but I'm not sure) killed at Crosby... At least one.

I hope they tell the drug dealers and deliberate no-gooders that they can't use the facilities without approved backup.

Reading stuff like this makes me mad, why are these councils so hell bent on pressing the self destruction button?! I went surfing this weekend, and got out on two days for 5 hours each, scored some amazing waves and in the breaks between the waves, sat out the back, and just took it all in. It was incredible. Perhaps Alastair Robertson should come for a paddle and see whats really important in life. And I had no rescue cover.

How long is the lake shut and where you peeps going to go? Not much water here in Shrewsbury-on-Sea either!

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by bobapcoed - 2008/05/09 09:37

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Possibly West Kirby until that closes. After that it's the sea, like you say without safety cover. Who knows, I might never go back!

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by bobapcoed - 2008/05/20 20:13

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Does anybody know whether or not the above mentioned meeting between Sefton Council and interested Crosby users took place. If it did, what was the outcome? Any info would be appreciated, esp from Crosby Windsurfing Assoc. Cheers.

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by max - 2008/05/21 08:10

Hi Bob

max speakman here there has been no further meetings or information or indeed contact regarding the lake from sefton council we are still in the dark

you will have to take anything alistair roberston says with a pinch of salt as he doesn't like windsurfers example

i had a call 3-4 weeks ago on a monday morning threatening to smash our containers up if we didn't move them by wednesday of that week as did the uni guys it didn't happen but i ran round like an idiot for a day trying to sort it out

he is a bully with no tact and hopefully in the future he will not be the one we deal with

he still thinks the lake can be run like a five a side pitch renting an hour for windsurfers on say 3-4 on a thursday afternoon e just doesn't get it

he sat in a meeting and said the disabled sailors will definetly need the lake when its blowing a force 6-7 i pointed it out that most able bodied sailors got of the water above a force 4 he laughed

the guy has no idea and i better stop there on a public forum

so if there is any more news or info i will post it on here

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## Re:Using West Kirby

Posted by bobapcoed - 2008/05/21 17:01

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Cheers Max, your opinion seems to co-incide with everyone elses, can't all be wrong. What a l\*ar, obviously just wanted to get me off the phone. Looks like West Kirby then.