

USE OF WBC TRACTORS

It is the obligation of all tractor users to observe these rules. They are set out to ensure safety for all.

1. Club tractors are provided for the purpose of launching and retrieving boats owned by club members.
2. Tractors may only be driven by Tractor members who have successfully undertaken training in their use. They must be able to demonstrate they can reverse with a trailer and successfully launch and retrieve a boat.
3. No other person may drive a club tractor. This includes crew members who are not on the Tractor Member Register.
4. Whilst the club will make every effort to maintain the tractors, it is the total responsibility of each driver to make sure the tractor is safe to operate, and to operate it safely when driving. It is also the duty of a driver who detects a fault to inform the club. Reporting details are located inside the tractor shed on the left wall.
5. Tractor users must hold a current car licence as the beach is a public road.
6. TRACTOR OPERATIONS
 - a. It is the duty of the driver removing the tractor from the shed to check diesel, oil and water BEFORE removing the tractor. Supplies are stored in the shed.
 - b. Tractor keys must be uplifted from and returned to the key locker. They must not be left in the tractor. This prevents children from starting the tractor.
 - c. Tractors must not be left running unattended. No passengers may travel on the tractor.
 - d. Tractors may only be reversed into the water as far as half way up the trailer wheels for launching and retrieving. Under NO circumstances may a boat be floated on or off a trailer. This is both dangerous to people and your boat, and damaging to the tractor.
 - e. After launching your boat you must return to the beach at the same speed as you reversed into the water. This prevents damaging bow waves and ensures the safety of the public.
 - f. The last tractor user of the day must hose down the tractor and return it to the shed. If in doubt, return it anyway as all drivers have a key.
7. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION
 - a. Operating a vehicle you drive infrequently has its hazards on the beach, in the carpark and in the water. Beware of pedestrians especially the elderly and children who use the same areas at the same time. Be particularly vigilant when reversing.
 - b. Many boaties are in a hurry to launch and retrieve their boats. Impatience can lead to abuse of the tractor and endanger the public. Drive slowly, no matter how experienced you are. Others are not, especially pedestrians who are on the beach to enjoy themselves. We have no right of way over pedestrians at all.
 - c. Irresponsible use of the tractor will result in loss of the tractor privileges.
8. Other rules are set out at the back of the Rule Book under Site Safety. It is your responsibility to read and remember them.

HAPPY BOATING AND SAFE RETURN ON AND OFF THE BEACH.

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