

BEDFORD CHANNEL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL BCS USER GROUPS

FROM: BCS DIRECTORS

RE: DOCK ETIQUETTE

DATE: MAY 14th, 2013

As public users of the Bedford Channel each of us has a responsibility to be considerate of our fellow rowers and/or paddlers when using the dock to launch watercraft. Recently, it came to our attention that some dock users have had difficulty launching their boats(s) as the entire dock has been taken up with vessels launched but waiting for use while those about to use the launched boat(s) stand around and chat or wait for all their crew to arrive. Each person or group using the dock should – Launch – Load – Leave – as expeditiously as possible. Individuals or groups should NOT LINGER while their vessel(s) sit in the water tying up valuable dock space and preventing others from using this public facility. The fact that your member is part of one of the BCS User Groups gives them no more rights to dock launch space than any other public dock user.

While the Bedford Channel Society has no authority to manage or police the use of the dock, as the dock itself belongs to the Township of Langley and is a public facility, the BCS Directors ask that each of the representatives of the various BCS User Groups take proactive steps to advise their members of the need to be considerate of all other dock users. If another rower or paddler appears and wants to launch her/his boat please take immediate steps to make that possible by moving your vessel and assisting in cooperative dock usage.

Cooperative use of the dock by all users will help to make each person's rowing/paddling experience more enjoyable. Please ask each of your members to treat others as they would like to be treated themselves.

Thank you for your assistance in getting this message out.

BCS Board of Directors