

Working Time Restriction for the Dry Dock, Deepcut October 2004

1. **Working Hours for any noisy activities in the Dry Dock are to be restricted to Monday, Tuesday (8.30 – 5.30) and Wednesday morning (8.30 – 13.00hrs).** No noisy activities are allowed outside these hours. (In addition, Noisy activities are not allowed on Bank Holiday Mondays). This is to provide a period of 4.5 days of quiet for neighbouring properties.

Non noisy activities (such as painting, mechanical repairs) can be carried out at all other times.

2. **Noisy Activities can be considered as anything that creates a sound more than 5db above background sound levels, recorded at the nearest neighbouring property.**

Sound readings have shown this to include:

- a. Angle Grinding
- b. Banging of metal hull and metal fabrication, also mechanical works requiring banging, such as freeing of seized bolts
- c. Electric Sanders and use of other electric tools
- d. Pressure washing
- e. Use of a generator

These actions will only take place during the “Noisy Activity” times described above.

3. **Angle Grinding and Hull banging** are particularly noisy. These activities should be restricted to a **10 minute period during any one hour**
4. BCA will ascertain the nature of work intended by each user booking the Dock. Any work planned over and above the typical sand down and repainting with minor repairs will be assessed for its ability to cause noise disturbance. In these instances BCA will work with users to develop a reasonable and practicable work plan. If necessary, neighbours will be informed of any particular spells of intense noisy activity required with clear stop and start times.
5. The major construction or re-fabrication of boats by private individuals or commercial interest will not take place.
6. The use of any radios or other similar musical equipment will be allowed, but should only be at a volume that is not audible from the Canal towpath opposite. Particularly, equipment should not be turned up so it is audible above the noise of power tools etc.
7. BCA will provide straw bales which must be used to create a sound baffle wall around generators, pumps or any other noisy equipment used so as to further minimise noise.
8. The BCA will retain the right to carry out or authorise noisy activities in the Dock at other times when repairs are required for emergency reasons. Where practically possible, neighbours will be informed of this work.
9. **Any individual found to be breaching these conditions will have to stop work immediately and will be banned from any future use of the Dry Dock.**
10. **Failure to comply with these conditions may also result in both you and the BCA being fined, your equipment confiscated and the Dry Dock totally closed down.**