

Windermere Lake permanent mooring site information pack

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Permanent moorings on Lake Windermere

To be read in conjunction with a copy of the mooring licence conditions. Read the following carefully and retain for future reference. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Lake Wardens Office.

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Permanent mooring applications

Applications are welcome from any person who wishes to bring his/her boat onto the lake. No deposit is required for any such application. Please provide one form of identification with your application to verify the name and address of the applicant.

The applications are dealt with on a first come, first served basis subject to site suitability and availability depending on boat size and draught, priority will be given to existing licensees wishing to transfer site.

The maximum boat length allowed on a swinging mooring is 11 metres. Length is taken as the Manufacturers stated length overall. Specifications will be checked in cases of any doubt. Applications for multi-hulled craft such as Catamarans or Trimarans are subject to approval.

Offer of a mooring site

Every effort will be made to satisfy applicant's requirements as to location of any mooring site offered. When an appropriate site becomes available, an offer form will be sent detailing the mooring location and number. In addition, the form may contain the name and contact number of the previous licensee, from whom you may wish to purchase any mooring equipment that remains on site.

The incoming licensee is under no obligation to purchase any such equipment and may choose to install new. If this is the case, then the former licensee may wish to remove any salvageable equipment. If he/she does not, then any equipment on site will be removed by the Council when new equipment is installed and disposed of as appropriate. If there is no previous licensee detail on the offer form, this indicates that there is no equipment on the site and therefore it will be necessary to have new equipment installed by a suitable contractor. (Details of companies offering this service are available from the Lake Wardens Office)

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If you are purchasing mooring equipment from the previous licensee, it is recommended that you have any such equipment professionally checked. Note - many Insurance companies now insist on a regular inspection.

Authority to lay new mooring equipment and or have equipment lifted and checked

When having new equipment installed or any work such as lifting and checking, re-siting etc., the Lake Wardens Office will issue an authority form before work commences.

This form will be completed after the work has been carried out and placed in the mooring file. The contractor whom you instruct to carry out any such work will contact the Lake Wardens Office to arrange a time when a Lake Warden can be present to supervise the correct positioning of the equipment. (See condition 1).

The contractor will advise on the most suitable equipment in relation to individual boats. However, for boats over 7.5 metres in length, it is recommended that two mooring blocks are installed.

Acceptance of an offer of a mooring site

If you are satisfied with the site offered to you, and accept the site, the appropriate mooring fee is applied from the date of acceptance, to the nearest month.

Where possible, mooring sites are offered at the beginning of the year to commence 1st April. If, however, for example you accepted a mooring site in June, then you would be charged from June until the end of the following March.

A full list of fees and charges is available on request and can be viewed on the Council's website at www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk.

Mooring site licence renewals

A renewal application form will be sent to each licensee about six weeks before the renewal date, which is 1st April each year. This form must be returned with the appropriate fee to reach the Lake Wardens Office no later than the renewal date.

The form includes the option to pay the mooring fee by account, enabling licensees to spread the cost over a maximum period of six months. Further details are given with the renewal form. (See conditions 1 & 3)

On receipt of the renewal form, a mooring identification sticker will be issued. This must be displayed on the vessel in a position enabling sight of the sticker at all times. The renewal form also allows for the termination of the mooring licence if so desired.

Local residents discount

This is available to persons living within the boundary of the Westmorland and Furness Council area, where they pay Council Tax at the full rate, are not in arrears and declare that their sole or main residence is in South Lakeland.

In cases of joint ownership then all owners must meet this criteria before discount is permitted. To qualify for discount the applicant/s must be on the Council Tax register at the time of application or renewal. Discount cannot be applied for part way through the licence period.

If an applicant who qualifies for discount accepts a mooring site licence part way through the year the discount is applied on a pro rata basis, as is the fee charged.

Change of boat and or address details

Any alterations to boat or personal details must be notified in writing to the Lake Wardens Office as soon as possible to enable records to be maintained accurately. This may be done using the mooring licence renewal form.

If this is the case, the fee payable shown on the renewal form may differ from the correct fee due if boat size has altered. Please amend the form and enclose the correct fee due. (See condition 2g)

Joint sale of boats and moorings

You cannot legally advertise the mooring site for sale with your boat as the licence is not transferable (See condition 2r.) If you are selling your boat and intend terminating your licence and the purchaser expresses a wish to take over your mooring site licence, this may be possible.

If there are no persons waiting for a mooring site in your area, the site may be offered to the purchaser on receipt of a completed application form and termination of the site licence has taken place.

Ex-directory mobile telephone numbers and e-mail addresses

Please give details of any telephone numbers and email addresses at which you can be contacted if a problem arises with your boat, for example, storm damage.

Authorised emergency contact

You may also nominate another person or one of the local boatyards who, in the event of a problem with your vessel can be authorised by the Lake Wardens on your behalf to take remedial action.

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This option would only be used if attempts to contact you as the licensee were unsuccessful. A separate form for that purpose is available on request, or this information may be entered onto the mooring application.

Transfer to another mooring area

An application to transfer from one area to another is available on request from the Lake Wardens Office. Transfer applications will be dealt with in a similar manner to new applications, with priority given to transfer applicants as existing licensees.

Dinghy parking at Ferry Nab

There are a limited number of dinghy racks at Ferry Nab for the storage of mooring licensee's tenders up to 3.05 metres in length. Application forms for these racks are available from the Lake Wardens office.

Mooring Buoys

All mooring buoys must be white and must have the mooring number clearly marked upon them. Routine surveys are carried out by the Lake Wardens, and any unidentifiable mooring equipment may be removed without notice. The tender to the moored vessel should also bear the mooring number on its transom. (See condition 2i)

Houseboats

Permanent residential use of boats on Council moorings is not permitted. (See condition 2o)

Fluorescent covers

Fluorescent covers or attachments are not permitted on moored boats. (See condition 2p)

Termination of mooring site licence

If, during the course of the year, the licensee wishes to terminate the said licence, he/she must do so by notifying the Lake Wardens Office in writing either by post or e-mail, a suitable form is available over the counter. (See conditions 4 and 5)

Lake Access

The Lake shore is mostly in private ownership, and if you need to gain access to reach your mooring, you must obtain permission from the landowner.

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Where access and/or dinghy storage is via The National trust there may well be a small fee for such usage. (See condition 2h).

Public Jetties

The public jetties around the lake as indicated on the Lake chart are subject to a maximum waiting limit of 2 hours in any 24-hour period.

The jetties at Ferry Nab are subject to a 4-hour waiting limit and overstay/overnight berthing fees are payable – further details available on request.

Also, at Ferry Nab there are electrical points which may be utilised within the applied limits, smart cards for the use of electricity are issued free of charge and will be credited with the level of payment made, electricity is charged at cost per kilowatt hour incl. vat plus 10%.

Registration of power driven vessels

All power driven vessels on the lake must be currently registered with the National Park Authority and display the appropriate numbers and annual registration mark. (See condition 2j)

Winter boat storage at Ferry Nab

The Council offers boat storage annually at Ferry Nab from 1st November until 1st April (exact dates may vary) at a competitive rate. Further details on application.

Use of Slipway, Tractor and Mast Hoist

Mooring licensees are entitled to free use of these facilities on two occasions each year as generally most licensees remove their boats for the winter months.

Facilities at Ferry Nab

- Dinghy storage racks for Council Mooring Holders only.
- Car park – with annual permits available at a discounted rate for Council Mooring Holders.
- Drinking water taps on site and on the public jetties.
- Showers and toilets for Council Berth Holders, Mooring Holders, storage and day launch customers, accessible via a key coded lock.
- Separate public toilet block open 24 hours from Easter to the end of October.

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- Sewage pump outs – a token is required, you can purchase at the Lake Wardens Office.
- Elsan portable toilet emptying facility.
- Waste bins for customer use.

Permanent mooring licence conditions

1. Upon receipt of a completed renewal or acceptance form Westmorland and Furness Council hereinafter known as 'the Council' gives to the applicant for a period of 364 days from 1st April or from the date of acceptance until 30th March next licence and permission as follows: -

- a. to place a mooring of a type and in a place approved by the Council on the bed of Windermere; and
- b. to moor to the said mooring the vessel described on the application form or such other vessel as may be substituted as below up to a maximum overall length of 11 metres.

PAYING such sum as is calculated in accordance with the Council's current scale of charges and terms.

2. The applicant will:-

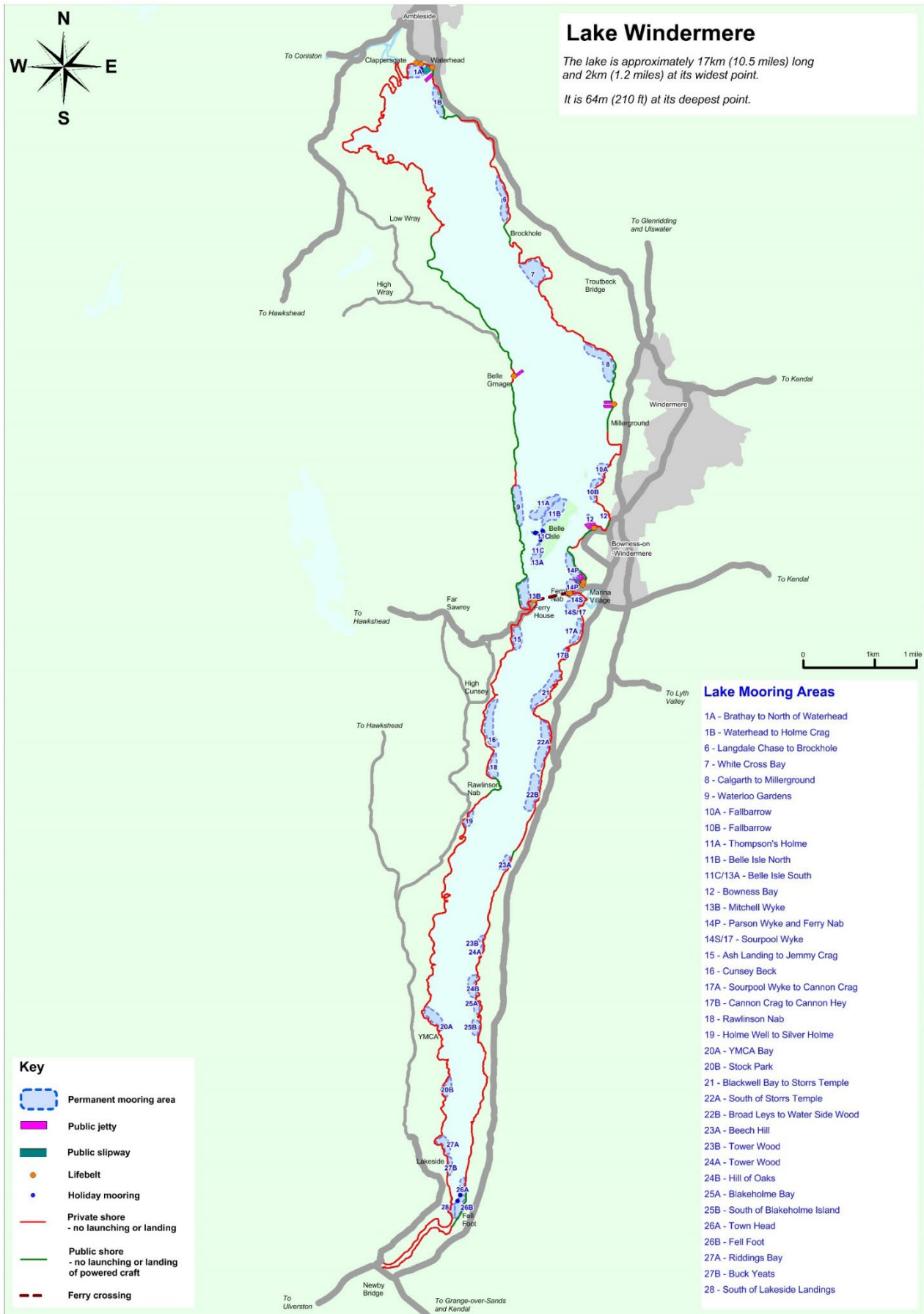
- a. pay the said charge as described above;
- b. pay any further outgoings which may be levied in respect of this licence or use of Council property;
- c. not make any addition or alteration to the mooring without prior consent of the Council;
- d. comply with all Council requests to alter the position and to renew or substitute the said mooring as is reasonable;
- e. indemnify the Council against all claims proceedings actions and damages whatsoever arising out of use of the said mooring or any adjoining Council property;
- f. carry and produce to the Council when requested, third party insurance;
- g. give seven days notice of his/her intention to substitute another vessel owned by the applicant for the authorised vessel;
- h. not allow or cause any nuisance disturbance or damage to the Council or occupiers of other Council moorings or neighbouring property;
- i. attach a white buoy to the mooring clearly showing the mooring number and apply the said number to the transom of any dinghy or tender used in connection with the vessel using the said mooring;
- j. comply with all byelaws regulations and restrictions statutory or otherwise which may apply to the vessel or use of Windermere;
- k. not deposit any refuse into Windermere;

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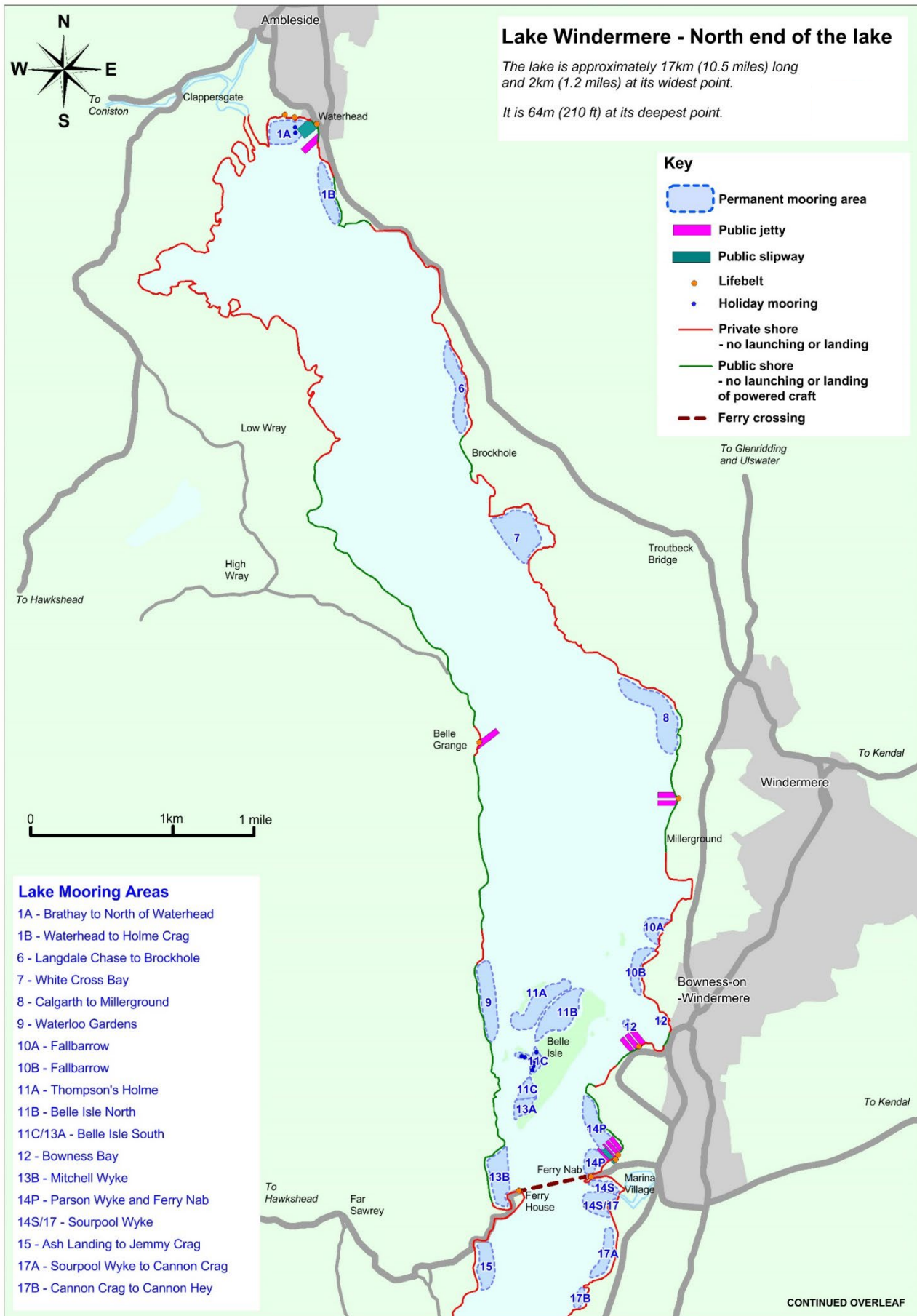
- l. permit officers of the Council and any other authorised persons at all reasonable times to inspect the vessel or any substitute for the purpose of ensuring compliance with clause (j) hereof;
 - m. not leave any boat trailers on Council property other than in accordance with parking regulations or storage conditions;
 - n. reimburse any costs incurred by the Council in taking action to secure the safety of the vessel or other vessels or property imperilled by the vessel or the said mooring;
 - o. not use the mooring for securing a vessel for any person's only or main residence;
 - p. not attach to the vessel any cover tonneau or side screen of a fluorescent nature;
 - q. not advertise any commercial or other venture on the vessel without the Council's prior consent;
 - r. not assign underlet sublet or otherwise part with possession of the mooring.
3. If the licence or other associated fee is not paid or any breach of these conditions is made this Licence shall automatically terminate and the Council may:-
 - a. disconnect the mooring and immediately relet the site;
 - b. place in storage the mooring equipment and any vessel moored;
 - c. thereto if after a period of 14 days any outstanding fees remain unpaid sell the same deduct any fees and charges incurred and return any monies remaining to the applicant.
4. This licence may also be determined by either party giving to the other immediate notice in writing expiring at any time.
5. On termination of the licence for whatever reason the outgoing licensee shall not be entitled to a refund of any amount of the yearly licence fee or other charges which are payable and no apportionment of the licence fee shall take place except in the case of where the Council are able to re-let the site within the same licence period.
6. The Council reserves the right to remove any vessel other than the permitted vessel from the said mooring and will re-charge any costs incurred to the applicant and will not be responsible for any consequential loss or damage.

7. Any notices required by these conditions shall be deemed properly served if sent to the Lake Wardens Office, Ferry Nab, Bowness on Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 3JH, or to the applicant to their last known address such posting to be good and sufficient service.

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