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Dear Parent or Guardian

School Proms hosted at the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy 2023

WPNSA is looking forward to hosting several school proms this summer. The arrival parade is an integral part of the prom experience, however on occasion, this has presented unnecessary risks for marshals, spectators and boats stored on site. Staff have also been verbally abused whilst making reasonable requests and trying to ensure the safety of visitors to our site.

We fully appreciate that spectators are keen to get a good view of the arrivals and to facilitate this and in the interest of public safety, we respectfully request you follow any instructions or requests by members of staff whilst performing marshalling duties. Barriers will be in place indicating the appropriate areas from which to view. Anyone attempting to view by climbing on roofs, walls and boats or found to be directing any abuse at our staff, will be asked to leave the site immediately.

We have also witnessed a few examples of dangerous behaviour from drivers of vehicles entering the site to participate in the parades. Examples are wheel spinning, driving amongst boats stored ashore resulting in damage and on one occasion, a car being deliberately driven at a marshal.

In view of the above please will you ensure that the drivers of vehicles observe the following:

- All vehicles must follow directions of marshals and remain on the indicated parade route once through our gates. Vehicles attempting to que jump or weave in and out of boats, will not be able to participate in the parade.
- All vehicles must leave the site once the prom goes have been dropped off. Parking is not allowed within the site and there is ample free parking in our car park across the road.
- All vehicles must be driven in a safe manner. Wheel spinning, donuts etc. are not acceptable as any subsequent loss of control of the vehicle may result in harm to spectators or property stored on site.

We hope to be invited to host school proms for many years to come and can only do so by ensuring the safety of visitors to our site during these occasions. We look forward to welcoming you this summer and would be very grateful if you could pass on the above information to all family and friends who may be attending to spectate or as drivers.

The WPNSA Team