

**Lake District**  
National Park



## **BYELAWS**

**made under Section 13 of the Countryside Act 1968  
by the Lake District National Park Authority  
with respect to the control of power  
driven vessels on Coniston Water in the Lake  
District National Park.**

**Minute reference: 53/09**

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1. These Byelaws may be cited as "The Lake District Coniston Water Byelaws, 2010"
  2. The Byelaws shall be applicable to the Lake known or commonly known by the name of Coniston Water.
  3. In these Byelaws the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively:-
    - (a) the word "lake" means the lake specified in Byelaw 2 above and all waters other than rivers connected therewith, navigable by vessels;
    - (b) the word "vessel" includes every description of water craft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water and includes a flying boat and any other aircraft designed to manoeuvre on water;
    - (c) the term "power driven vessel" means any vessel propelled by machinery;
    - (d) every power driven vessel which is under sail and not under power is considered a sailing vessel, and every vessel under power, whether under sail or not, is to be considered a power driven vessel;
    - (e) 'Bluebird K7' means the recovered and rebuilt World and British water speed record breaking jet powered hydroplane of Donald Campbell;
    - (f) 'Proving Trial' means the testing and running of Bluebird K7 and comprises Development Runs as defined in paragraph 3g and Proving Runs as described in paragraph 3h.
    - (g) 'Development Runs' means untethered operation of Bluebird K7 in excess of 10 mph under her own power to harmonise systems through a profile comprising acceleration up to planing speed and never in excess of 100mph, progression along a pre-determined and marshalled 'Course' followed by deceleration to a standstill. Once initiated a 'Development Run' shall only be aborted for technical or safety reasons and shall not count as one of the twelve 'Proving Runs' as set out in section (h).
    - (h) 'Proving Runs' means runs that gradually increment Bluebird K7's speed and workload until the craft can be accelerated to a planing position along a pre-determined and marshalled 'Course' and brought back to a standstill in a safe and controlled fashion. These will comprise a total of up to twelve runs conducted either from north to south or from south to north.
    - (i) 'Course' means a stretch of uninterrupted lake surface between two points not more than three miles apart and not less than 150 yards from the shore.

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(j) except as hereinbefore otherwise provided words and expressions to which a special meaning is assigned by the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and the Countryside Act 1968, have respectively the same meaning in these Byelaws as they have in the said Acts.

4. Save as hereinafter provided no person shall use any power driven vessel on the lake at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour.

5. The use of a power driven vessel in circumstances necessary to the proper execution of his duty by the following persons, that is to say:-

(a) a police officer;

(b) an officer of a water authority;

(c) any person or servant of any person employed by or acting with the authority of the Lake District National Park Authority, or

(d) any person taking part in rescue operations or in securing the safety of persons engaged in lawful activities on the Lake

shall not be deemed an offence against these Byelaws.

6. Byelaw No. 4 shall not apply to any person undertaking an attempt on a British National and/or World Water Speed Record, officially approved by the Lake District National Park Authority and by and held under the rules and supervision of the Royal Yachting Association and the Union Internationale Motonautique.

7. The Lake District National Park Authority may give permission to any person or persons undertaking the Proving Trial of Bluebird K7, to navigate that power driven vessel in specified parts of the Lake in excess of the speed limits specified in Byelaw No. 4 and may impose conditions subject to which any such permission is granted having regard, inter alia, to public health and safety requirements, the timing of the event and environmental considerations.

8. Nothing contained in these Byelaws shall be deemed to extinguish any public right of way over the lake.

9. Any person offending against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

10. The Lake District Coniston Water Byelaws, 1975 shall be repealed from the date on which these byelaws come into effect.

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**GIVEN** under the common seal of the Lake District National Park Authority this *14* day  
of *December* 2010

Executed as a deed by affixing  
the Common Seal of the  
LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY  
in the presence of:



**Richard Leafe**  
Chief Executive

