

BOATING RULES ON ŠTRBSKÉ PLESO (TARN)

Summer season 2025

• INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

- These boating rules are defined by the Tatry mountain resorts, a.s. company with the registered office at Demänovská Dolina 72, 031 01 Liptovský Mikuláš, Company number: 31 560 636, registered in the Commercial register of District Court Žilina, Section: Sa, Insertion No.: 62/L (hereinafter referred to as “**Operator**”), which operates boating services on Štrbské pleso (tarn).
- Boating on Štrbské pleso means renting a small rowing boat to enjoy recreational boating on the tarn surface.
- Clients can rent max. 23 small boats with the following capacity of passengers and load capacity:
 - Small boat – max. 3 people / 290 Kg
 - Big boat – max. 4 people / 370 Kg
 - Wedding boat – max. 5 people / 450 Kg
 - Canoe - max. 3 people / 290 Kg.One electric rescue boat is available for the boating staff.

• OPENING TIMES, RESTRICTIONS DUE TO WEATHER

- Boating in Štrbské Pleso is offered from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm from June to October 2023. The opening times can change if the Operator decides so, especially due to weather.
- The last rented boat can leave the pier no later than at 5:00 pm. Boating on the surface of Štrbské pleso is forbidden after 6:00 pm. From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, boating is allowed only if there is an event discussed with the Operator in advance (i.e. Venetian Night, corporate events etc.).
- Boating on the surface of Štrbské pleso is forbidden in bad weather, i.e. strong wind, big waves, a storm, fog, a hailstorm, heavy rain. Every client who is already on the water surface is obliged to return with their boat to the pier immediately if the weather gets suddenly worse as mentioned in the previous sentence.
- Every client who is already on the water surface is obliged to return with their boat to the pier immediately if:
 - alerted by the boating staff (with a sound signal or hand waving);
 - a storm or lightning can be seen not far away or fog is getting thicker on the water surface;
 - wind is picking up.

• PURCHASING BOATING AND TERMS OF USE

- Every client (person who is going to be the crew leader in the rented boat) is obliged to show their ID or passport to the boating staff of the Operator when purchasing the boating services at the ticket office in Štrbské Pleso so that the staff member can copy the following personal data: name, surname and identification document number. Details regarding the protection of personal data are specified in the Privacy policy of the TMR Group and published on the website: www.tmr.sk/o-nas/gdpr/.

- By signing a printed boat rental certificate, every client confirms that they assume full responsibility for the rented vessel as well as the boat crew and become the boat leader. For the purpose of these boating rules, the leader of the rented vessel (hereinafter referred to as "leader") is the person who controls the direction and speed of the boat movement (by using oars, paddles, a rudder or in any other way). Only physically and mentally fit individuals older than 15 years can row a boat.
- Boating on Štrbské pleso is allowed for children older than 2 years and 6 months (on the day of the trip) who are at least 93 cm tall. Children younger than 15 years can use boating services only if they wear life jackets. If the boating staff decides that a life jacket is not sufficient for any child or not suitable as for the height or weight, the respective child cannot use boating services.
- Every boating trip on Štrbské pleso is max. 40 minutes long and the period begins once the crew gets into the rented vessel. The leader is obliged to check the time and return to the pier (P) not to exceed the limit.
- If the 40-minute period is exceeded, the leader is obliged to report the limit exceeding to the boating staff once they park their boat at the pier and get off, and to pay for the extra time based on the respective price list at the boating ticket office in Štrbské Pleso. Every commenced 20-minute period is charged even if the actual extra time spent on the tarn surface is shorter.
- Every client is obliged to return all borrowed life jackets to the boating staff once their crew gets off their boat at the pier (P).
- If any client purchases boating services in Štrbské Pleso although they are informed about potential weather changes (rain, fog, storm, strong wind), they are not entitled to be returned their money back or to be compensated in any other way if their boating trip gets cancelled or shortened.

- **DUTIES OF LEADERS AND PASSENGERS OF RENTED VESSELS**

- Every boat leader is responsible for the safety of all passengers sitting in the rented vessel.
- Non-swimmers and kids younger than 15 years must wear life jackets during the whole boat trip. The boat leader has to ensure that all non-swimmers and kids younger than 15 years wear life jackets during the boat trip.
- Every boat leader is obliged to interrupt the boat trip in time if it might be dangerous due to local conditions.
- Every boat leader is responsible for even weight distribution of all passengers and respecting all boating rules.
- All passengers in rented boats must follow the instructions of their boat leaders to stay safe during the boat trip.
- All individuals occurring in the boat rental area or in rented vessels are obliged to follow the instructions of the operator or individual transport inspectors of the Transport Authority.
- Every boat leader is responsible for their rented vessel and equipment, and must return all of it undamaged. In the case of damage, loss or theft, the boat leader is obliged to pay for the damage.
- If any boat passengers are endangered, the respective boat leader is obliged to inform the staff of the Operator immediately.
- When rowing the boat, it's important to keep at least a 10-metre distance from the banks. Floating buoys on the surface mark shallow water sections or stones just below the surface.

Every boat leader is obliged to avoid such spots by keeping at least a 10-metre distance from each floating buoy.

- While rowing, it's important to keep visual contact with the pier due to safety reasons all the time. If any boat leader loses visual contact with the pier, they are obliged to return to a spot from where the pier is visible.
- Once a boating ban is announced with a sound signal, every boat leader is obliged to return to the pier immediately and ensure that all passengers of their boat get off safely.
- When rowing a rented boat, it is forbidden to:
 - overload vessels or transport more passengers than the maximum number allowed (the maximum load capacity and passenger capacity is specified in item 1.3 of these rules);
 - row a boat under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or endanger the safety of boating in any other way;
 - row a boat outside the area designated for boating;
 - crash into other vessels on the surface of Štrbské pleso or row a boat too close to other vessels;
 - catch and feed fish and other wild animals;
 - take food and hand luggage into boats; hand luggage can be left safely at the boating staff on the pier;
 - smoke, shout, throw rubbish into water;
 - swim in the tarn and jump from rented boats into the tarn;
 - stand in rented boats or sit on the edge while rowing.
- When using the boating service on Štrbské pleso (tarn), every client is liable for any damage to property, life and health of third parties or the environment. The Operator is not liable for such damage in any respect. In the case of any injury, every client is obliged to provide aid and report the injury to competent public authorities (police, ambulance etc.) and to the Operator without undue delay.
- In case of emergency (e.g. if any vessel capsizes, a passenger falls into water, the boating rules are violated, etc.), the boating staff has to provide first aid or warn the respective passengers not to violate the boating rules. An electric rescue boat which doesn't serve for commercial purposes shall be used for that. If the rules of the Tatra National Park or these boating rules are violated, the boating staff has to report it by phone to the respective authorities (park rangers, the Tatra National Park administration, police).
- The Operator reserves the right to refuse to provide boating services on Štrbské pleso if any client endangers or damages the property or interests of the Operator or third parties, or the life, health or property of themselves, the Operator and/or other resort visitors, or if they ignore suggestions, instructions and bans of the Operator's staff or other authorised individuals. The above applies also to clients who are under the influence of alcohol or other narcotic or psychotropic drugs when buying and/or using the boating services.
- Every client is obliged to follow all measures, decisions, directions, instructions or other normative administrative acts and individual administrative acts issued and adopted by competent state authorities in the Slovak Republic in connection with spreading of various diseases and other serious issues. If any obligation mentioned above is violated, the Operator is entitled to refuse to offer boating services on Štrbské pleso.
- **FINAL PROVISIONS**

- These boating rules become effective and come into force on 1.6.2025, and are in force and effective during the whole 2025 summer season.

In Liptovský Mikuláš on 1.6.2025