

House Rules of The Wickford Yacht Club

HOURS AND FACILITY LOCK DOWN PROCEDURES:

The club will be unlocked during the Summer Season from 8:30 – 4 seven days a week. At all other times, except during club functions, all entry doors to the club should be locked.

After 4 PM during the Summer Season and at all times during the Winter Season, every member is responsible for ensuring that all doors are locked when they leave the club, even when cars are in the parking lot.

The doors that members should check for security are: two sliding doors on second floor; sail locker (push button on door knob); sliders in the Great Room; ice machine hallway; kitchen (deadbolt and door knob); WYC front door.

KEYS:

Each member shall be issued a club key. This key may not be passed to a non-member under any circumstances. Copies will not be made of club keys.

CLUB STEWARD

The Club Steward has the responsibility under the direction of the Executive Board to enforce Club rules.

The Club Steward should not be asked to perform personal tasks or run errands for club members, nor should the Steward provide waterborne transportation to members or visitors.

HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

The Club is not responsible for loss of property of members or their guests.

Members are responsible for maintaining Club property and reporting problems to the Steward or House Committee.

Members are responsible for returning all Club facilities to good order after their use.

Outboard motors, gasoline, oil or gear should not be stored inside the Clubhouse or pavilion.

Boat trailers and other personal property may not be stored on the Club grounds. The Rear Commodore or Sailing Activity Chairperson may provide special permission during Club sponsored regattas.

Bikes must be parked in the racks provided and kept away from entrances and walkways.

The rock wall and the ISDN Septic system areas are off limits to members and guests.

Except when participating in WSA activities, family members and guests under 18 must be accompanied by an adult club member when on Club property. Access to the second level and upper patio require a club member to be present on the upper level with anyone under 18, and the club computer and televisions are off limits to those under 18 at all times even when adult club members may be present.

Family members and guests under 12 must wear a flotation device when on the docks or ramps.

USE OF GALLEY

The main galley may be used by members for personal preparation of meals. Members are responsible for cleaning the galley, washing everything they used, and putting it away.

The refrigerator in the main galley is not intended as a collective food storage space for members. Its primary purpose is to provide refrigeration for club functions. However, members are welcome to use the refrigerator to store food for a few hours. Overnight storage is NOT permitted.

Alcohol may NEVER be stored in the main galley refrigerator.

The refrigerator is off-limits to WSA staff and juniors.

The dish sanitizer in the main galley is not a dishwasher. Members are encouraged to hand wash the items that need cleaning. The sanitizer's use is limited to pre-washed plates, glassware, and utensils.

The second floor galley is not for meal preparation or clean up. The sink is very temperamental and the space is too limited. Please use the main galley for these activities.

ICE

The ice machine is intended to be kept as a food quality environment. That means nothing other than the ice scoop should enter the ice chest.

Club members have access to ice throughout the year. To maintain the availability of ice for all members, ice use during the Summer Season has some limitations:

- At all times, the ice bin must remain approximately one-half full. If you want ice and the ice bin is below that level, please check with the steward before taking ice.
- On the day of a club function or the days leading up to a club cruise, only pre-packaged ice can be taken without permission from the steward.
- Filling multiple ice chests is not allowed. Generally, a member is limited to the equivalent of two plastic ice bags per 24 hour period, including those members "stocking up" for a cruise or a fishing excursion.

PARKING

The WYC lot is for MEMBERS ONLY. Guests must park on Pleasant Street, even if they are the driver of a car in which a WYC member is riding. Exceptions to this rule are:

- Guests may park in the WYC lot during member hosted functions that have received Board approval.
- Guests may park in the lot during weekend regattas sponsored by the club. Wednesday night participants must park on Pleasant Street.

Each member will receive ONE parking sticker for the season. Only cars with stickers will be allowed to park in the Club lot.

Members should park in the lot so as to maximize the number of cars in the lot, observing the seasonal parking rules. A copy of the rules will be published in Over the Waves and posted on the Shop Door.

Cars in the lot may not be locked and keys must be in the car so that other members can move the car if needed. If parking in the lot for an extended period, keys may be left with the steward.

Parking at the end of Pleasant Street on the boat ramp is prohibited by Coastal regulations. Night time parking and bad weather parking on this ramp, or parking there for overflow, is not allowed during any event.

GUESTS

With the exception of Wednesday Night Racing, Club sponsored regattas, and member hosted events, a guest may only visit the Club twice in any one month.

A guest may only attend one ticketed event per season.

A guest is anyone who is not a member in good standing of the Wickford Yacht Club. Guests may not be on Club property at any time without a member.

It is the responsibility of the host to ensure that their guest(s) observe WYC House Rules and exercise appropriate conduct at all times.

PETS

Pets on the Club grounds should be on a leash at all times. Pets are not permitted on the patio during club functions nor inside the clubhouse or on the second level at any time.

SAIL LOCKER

The Sail Locker and its equipment is for the use of the Race Committee. Storage of personal equipment in the locker is not permitted.

CLUB BOATS

WSA and Club motor boats are for use by sailing instructors, the race committee, and the frost bite fleet. These boats are not for general use by members nor are they for the provision of launch service for members, guests, or visiting yachts.

WSA and club sailing dinghy craft are not available for use by members except during sailing classes.

Several kayaks have been set aside for member use. Use is first come first served and can be arranged by the Club Steward.

MOORINGS

The Club maintains three moorings at Dutch Harbor – WYC 1, WYC 2, and WYC 3 - and mooring #304 in Newport Harbor for the exclusive use of member vessels. Rafting of club vessels must be permitted on these moorings.

Guest vessels are not permitted on the Club moorings at any time. The Harbor Master should be notified if there is a problem.

The moorings in Wickford Harbor are under the control of the Club Steward. They are primarily for use by WYC guests and are for short term stay. Members who need to use the moorings should contact the Club Steward.

DOCKS

All docks are for use by members only. Family members and guests under 12 must wear a flotation device while on the docks.

Horseplay or running on the docks is not allowed.

Fishing and swimming from the docks is prohibited, however, boat bottoms may be cleaned at the dock when the boat being cleaned is not part of a raft and when an observer, other than the steward, is present.

The main or North dock is restricted to loading and unloading only.

- No craft shall be left on this dock for more than 30 minutes
- Boats on this dock must not be left unattended.

During Wednesday night racing, the North dock is restricted to race committee boats ONLY.

Organized sailing events take precedence over the use of all dock space during pre-race preparations and post-race return.

The West dock is to be used for the service, maintenance, and repairs of member's vessels only and no vessel shall remain on the dock longer than 48 hours. Rafting of 2 vessels must be permitted if the Club Steward or Fleet Captain requests this configuration.

Vessels left unattended overnight at any dock without permission of the Fleet Captain will be assessed a dockage fee as approved by the Board which will be subject to existing Club rules regarding the payment of fees.

Dinghy spaces are assigned by the Fleet Captain according to the Dinghy Policy. Short term (several hours) dinghy "parking" is ONLY permitted on the south (inshore) end of the East dock.

Small boats must be launched and hauled from the ramp and take care not to block the dinghy dock after launching.