

1.General Guidelines

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This policy has been established by the Directors of the Stormont Yacht Club (SYC) to define the general guidelines under which the club operates.

1.1 Membership Privileges and Obligations

1.1.1 Privileges accorded to SYC members include but are not limited to the following:

Welcoming atmosphere, free parking, several vessel mooring options, a well-appointed clubhouse facility, BBQs, WIFI, potable water and pump out, mast crane, dock infrastructure with limited power, wonderful greenspace, children's room and play area, small beach, launch ramp for club boats, small project workshop, cradle storage, etc. Members are encouraged to make full use of the facilities and its amenities during our all-too-short season.

1.1.2 Members and guests are expected to observe general guidelines established by the Directors of SYC, which is a not-for-profit corporation that operates and maintains the facility for a pleasant environment for the members and their activities.

1.1.3 Members are expected to familiarize themselves with club policies and bylaws and adhere to them.

1.1.4 The SYC facilities may be used by non-members only during club-sanctioned programs or when invited as an accompanied guest of a member.

1.1.5 The maximum number of guests permitted by a member is eight adults. Members may invite the same guest to the club up to three times per calendar year. After three such visits, an application for membership will be required. Any exception to the three-visit limit requires a written request to the Commodore, Vice Commodore or Secretary. Upon approval, the Secretary will acknowledge the extension of hospitality on the authority of the Commodore. Membership is encouraged and details are provided in the clubhouse or through the Membership Coordinator.

1.1.6 No member shall use the club facilities and amenities for non-sanctioned club events, such as weddings, anniversaries and banquets, without prior board approval.

1.1.7 Use of the parking lot or club washrooms as a guest on a member's boat does not constitute a visit.

1.1.8 Members are to use the designated parking areas. Parking on lawns or in dry-mooring areas is not permitted. The need to unload trailers and cars is recognized but returning to the parking lot immediately thereafter is expected.

1.1.9 The round room is reserved for quiet activities. The junior lounge is for the children.

1.1.10 The club maintains a store of tools and equipment for the convenience and use of all club members. Responsible use of this equipment is expected of all members. Report damage immediately and return tools or equipment to storage when finished. Equipment located in secure storage can be accessed by contacting any key holder listed in the Barnhart shed.

1.2 Facility Rules

1.2.1 Commercial activities are not permitted on SYC premises.

1.2.2 Loud music or excessive noise, constituting a nuisance to others, will not be tolerated.

1.2.3 Members are to monitor and report all unsafe conditions to the Vice Commodore (safety).

1.2.4 Kitchen facilities are for members' use. The short-term use of refrigerators is expected, but items left should be identified by the owner. Perishable items will be disposed of at regular intervals.

1.2.5 SYC is not responsible for personal effects left unattended and reserves the right to dispose of such items at the discretion of the custodian. A lost-and-found box is maintained.

1.2.6 Members bringing pets to the club will keep them under control and on a leash while on club property. Owners will use good judgment in selecting where to tether their pets. Pets are not to be tethered on the south lawn inside the tree lines, on the docks, or in the approaches to the docks or clubhouse. Pets are not allowed in the facilities or on the screened-in porch. Owners will ensure that poop-and-scoop and proper disposal practices are adhered to.

1.2.7 For both social and safety reasons, parents and guardians shall monitor and be responsible for the behavior of their children.

1.2.8 Members and visitors are prohibited from smoking in all areas of the clubhouse, including the screened porch area. Smoking materials should be properly disposed of.

1.2.9 Members and visitors must not use BBQs inside the screened-in front porch area. Such contravention could incur severe penalties under the Ontario Fire Code.

1.2.10 Sleeping overnight in the clubhouse is not permitted.

1.2.11 The club relies on voluntary assistance from the membership throughout the year to keep costs at a minimum. Work parties to maintain and upgrade club facilities are organized from time to time, and membership participation is essential. If you see something that needs to be repaired or addressed, please take the initiative to inform the board, then either fix it yourself or arrange a work party.

1.2.12 Dinghy access to the front dock must not be blocked by members' boats.

1.2.13 Any member wishing to park a house trailer or camper trailer on club premises must obtain written permission from the board.

1.3 Limits of Membership

1.3.1 The application to become a member of SYC is a three-part process. Part 1 is the application from the proposed members, considering their willingness to espouse the aims, responsibilities, obligations and privileges of SYC as well as the conditions outlined below. Part 2 is the application to accept the prospective new member's boat, ensuring that it fulfills the limitations by number, type or size considerations. Part 3 is the application to receive permission for dry storage and winter storage priority status.

1.3.2 The maximum number of adult members is 200, excluding honorary members. (In both Family and Adult memberships, each adult is counted as one.)

1.3.3 The maximum number of members who reside outside a radius of 50.0 kilometers within Canada. SYC is using Google Maps to measure the straight line distance from SYC. Membership is limited to 20 per cent (40 members) of the total adult membership as defined above.

1.4 Boat Registration and Liability

1.4.1 The SYC Board of Directors will establish and maintain a registry of boats for the purpose of:

- a. Ensuring the fair allocation of moorings, storage and tender docking privileges under Club Policy 4 – Mooring.

- b. Ensuring the fair allocation of winter storage privileges under Club Policy 4
- c. Ensuring the fair allocation of dry storage privileges (including sailing dinghies and trailer-able powerboats)

The details pertaining to the registry and its administration are provided under Club Policy 4.

1.4.2 Members mooring or storing boats at the club, whether on land or water, do so at their own risk and must sign a liability waiver to that effect. This waiver is normally required upon initial application as a club member but may require renewal at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

1.4.3 Club members are to submit a completed season commencement form by February 1, stating:

- 1.4.3.1 Whether the boat is to be craned in or out.
- 1.4.3.2 Whether the owner will be present; if not, provide the name of the delegate.
- 1.4.3.3 The condition of the boat's cradle, as applicable.
- 1.4.3.4 Their preferred task during crane in/out and any scheduling restrictions.
- 1.4.3.5 Other information as requested on the form.
- 1.4.3.6 Each year, members must provide written proof that their boat(s) have continuing insurance coverage with minimum public liability and public damage coverage of \$1,000,000.
- 1.4.3.7 In addition to the above, prior to the racing season, members who intend to race must confirm their compliance with insurance requirements for racing.
- 1.4.3.8 SYC recommends that members maintain adequate fire and theft insurance.

1.5 Harbour Rules

- 1.5.1 Members shall secure their halyards in such a manner as to prevent halyard noise.
- 1.5.2 Rubber tires must not be used as bumpers or fenders on any docks: they are breeding grounds for mosquitoes.
- 1.5.3 Members are reminded that the operation of boats with motors, including club vessels, requires a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC).
- 1.5.4 Members under the age of 16 years are prohibited from operating club powerboats.
- 1.5.5 On-board barbecues must not be operated while boats are moored in either of the two bays.
- 1.5.6 Vessels must not be left unattended at the front, pump-out or mast-crane docks at any time.
- 1.5.7 Members, when lifting outboard motors clear of the water, must ensure that they do not extend so far out that they constitute a hazard to boats maneuvering in the harbour.

1.6 Tools and Equipment in the Barnhart Building

- 1.6.1 The club has available tools and equipment that may be used by members while at the club. Any damage or maintenance issues must be reported to the Rear Commodore for follow-up. Remember that this is club-owned, shared equipment that must be returned in good order to its original storage location immediately after use. Tools kept in secure storage may be accessed by contacting any of the keyholders listed in Barnhart. A tool log of material loaned will be maintained by keyholders.