

### 3. Safety

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This policy has been established by the Directors of The Stormont Yacht Club to ensure that mandatory and recommended safety standards are met, and to define safety measures for use on SYC premises and in SYC waters. Any issues should be brought to the attention of the Vice Commodore.

- 3.1 Maneuvering in the Mooring Bays
  - 3.1.1 Vessels underway in the McCoy and Mack mooring bays or in the vicinity of the front dock or mooring field must not exceed a speed of “dead slow”. Members will be held responsible for damage they cause by collision or by excessive wake.
  - 3.1.2 Sailing in the McCoy and Mack bays is strictly prohibited.
  - 3.1.3 Vessels leaving McCoy and Mack mooring bays shall have the right of way over vessels entering the mooring bays.
  - 3.1.4 Racing in the mooring field is strictly prohibited
- 3.2 Dock Safety
  - 3.2.1 Un-stepped masts left aboard wet-moored boats can pose a serious safety hazard both to persons on the dock and to boats maneuvering in the bay. Members are not permitted to allow their masts to overhang the dock so as to pose a safety hazard to those walking on the dock or to allow their masts to overhang the stern of their boat so as to pose a safety or maneuvering problem to other boats operating on the water. There shall be a ten (10) day grace period following crane-in and prior to crane-out.
  - 3.2.2 Reasonable freeway on the docks must be maintained at all times. Dinghies, tenders and other items must not be stored in such a manner that this freeway would be unduly impeded. Extension cords should be coiled and unplugged when not in use. They should be placed such that they do not hang in the water or impede movement on the docks.
  - 3.2.3 Depending on usage, voltage may drop to the point where damage can occur to plugged-in equipment increasing the risk of fire. Use power with care and consideration for others. No extension cords shall be left plugged in while the member is not present at any time. The club will not be responsible for any damage due to low voltage. Be safe - electricity and water don't mix.
  - 3.2.4 Life jackets are mandatory for children while on the docks or playing near the water unless directly supervised by an adult.
  - 3.2.5 Swimming in the bays is prohibited.
- 3.3 Swimming
  - 3.3.1 Low water volume exchange, weed & debris build-up, and the local goose population could present health hazards. Swimmers, persons paddling or beaching boats on the foreshore should rinse off with the hose outside the storage locker room.
- 3.4 Emergency Procedure: Fire
  - 3.4.1 In the Event of a fire in either the clubhouse or garage area, the following procedures should be followed.

- 3.4.1.1 Shout FIRE and its location to warn others in vicinity
  - 3.4.1.2 Call 911.
  - 3.4.1.3 Assist any person in immediate danger.
  - 3.4.1.4 Attempt to extinguish the fire if safe to do so.
  - 3.4.1.5 Leave the building immediately by the nearest exit, closing all doors behind you.
  - 3.4.1.6 Gather in the parking lot away from smoke and arriving Fire Department vehicles.
  - 3.4.1.7 Let the Fire Department do their job.
- 3.4.2 In the Event of a fire on a boat in the harbor, the following procedures should be followed.
- 3.4.2.1 Shout FIRE and its location to warn others in vicinity
  - 3.4.2.2 Call 911.
  - 3.4.2.3 Attempt to extinguish the fire if safe to do so.
  - 3.4.2.4 Assist people in immediate danger.
  - 3.4.2.5 Do not climb onto a burning boat.
  - 3.4.2.6 Do not untie the burning boat.
  - 3.4.2.7 Only if safe untie the two leeward boats and drag them to a safe area.
  - 3.4.2.8 Only if safe untie the two windward boats and drag them to a safe area.
  - 3.4.2.9 Let the Fire Department do their job.
- 3.5 Emergency Procedure: Severe Weather Forecast
- 3.5.1 Severe weather presents additional risks to club property and our boats. Precautions to be considered.
- 3.5.1.1 Ensure boats are securely tied to the docks and mooring balls with the appropriate size and type of rope.
  - 3.5.1.2 Return chairs and personal property to storage locations.
  - 3.5.1.3 Ensure private and club dinghies are properly stowed or tied down.
  - 3.5.1.4 Board any boat to ensure proper dock lines are in place.
  - 3.5.1.5 Remove and relocate any boat that may be along the front dock.
  - 3.5.1.6 Require stern lines be fastened from boat to boat.
  - 3.5.1.7 Remove and stow all propane tanks from the BBQ's.
  - 3.5.1.8 Flip all picnic tables upside down.
  - 3.5.1.9 Stow all lawn furniture.
  - 3.5.1.10 Remove and relocate inflatables and dinghies to the north end of the parking lot.
  - 3.5.1.11 Require that the mast crane be tied down or secured.
  - 3.5.1.12 Assess the sea cadet area with a view to minimize potential damage.
- 3.6 Emergency Procedure: Fuel/Oil Spill
- 3.6.1 This policy addresses spills in the bays and describes the steps to follow to mitigate their impact. It deals with identification of the material spilled, safety, cleanup communication and record keeping. Before proceeding make sure that there is no risk to yourself or anyone in the area.  
Do not use soap to emulsify the spilled material.
- 3.6.1.1 Determine the type of material spilled, it's source and estimate the amount (greater or less than 10 liters).
  - 3.6.1.2 Eliminate all sources of ignition and clear the area of all unnecessary personnel.
  - 3.6.1.3 Stop the leakage e.g. shut off fuel line, turn off bilge pump.
  - 3.6.1.4 If the material spilled is gasoline and is in an amount greater than 10 liters contact the local fire department. Do not attempt to contain the spill.
  - 3.6.1.5 If the gasoline spill is less than 5 liters allow the liquid to evaporate.
  - 3.6.1.6 If the spilled material is not gasoline but engine oil, hydraulic oil or diesel it must be contained and absorbed using the booms located in the Barnhart. The technique normally used is to link the booms to surround the spilled liquid at its outer edge and slowly move the boom towards the source of the spill. Once the spilled material is absorbed into the boom it must be removed from the water and stored securely for disposal in an environmentally sound manner.
  - 3.6.1.7 Details of the spill (material spilled, mitigation action taken and communications) shall be recorded in the logbook located in the Barnhart building.
  - 3.6.1.8 All spills must be reported promptly to the following:

- Harbourmaster
- Rear Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Ministry of the Environment [(if >10 liters for gasoline and >5 liters for other spills mentioned above). Contacting the MOE is a Board Member responsibility: 1-800-268-6060]
- Canadian Coast Guard. [Contacting the CCG is a Board Member responsibility: 1-800-889-8852 (VHF 16)]
- The person responsible for the spill.

The Contact information for the above is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway and on the Barnhart Building.