

WICOMICO YACHT CLUB, INC.

WYC Dock Rules & Regulations

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Dock Committee

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Wicomico Yacht Club

Dock Rules and Regulations

2016

1 - Dock Committee

The dock committee shall consist of three (3) members, one of whom shall be appointed as dock master by the commodore. They shall have general supervision of the docks, piers, and bulkheads, and shall cooperate with the house, entertainment and grounds committees in the maintenance and beautification of the grounds adjacent to the bulkhead.

The dock committee shall have the authority to affect any emergency repairs to the docks, piers, or bulkheads that present a potential safety hazard. These repairs shall include, but not be limited to: electrical, water pipes, gas and diesel facility, and minor dock or pier replacement or repairs.

The dock committee shall have the authority and the responsibility of issuing dock lease agreements and insuring all slip holders are insured and keep up to date copies of their certificates of insurance. They will have the responsibility to insure compliance of the rules and regulations applying to docks, piers, bulkheads, gas and electric. Failure to comply with the dock rules or lease agreements will be referred to the board of governors.

2 - Slip Rentals

All boats wishing dockage or services, whether it is for a permanent, temporary or transient slip, must register with the dock master or club manager.

The dock master shall assign any available slips to the members of the club for their temporary use. Transient slips will be assigned according to the availability of open slips. A full member wanting a slip will need to sign up on the slip postings sheet in the clubhouse. These slips are given out on a seniority basis.

2a – Permanent slip assignment

A listing of all available slips will be posted on the club bulletin board for fifteen (15) days. Any full member wanting a slip will need to sign up on the posted list at the club. If for any reason they cannot, they must notify the dock master in writing or by email and the dock master can post their information for them. The dock master must have this in writing before posting any members on the list. The dock master will assign slips after this period to the member with the most seniority. Seniority date will be established as the date the member was voted in at a general meeting as a **full** member of the club. A member maintains seniority regardless of how many times he changes slips. If two members with the same seniority date apply for the same slip, they will abide by the assignment made by a majority of the dock committee. The secretary shall maintain a seniority list of all club members. All members awarded permanent slips, must be a full member, submit a copy of Certificate of Insurance, and sign a Dock Lease Agreement, **along with their payment in full.**

2b - Prospective Member

A prospective member, who desires a slip and requires a slip prior to being voted in as a full member, will contact the dock master for temporary assignment. The prospective member will be charged the current member dock rate until his membership is approved. All charges are to be paid in advance. Their slip assignment will be made permanent once their membership is approved. While waiting for a permanent slip to open they will continue to pay the current rate established by the dock rules.

2c - Dock Boxes and Lockers

Dock boxes and lockers may be allowed on piers only to the extent they do not interfere with the pier walkway and are approved by the dock committee.

2d - Alterations

Any alterations to piers, catwalks, pilings, or the installation of fixtures to them is not permitted except by permission from the board of governors.

2e - Winter Storage

Any full or associate members desiring a covered slip for winter storage will request dockage from the dock master. They will be assigned by the dock master on a full member seniority basis first. If there are slips available after all full members are accommodated, the available slips will be offered to associate members on a first served basis. Dates for winter storage slips will be October 1st until March 30th. Current slip renting members will pay the difference in slip rental in advance. All winter storage slips must be cleared for the permanent owner on or before April 1st.

2f - Live Aboards

Live aboards will not be allowed once winterization takes place. Any individual requesting a variance in the regard must present their request to the dock committee for consideration. The request will then be presented to the board of governors for approval.

2g – Temporary Slip Rental

Slips are available for all club members in good standing on a temporary basis, as long as there are slips available. The rates for those temporary slips will be 150% of the annual rate of said slip with a Minimum of a 6 month rental. As with all temporary slips, they are temporary, and will be kept on the slip posting sheets and are available for a full member to rent on an annual basis. Once the slip has been assigned to a full member for annual rental, the slip must be vacated within fourteen (14) days of being notified to make room for the full time slip holder. All fees will be refunded to the temporary slip holder for the time left on their Temporary Lease Agreement. Any temporary slip that is rented for less than 6 months will be at a rental rate of 200% of annual rental rate. All rentals do not include Electric which will be bill separately. If a full member rents a slip for 6 months at 150% of normal rate that slip is protected for that 6 month period.

2h - Renting of Two Slips

A full club member in good standing is entitled to rent only one slip on an annual basis. If another slip is desired by that member and is available, it may be rented on a monthly basis. A satisfactory proof of ownership will be made available to the dock master upon request. The fees for the use of an additional slip will be 1/12 of the annual rate per month. If the additional slip occupied by the member is needed by the club for an annual rental, it must be surrendered at the end of the current prepaid month.

2i - Trading Slips

The trading of like slips by two members must be put in writing, signed by both parties and given to the dock master and then must be approved by the dock committee and the board of governors. On this approval then the two members can trade slips and the dock master must proceed with the new

paperwork, including new slip agreements and adjust the electric readings accordingly. This then will be a permanent change.

2j – Changing Slips

If a slip holder would like to change from his current slip, they must sign up on the slip posting and follow the procedures as stated in 2a, page 3. Changing from a slip of lesser value, the difference will be due upon being awarded the new slip assignment. Changing from a higher valued slip the slip holder will be due a credit of the difference.

2k – Terminating a Dock Lease Agreement

If a member, for any reason, removes their boat from a rented slip permanently before the actual lease agreement is up, they will not be eligible for any refund for the time left on the lease agreement. The only exception to this is if the club can rent the slip during that period between when the slip is vacated and March 30th, and then the previous slip holder can be reimbursed for the time the new slip holder actually rents the slip.

2l - Selling of a Boat

If a member sells their boat they will immediately notify the dock master. They maintain the rights of occupancy until their annual fees expire. A member may maintain ownership of their slip for one (1) additional year. If they replace the boat in that time frame they must give the dock master two weeks' notice of their desired pre-occupancy date. If they have not replaced the boat after the end of that time, the slip is available for reassignment by the club. If a boat is purchased after that time frame and they require a slip they will have to post their name on the slip posting in the club as if acquiring a new slip. All seniority rules apply.

2m - The Buyer

If the buyer of the member's boat is not a member and desires membership, he must immediately submit a membership application with all required fees. If he is denied membership, all fees paid, less the due amount of prorated dockage and electric, will be reimbursed. The boat must be removed within a ten (10) day grace period after notification of their membership denial.

If the buyer does not desire membership, dockage fee based on a transient rate will be charged after the ten (10) day grace period. In the case the purchase boat is winterized and it is still winter the dock master may allow dockage, if available, on a prepaid prorated basis until April 1st.

2n - Partnerships

If a boat is owned by more than one person, each person must be a member in order to use the club's facilities and slips. In the event a boat is owned by more than one person, the slip shall only be assigned to one full member. If the member who is assigned the slip sells their interest in the boat to their partner, the slip shall be posted and assigned in accordance with the rules of seniority. In a case where the buying partner is not a full member and he wishes to keep the boat in the slip he will be required to apply for a full membership and then the boat can be posted and assigned in accordance with the rules of seniority. If a boat partnership is arranged with the intent of circumventing the rules of seniority, the board of governors shall have the authority to deny the slip assignment. A two-thirds vote of the board members present and choosing to vote at a regularly scheduled board of governors meeting will be required for this vote.

2o - Subletting Slips

Club slips are property of the club and may not be sublet or rented by the assigned occupant to another member or non-member under any circumstances. When the slip assigned to a club member becomes vacant, they will immediately notify the dock master of approximately how long the slip will be vacant. They must also give the dock master at least 72 hours' notice of intent to reoccupy their assigned slip. The temporary user, assigned by the dock master, must move to make the owner's slip available immediately upon notice from the dock master. Transients must be prepared to move immediately upon request.

The club reserves the right to rent any slip to a transient on a daily basis if the slip is not occupied by the assigned member. Transient rental fees will be established by the dock committee at the beginning of each calendar year. The member whose slip is rented to a transient or non-slip owner will be entitled to a credit of kilowatt hours used.

2p - Slip Fees

Slip rental fees will be payable on April 1st and will run for one (1) year. Members who are not in good standing (nonpayment of any club bills), will be placed on the bottom of the seniority list and their slip will be subject to reassignment. If slip fees are not paid, the member must vacate his slip according to rules of the club concerning payment of moneys due the club.

A member occupying a slip that does not pay the slip fees due April 1st and later decides to give up his slip will be billed at the temporary rates for each day from April 1st to the day his boat is moved and the slip is vacated.

2q - Electric Bills

Electric meters will be read and billed to the member every quarter. Members renting slips will pay the full amount of their electric bills upon receipt of the bill. In case they feel there is a discrepancy in their bill they cannot take it upon themselves to adjust the bill. They can contact the dock master and go over the bill. If this cannot be resolved by the member and the dock committee then it will be referred to the board of governors for a final decision. If a discrepancy is found by either the dock committee or the board of governors then the bill will be credited or the credit applied to the next quarter. In either case the bill should be paid upon receipt to prevent the member from becoming a member in bad standing.

3 - Safety

All docks, piers and bulkheads will be used at your own risk. Lines will not be extended over pier walkways and all boats will be secured in a safe manner to prevent damage to piers, docks and other boats. Hoses and lines will be coiled neatly to maintain a clear, safe walkway. Walkways are to be kept clear at all times.

3a - Open Fires

There shall be no open fires on any piers, docks, boats or wooden structures of the club except with approval of the dock master.

3b - Fireworks

Discharging of firecrackers, firearms and the like is strictly prohibited.

3c – Bicycles-roller skates-skateboards

The riding of these devices, running or horseplay on piers is hazardous, dangerous and is not permitted.

3d - Pets

No pets are permitted to run loose or be a nuisance. They must be on a leash and cleaned up after.

3e - Children

All children age 12 and under must wear life jackets and must be properly supervised on all docks, piers and bulkheads.

3f - Fire Extinguishers

Any deficiencies in the maintenance of firefighting equipment, docks, piers, bulkheads, lights, etc., should be reported to the dock master.

3g - Electric Heaters

Unattended open electric heaters or kerosene heaters are strictly forbidden on boats at the Wicomico Yacht Club. All recognized boating safety organizations state that these are an extreme hazard. This does not include a permanently installed approved marine cabin heater. Heat lamps and bulbs are permitted only if the device or bulb has a protective shield to keep the lamp away from combustible materials. Light bulb receptacles mounted on bulkheads or other superstructure is acceptable if the lamp is positioned far enough away from combustible materials.

3h - Boats

Members are required to maintain their boats in a sea worthy condition. All boats shall be properly secured with all necessary lines, properly sized, and in good safe condition.

3i - Battery Chargers

Due to electrolysis problems, permanent use of automotive type battery charges is prohibited. They are allowed for emergency use only if the boat owner is present during their operation. Approved Marine Type Chargers are required.

4 - Environment

4a - Garbage

No garbage or trash shall be thrown overboard. It must be properly disposed of in the trash receptacles provided by the club. Please help keep our club grounds and waterways clean.

4b - Waste Oil

Waste oil must be placed in containers and taken to an appropriate facility. The Wicomico Yacht Club DOES NOT have any facility or receptacles for handling waste oil.

ANY MEMBER OF THE WICOMICO YACHT CLUB FOUND DUMPING WASTE OIL ON CLUB PROPERTY, ADJACENT WATERS OR MARSH LANDS WILL FORFEIT THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB IMMEDIATELY.

4c - Fueling

The fueling of vessels in a slip is not permitted due to fire dangers as well as protecting the environment. All vessels must be outside of the fuel pier in order to fuel. All vessels must be moved immediately after completion of fueling.

5 - Boat Repairs

Major boat repairs shall not be undertaken on any boat at the Yacht Club without the consent of the dock master after consultation of the proposal with the dock committee. If the repair work is approved, the dock master or his representative will spell out any stipulations as to how this work may be undertaken. If approved, before any work being done by outside mechanics or others, they must first submit proof of insurance to the dock master before any work is started.

6 - Boat Inspections

The dock master or any member of the dock committee has the right to inspect any boat for reported improprieties. This inspection will take place in the presence of the owner of the vessel or his representative at a mutually agreeable time. Any improprieties discovered during the inspection will be dealt with on an individual basis.

7 – Appeals

The following is the procedure a member is to follow in order to appeal a decision made by the dock master regarding the dock rules:

1. The members appeal shall be given to the dock master in writing and upon receipt of the written appeal, the dock master will present it to the board of governors within 30 days.
2. The board of governors will review the appeal and issue a decision at that time. The board of governor's decision will be final.