

Sandy Bay Yacht Club

Club Policies

Purpose

In furtherance of the Board of Governors' responsibility for the management of the affairs and property of the Club (Constitution and By-Laws, Art. 4, §5), these policies shall articulate rules and procedures for various activities at the Club that are not specifically described in the Club's By-Laws.

Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Board of Governors to review existing policies and enact new policies as needed. It is the responsibility of club members to follow the policies.

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POLICIES

1. Boat Bottom Washing

The SBYC Board of Governors developed the following boat washing procedures to abide by regulatory requirements for the Clean Water Act. Members who pay a boat fee to the Club may use the Club facilities to haul their boat (if appropriate) to clean the bottom. Follow these instructions while your boat is on SBYC premises or tied to floats. Thank you.

- a. Use of pressure washer is prohibited. Please use fresh water from hose sparingly. While Rockport water use ban is in effect, use sea water.
- b. Discharge of waste water into the harbor while boat washing is prohibited. Please use the "wash pad" when washing your boat.
- c. Please use a bucket and sponge method to clean and rinse boat bottoms.
- d. Discharge of any cleaners or solvents, or water containing cleaners or solvents, onto or through the deck is prohibited.
- e. No sanding shall be performed on the deck unless a dust collection system or other manner of particulate containment is in use.
- f. The cleaning of boat bottoms in the water while tied up to Club floats or wharves, is prohibited.

- g. Only natural or biodegradable cleaners shall be used on boat topsides or decks being cleaned while tied up to Club floats or wharves.
- h. SBYC strongly encourages the use of non-ablative anti-fouling bottom paint on boats.
- i. During decommissioning of club assets, exceptions may be permitted only under club Manager's directions and oversight.

No bottom washing is permitted:

- a. While the Hurricane Policy is in effect.
- b. On race days from noon until all racing dry sailors have launched.
- c. By non-members

2. Charter Customers

A member's for hire passengers are not considered guests and are not eligible to enter or make use of any club facilities, including the clubhouse, porch, docks, launches and skiffs in connection with any for hire activity. Members carrying passengers for hire are advised to make suitable arrangements to meet and embark and disembark passengers from public facilities available for such activities.

3. Club Rental

The Club is available for rent to members who wish to hold a private party or event. The following *rules* apply:

- a. Rental of the Club is available to members only. The member renting the club must remain present for the entire event and is responsible for ensuring that club policies are followed.
- b. The Board of Governors will establish Rental fees.
- c. The Club is only available to rent for the months of May (mid to late), June, September, and through mid October. No rentals during July and August.
- d. Club activities take precedence. Rental does not grant exclusive use. Club members, their guests, and transient boaters, will have access to all club facilities during the renter's party/event.
- e. The Club is a small facility. Renters should keep their guest count relatively small (suggested 50 guests maximum).
- f. Renters are urged to have a backup plan in case the club becomes unavailable due to storms or other circumstances.
- g. Renters must arrange their own catering and clean-up crews, acquiring all their own supplies, food, etc. Leave the club clean and as you found it.
- h. No liquor sales permitted.
- i. Live music must be approved and a permit obtained from the Town of Rockport.
- j. Renters agree to keep their event under control. Our neighbors do not tolerate loud or raucous parties or events.
- k. Out of respect for our neighbors, all events must be over by 11 p.m. Events with music permits may be subject to other restrictions.
- l. Renters and their guests will clean up and leave immediately if requested by the Manager.
- m. The club member booking the event agrees to assume liability for and accepts all responsibility for himself/herself and their guests and as such indemnifies the Club and its board of directors of all responsibility for any harm or damages to the clubhouse, grounds, personal property, or persons.

4. Crane or Hoist Usage

The use of, *not operation of*, the hoist is available for member's boat and equipment requirements per other club policies.

The operation of the crane or hoist is limited to properly trained and certified members, or staff, who have earned and received their state certificate for the operation of the hoist. Junior members are prohibited from using the hoist. Exceptions for usage may include emergency situations at the discretion of the Board of Governors or staff.

5. Crew

It is understood that a boat owner may have alternating crew throughout the season, but crew visiting the club more than three times must become a member of SBYC.

6. Dock Space Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for allocating the club's dock space during the sailing season.

Objectives

The objective of this policy is to equitably allocate the club's dock space resources.

Expectations

SBYC Fleets

There are a total of 13 spaces on the dock for storing boats in the SBYC Fleet racing classes. The allocation of spaces for each fleet is:

<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Number of spaces</u>
Stars	10
Flying Scot	1
Rhodes 19	1
Bullseye	1
Total	13

On or before May 1st of each year, each fleet will notify the SBYC Fleet Captain with the number of spaces their fleet desires for the upcoming sailing season. If a fleet desires to use less than their allocation, these spaces go into a lottery for those fleets that request spaces above the number of spaces allocated. By May 15th, the SBYC Fleet Captain will conduct a lottery for the extra spaces on the dock using the lottery system described below.

Lottery system

The bases for the lottery system are:

- The town assigns moorings based on the order in which people place their name on the town's mooring list. However, the Harbormasters also assign moorings based on the type of mooring available. For instance, if a Bullseye mooring (with more limited turning radius)

becomes available, it is the next Bullseye type boat that goes onto that mooring. They would not assign a Rhodes 19 to that mooring. Similarly, if a Rhodes 19 type mooring became available, they would put a Rhodes 19 type boat on that mooring and not a boat of smaller or larger size and turning radius. In this fashion, the town has a defacto policy of allocating a certain number of 'spaces' to each boat type (e.g. Rhodes 19) based on the order in which each boat type's owner placed their name on the mooring list. The lottery policy provides a similar approach in that we expect each fleet to assign boats within their fleet to the allocated spaces. Similar to the town, we use the existing dock space policy to guarantee each fleet a certain number of spaces and use the lottery to allocate any additional spaces that may be available in a given year. Therefore, the Club's approach is nearly identical to the town's approach for equitably allocating and assigning mooring spaces. This combined approach balances the competing interests of many members (fleets) using limited resources. It is in the best, long-term interests of the club to provide equitable access and use of these limited resources to each fleet. As a Club, we cannot favor one fleet over another.

- The lottery consists of rounds with fleet selections in each round. The order of selection is based on a drawing (e.g. drawing the names of the fleet out of a hat). For example, there are three spaces in the lottery and two fleets have each requested three additional spaces for a combined request for 6 additional spaces. In round one of the lottery each of the fleets gets one of the lottery spaces. However, in round 2 of the lottery, the first fleet will select the final space. Privately owned non-racing boats will be accommodated on a space available basis after accommodating the recognized racing classes.
- The Star fleet is the only dry sailing fleet at SBYC.
- To be eligible for a dock space, the club member owning a Flying Scot, a Rhodes 19 or a Bullseye (and requesting a dry sail dock space) must be on the Town of Rockport mooring list. If a mooring becomes available, the owner must place their boat on the mooring. The dock space is an interim space until a mooring becomes available. It is not intended as a permanent location.
- To retain a dock space for the succeeding year, each boat stored on the dock must race in 50% of the race days designated by their fleet. Fleets must designate at least two out of the three holiday series and at least one weekend day during July and August. For example, Fleet A decides that they will designate the three holiday series and Sunday as their days of racing. A boat from this fleet must race in 50% of the races conducted during the holiday series and on Sunday. Other factors that apply to the 50% criteria include:
 - boats racing in regattas' away from SBYC,
 - a boat owner volunteering for the race committee may count that race towards the 50% criteria, and
 - boats required to be off the dock for another fleets regatta may count that day(s) of racing towards the 50% criteria.

The Board of Governors may grant exemptions to this 50% race criteria (e.g. A long term club member sails a traditionally dry sailed boat several days per week but no longer actively races.).

- Additional spaces a fleet acquires in a given year, beyond the policy's annual allotment, do not provide an entitlement for a dock space in a succeeding year's sailing season. Use of the dock for dry sailing is a privilege and not a right of membership.
- A boat receiving a dry sail space and not paying their membership and dock space fees by June 15th will lose that space for the sailing season.
- Boats stored on the dock must be removed when another fleet is conducting a regatta and when the Hurricane Policy is activated. The penalty for leaving the boat on the dock is \$100.00 payable to the Club and the loss of the dry sail space for the next year.

- Each fleet (fleet captain for each fleet) is responsible for allocating the dry sailing spots among its fleet's members.
- The Club Manager is not responsible to find a spot for boats either in the water or on dock.
- The Board of Governors may review extenuating circumstances that prevent the owner of a boat using a dry sail space from fully complying from the dock space policy and grant a waiver from the enforcement actions.

SBYC SSP and Laser Fleet

The Laser, 420 and Optimist fleets will occupy assigned spaces on either floats or racks. The allocation of spaces for these fleets is as follows:

<u>Fleet</u>	<u>number of spaces</u>
Laser	6
420	10
Optimist	26

Spaces for actively used private Lasers, Optimists or 420s are on a space available basis. The criteria for space allocation are the same as for the SBYC Fleets.

Responsibilities

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is responsible for reviewing extenuating circumstances for a boat owner unable to comply with this policy and for granting waivers to this policy. The Board of Governors is also responsible for enforcing this policy in conjunction with the fleet captains from each of the fleets.

SBYC Fleet Captain

The SBYC Fleet Captain is responsible for conducting the lottery and for communications regarding this policy between the Board of Governors and the Fleet captains. The SBYC Fleet Captain is responsible for notifying the Club Manager about the results of the lottery and the boats from each fleet that will use the dock during the sailing season.

Fleet captains

Fleet captains are responsible for:

- Notifying SBYC Fleet Captain about the desired number of dock spaces requested for the upcoming sailing season,
- Representing their fleet at the lottery (if necessary),
- Allocating dock spaces within their fleet, and
- Enforcing this policy.

Boat owners

- Boat owners are responsible for complying with this policy.
- Boat owners who put their boats into storage before this period or leave their boats on the dock after the end of this period shall pay a daily fine determined by the Board of Governors. Members who do not pay the additional fees billed shall be treated the same as if they were in arrears on their annual dues and fees.

7. Grill Usage

- SBYC owns a gas grill, which is available for use by Club members, Snack Bar Operators, Caterers, and Visiting Boaters.
- The grill will not be used for personal purposes while the Snack Bar is in operation.
- SBYC expects that when finished cooking users will: ensure that the tank and controls are properly closed, clean the cooking surfaces and side work surfaces and then police the deck of the cooking area.

8. Guests, Visitors, Membership

We welcome guests and visitors to Sunday Morning Coffees, Thursday Night Talks, and to paid/ticketed social events during the season. We encourage all those attending these events regularly to become members. (Please refer to the SBYC By-Laws: Article 6 for more information regarding Membership, Guests and Visitors)

- a. Active Service Members – Members on active military service may put their existing membership on hold to avoid incurring arrears and may be granted temporary membership at no charge while on leave for up to twenty-one (21) days.
- b. Sunday coffees and Thursday talks are public and open to all.
- c. Paid events are semi-public and non-members must attend as a Guest or Visitor with a member.
- d. The Commodore's Reception, Wednesday dinners and after-race socials are members only and subject to the Guest/Visitor by-laws.
- e. Non-members who help with organized regattas are granted club privileges and are not subject to Bylaws Section 4/5 of Article 6 on the days they volunteer.

9. Hurricane/Storm Policy

This Hurricane/Storm policy defines an approach to monitoring tropical cyclones and major storms, the communication of risk to club members, and preparation of the club to withstand the severe weather associated with tropical cyclones. The policy defines responsibilities for boat-owning club members, fleet captains, and club staff. The purpose of the policy is to promote safety and property protection in the following order of priority: first, to protect club property; second, to govern availability to club members of club resources for use of protecting club members' property. **THIS POLICY SERVES AS NOTICE TO ALL BOAT-OWNING CLUB MEMBERS OF SPECIFIC DESIGNATED TIMES WHEN CLUB RESOURCES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS SO THAT THOSE CLUB RESOURCES MAY BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO PROTECT CLUB PROPERTY.** Further, this policy provides no guarantee regarding safety or property protection at any time.

Background

The National Hurricane Center defines the hurricane season in the Atlantic basin as lasting from June 1st through November 30th. This means that, with the exception of Memorial Day weekend, the *entire* SBYC sailing season occurs within hurricane season. In addition to hurricanes, Rockport experiences

non-tropical storms that are capable of causing as much or more damage than tropical storms. Non-tropical storms are forecasted and tracked by the National Weather Service.

Definitions	
<i>Tropical Cyclone</i>	A storm originating over tropical or subtropical waters that gains and maintains its strength from the energy in warm ocean water.
<i>Tropical Depression</i>	A tropical cyclone with winds of 38 mph (33 kts) or less.
<i>Tropical Storm</i>	A tropical cyclone with winds of 39 mph (34 kts) to 73 mph (63 kts). Note that the tropical storm actually covers the gale force through storm force winds described in the familiar Beaufort Scale. The NWS only uses the term “tropical storm” to describe conditions associated with a tropical cyclone. In the absence of a tropical cyclone, “gale” or “storm” would be used to describe conditions instead.
<i>Hurricane</i>	A tropical cyclone with winds of 74 mph (65 kts) or greater. There are five categories of hurricane strength, but for the purpose of this policy there is no need to distinguish among the hurricane categories.
<i>Storm Committee</i>	Comprised of the Commodore, Club Manager, Race Committee Chairman, House Committee Chairman and Fleet Captain with the purpose of instituting the Hurricane/Storm Policy.

Tropical Cyclone Watches and Warnings	
<i>Tropical Storm Watch</i>	Tropical storm conditions are possible within the watch area, generally in the next 48 hours.
<i>Tropical Storm Warning</i>	Tropical storm conditions are expected within the watch area in the next 36 hours..
<i>Hurricane Watch</i>	Hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area, generally in the next 48 hours.
<i>Hurricane Warning</i>	Hurricane conditions are expected within the watch area in the next 36 hours.

SBYC Readiness Conditions	
<i>Club Closed</i>	Standard condition outside of hurricane and SBYC seasons, October 19 th through May 24 th .
<i>Club Lockdown Condition</i>	Temporary condition prior to, during and after a hurricane or storm when the club is closed to prepare for, or repair the club.
<i>All Clear</i>	Standard in-season condition, from the Sunday prior to Memorial Day through Columbus Day. Club is open and no storms are threatening. Heightened readiness status (Preparation, Danger, Lock Down), if in effect, has been called off.
<i>Preparation</i>	Elevated strike probability for Cape Ann issued by NHC or NWS (e.g., Tropical Storm Watch or similar conditions). Club preparations begin, members alerted, boat evacuation plans reviewed by fleet captains.
<i>Danger</i>	Tropical Storm Warning issued by NHC; or similar forecast conditions issued by NWS. Boat evacuation plans executed, club preparations completed.

Boat-Owning Member Responsibilities	
<i>Club Lockdown Condition</i>	None
<i>All Clear Condition</i>	At the start of the season, read and agree to abide by SBYC Hurricane/Storm Policy. Submit boat evacuation plan to their fleet captain, alert fleet captain if they will be away for five days or more.
<i>Preparation Condition</i>	Contact their fleet captain, confirm plans for their boat to be evacuated <i>immediately</i> if a Danger Condition is declared. Any and all haul-out plans on SBYC property must be coordinated with Club Manager. Due to the need to protect Club assets during an escalating weather situation, members' are strongly advised to remove their personal property including their boats during Preparation Condition.
<i>Danger Condition</i>	Execute their boat evacuation plan within 24 hours. Boat owners will expeditiously remove their boats from moorings and away from the Yacht Club and T-Wharf. When this condition is in effect, boat owners and crew will perform no maintenance (e.g., washing the bottom) when removing boats. Club Staff and resources will be dedicated to protecting Club property and assets and members' access to Club Staff and resources may be limited.

Fleet Captains' Responsibilities

<i>Club Lockdown Condition</i>	None
<i>All Clear Condition</i>	At the start of the season, read and agree to abide by SBYC Hurricane/Storm Policy. Receive boat evacuation plans from fleet members, update fleet member contact information, create an evacuation plan for their own boat, ensure contingency plans in place for fleet members who are away from the area for five days or more.
<i>Preparation Condition</i>	Contact fleet members to confirm plans for their boat to be evacuated <i>immediately</i> if a Danger Condition is declared. Alert Club Fleet Captain & Club Manager if any fleet member cannot be reached.
<i>Danger Condition</i>	Execute the boat evacuation plan within 24 hours at most. Help arrange for assistance to fleet members who need help executing their plans.

Staff Responsibilities

<i>Club Lockdown Condition</i>	Update readiness condition on club website home page. Communicate updates via e-mail to members.
<i>All Clear Condition</i>	Update readiness condition on club website home page. Following a heightened readiness condition (Preparation, Danger, Lockdown), announce All Clear via email to all Club Members. Monitor NHC reports of tropical cyclones formation and NWS forecasts for storm conditions. If forecasts indicate an elevated tropical cyclone strike probability or similar storm conditions for Cape Ann, advise Storm Committee who may then declare a Preparation Condition.
<i>Preparation Condition</i>	Announce Preparation Condition via email to all Club Members – include link to current Hurricane/Storm Policy. Post readiness conditions and updates on Club website. Club Manager and staff begin preparations to protect club property that have minimal impact on normal operations, alerts volunteers. Sailing Program Director alerts students and makes arrangements for evacuation of sailing program dinghies. If a tropical storm warning is issued by the NHC, or similar conditions are forecasted by NWS, advise Storm Committee who may then declare a Danger Condition.
<i>Danger Condition</i>	Announce Danger Condition via email to all Club Members. Post readiness conditions and updates on Club website. Club Manager contacts volunteers, evacuates club boats, and completes club preparations. Club Manager contacts the Rockport Police Department to advise of plans and request parking on T Wharf for boats/trailers in transition. Sailing Program Director oversees evacuation of sailing program dinghies. Advise Storm Committee upon completion of Club preparations. Storm Committee will declare a Lockdown Condition if/when necessary.

When the storm passes, the Club Manager performs a walkthrough of the club premises with the Commodore, House Committee Chairman, Race Committee Chairman, and the Club Fleet Captain to inspect premises, declare Club Lockdown Condition, and schedule All Clear declaration. Upon All Clear declaration by the Storm Committee, if racing fleets are expected to return, the Club Manager and fleet captains schedule staggered fleet times for returning boats.

Private Boats on the Dock

During a Danger Condition, the dock is reserved for the protection of club property only. Therefore, no members' boats, including dry-sailed boats, are allowed on the dock when a Danger Condition is in effect. Dry-sailing fleet captains are responsible for removing absentee fleet member's boats from the dock. Any dry-sailed boats left on the dock when a Danger Condition is in effect may be ineligible for dock space until after the next racing or storage season.

Execution of Policy

The five readiness conditions will be instituted by the Storm Committee. The panel will use information gathered from the National Weather Service to determine which readiness condition to enact during storms.

Once a Danger Condition has been instituted by the Committee, club members will have up to 24 hours to evacuate their boats via the Sandy Bay Yacht Club. After 24 hours has passed or when conditions become unsafe, whichever is sooner, the club will be in Locked Down condition for final preparations to club property only. Any time during these final 24 hours the club may be locked down due to unsafe conditions by the Storm Committee.

- ⇒ We strongly recommend removing property during the Preparation Condition to ensure the safety of your belongings.

10. Illegal Activities / Drugs

SBYC does not tolerate any illegal activities or illegal drug usage on Club property. If a member or their guest(s) participates in any such activity on Club property, the member may lose membership privileges with no recourse for dues or fees paid to SBYC. A club employee who participates in such activities on Club property will be released from employment. Marijuana/Cannabis and any derivative products are not permitted. Ingestion, vaping or smoking of these substances on Club property may result in loss of membership with no recourse.

The waterfront has many natural hazards: club management and Board have the discretion, in their sole opinions, to require persons to leave the SBYC properties if they present as dangerously impaired.

11. Lifejackets

In addition to State and Federal rules applying to PFDs (lifejackets), SBYC has a policy that children ages 12 and under shall wear a PFD not only on boats, but also while on the docks at SBYC. As SBYC is entirely built on a dock with ramps to access the in-water docks – SBYC recommends that children 12 and under wear PFD unless they are inside the club house facilities. Life jackets save lives.

12. Loaner Boats

SBYC owns a fleet of sailboats, which may be borrowed by members of SBYC. The following rules for usage apply:

- a. Only members may borrow a Club owned sailboat.
- b. A member borrowing a Club owned boat must be “certified” to do so based upon their ability. Certification must be granted by either a Club sailing instructor, a Fleet Captain, or by a member of the Club’s Board of Governors.
- c. There are certain time slots available for boat borrowing, and a member can only sign up for (reserve) one time slot per day.
- d. Priority for usage of the Club owned sailboats will be: Sailing Program Instruction, Club sponsored racing (for the duration of the race) and Pleasure Sailing, in that order.
- e. Usage of the club sailboats is weather dependent. The staff at SBYC may disallow such usage, depending on weather or wind conditions.
- f. Single-handed sailing is not allowed, unless the member is certified to do so.
- g. Members borrowing a Club owned sailboat are recommended to make a donation to help cover maintenance costs, the suggested minimum of which shall be determined by the Board of Governors, and posted on the cover of the reservation book.
- h. Members borrowing a Club owned sailboat should report any damage incurred to a SBYC employee.
- i. Members and guests acknowledge and agree that they accept the condition of the vessel they are borrowing in its “as is” condition and hold the Club, its agents and employees harmless for any personal injury or property loss suffered as a result of their use.

12.1 Arthur Swanson Usage Policy

General

The Arthur Swanson shall be dry-sailed and available to members for racing use only. A separate sign up process from the standard Loaner Boat Program will be used.

Approved Users

Fleet Captains, Adult Sailing Instructors, the Junior Sailing Program Director, or the Club Manager shall sign-off on any member who has the ability to skipper a Rhodes 19 in an SBYC race in any and all racing conditions.

Available Usage and Fees

The Swanson will be available for use in all SBYC Club Races. Swanson usage is deemed a “Pilot Program” and the boat will be available on a series basis for several series including each holiday series and on a daily basis for the Summer Sunday Series as follows:

- Memorial Day Series - \$100 for full Series
- Founders’ Series - \$300 for full Series
- July 4th Series - \$100 for full Series
- Wednesday Night Series* - \$800 for full Series
- Summer Sunday Series - \$50/race day for Senior A members, \$25/race day for approved Junior and Senior B members; sign up one day at a time
- Labor Day Series - \$100 for full Series
- Gusto Cup/Kammerer Cup – Rhodes Fleet usage in perpetuity, no charge (skipper must be a member approved by Rhodes Fleet Captain)

Sign Up Process

The Club Manager will run the sign-up process. The Board will make a general announcement to the membership when Series sign-ups are available. For the Summer Sunday Series, the boat will be available to sign up the week prior to the race day.

All Series sign-ups will be non-refundable if a single race is run.

Daily race day sign-ups shall be non-refundable unless the reservation is canceled and the boat re-reserved by another member or racing is canceled ashore for the day.

13. Lockers

SBYC has a number of lockers, which are available to rent for members of SBYC who are boat owners, in order to store their boating gear. In general, there are three spaces allocated per locker, although more spaces may be allocated if the situation allows. The following rules apply:

- a. Each member who rents a locker space must be a boat owner (who pays a boat fee to SBYC) and pay a locker fee, as determined by the Board of Governors.
- b. Members who rent a locker space may not invite their friends or family members, who are also boat owners, to store their gear in the locker space.
- c. Combustible materials, such as gasoline, propane, etc. may not be stored in a locker space.
- d. Limited space is available, and the Club will maintain a waiting list for locker space.

14. Mailing List

SBYC respects the privacy of its members, and will not release its mailing list to any third party. This policy also applies to the Clubs' email list. Mailing and emails lists are to be used only for Club or Sailing Program business and notices.

15. New Member Pro-rated Dues

New members, junior, senior or family, who join the Club on or after August fifteenth may join at a pro-rated fee of 60% of the yearly dues plus all capital fund charges. This is a one-time offer for new members only, and is valid only for the year in which the membership was activated.

16. Nondiscrimination

Sandy Bay Yacht Club does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, military status, national origin, age or political affiliation or belief.

17. Parking

SBYC has no control of parking spaces on T Wharf, and cannot guarantee a parking space for members. Parking in the gateway is generally not allowed, and if you need to do so on a temporary basis, you must advise a Club employee, or risk being towed.

18. Pets

Members are discouraged from bringing their pets to SBYC, but if they do so the pet must be under control and leashed at all times.

19. Safety

Safety is paramount to SBYC. The Board of Governors, its Safety Committee, or its staff may impose certain safety regulations from time to time, to which members and their guests must comply.

20. Skiffs & Boat Fees

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide rules and procedures governing the tie-up of skiffs at the club's docks.

Background

The Town licenses mooring space in the harbor, subject to availability, for yacht and boat owners who meet the Town criteria for mooring space allocation.

SBYC establishes boat fees for club members with yachts or boats moored in the harbor, to offset the costs of providing and maintaining facilities, supplies, and equipment for boat owners such as launches, docks, hoists, water, ice, tools, etc. The fees are also intended to offset the costs of staff to provide services such as launch service, repair and maintenance of club property associated with the use of vessels, etc.

Expectations

Persons with yachts or boats moored in the harbor, who gain access to their yachts or boats through SBYC property, are expected to become yacht club members and pay the requisite boat fees.

Persons who wish to use SBYC facilities, supplies or equipment must be members or claim the privilege of temporary visiting yachts or boats.

Visiting Yachts and Boats

Visiting yachts or boats temporarily tying up in the harbor or at the SBYC docks or pilings for periods not to exceed three days will be extended the courtesies of the club and may use the club on the same basis as members.

SBYC Members

SBYC members owning boats or yachts on moorings in the harbor must pay the appropriate boat fee for each vessel moored. SBYC members who pay a boat fee to the Club have the following privileges:

1. Launch service.
2. Use of club facilities to maintain/repair their boats, such as electrical power, water, etc.
3. Use of club skiffs to access their boats(s).
4. May tie their own skiffs to the Yacht Club docks on a space available basis (requires payment of skiff fee). There is limited space for inflatable skiffs, and the Board of Governors may implement a waiting list.
5. Use of hoist/crane only in accordance with the Crane or Hoist Usage Policy.

SBYC members who keep their boats moored in the harbor and who do not pay a boat fee will not be allowed the above privileges.

Non-Members with Yachts or Boats moored in the Harbor

Non-members who keep their boats moored in the harbor must use Town facilities to access their vessels.

Skiffs on Floats

Skiffs on floats may be required to be racked. Inflatable skiffs with outboard motors must keep the motors in the down position.

Responsibilities

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is responsible for reviewing extenuating circumstances for a boat owner unable to comply with this policy and for granting waivers to this policy.

Boat Owners

Boat Owners are responsible for complying with this policy.

21. Smoking

Smoking or vaping are not permitted on the premises at SBYC.

22. Temporary Dock Tie-ups

The Club's staff will approve tie-ups on the Club's docks. The time limit for dock tie-ups on weekends is one hour.

23. Upper Deck Access

Access to the upper deck at SBYC is limited to staff, and senior members and their guests. Junior members are not allowed access, unless accompanied by a senior member. Specific SBYC social events may limit access to the upper deck.

24. Use of Club Moorings

The Club has a few moorings available on a "loaner" basis as a courtesy for members who do not yet have their own mooring. The following applies:

1. The Club will make every effort to inspect, maintain and replace mooring gear as needed, however users agree that use of the mooring is at the user's risk.
2. The mooring user will be billed a mooring fee (Town mooring fee and an amortized fee for ground tackle).
3. The use of a Club mooring in one year does not guarantee that a mooring will be available in the future.
4. The user agrees to assume liability for and indemnify the Club against any damage to their boat or other boats or injuries to themselves or their guests as a result of using the mooring.
5. To be eligible to use a Club Mooring, the club member must be on the Town of Rockport mooring list.

6. To be eligible to use a Club Mooring, the club member must state an intention to race in 50% of the race days designated by their fleet in the racing season for which the Club Mooring is sought. For members seeking use of moorings in any subsequent year, their boat must have raced in 50% of the race days designated by their fleet in the prior racing season. Fleets must designate at least two out of the three holiday series and at least one weekend day during July and August. For example, Fleet A decides that they will designate the three holiday series and Sunday as their days of racing. A boat from this fleet must race in 50% of the races conducted during the holiday series and on Sunday. Other factors that apply to the 50% criteria include:
- boats racing in regattas away from SBYC, and
 - a boat owner volunteering for the race committee may count that race towards the 50% criteria.

The Board of Governors may review extenuating circumstances that prevent the owner of a boat using a Club Mooring from fully complying with the policy regarding Use of Club Moorings, and may grant exemptions to the 50% race criteria and other relief it deems appropriate.

25. Winter Storage

2019. Per the 2006 Board of Governors vote discontinuing the offer of winter storage on the club docks and deck, and that the grand-fathered winter storage boats have all concluded: there is no longer any winter storage available on SBYC property for any boats or equipment not belonging to SBYC.

The winter storage space at the club is reserved for club owned assets only.

26. Work Shed

SBYC has a work shed and tool locker, which has traditionally been available to Club members. Members who use this facility are expected to clean up after themselves, and to return or replace all borrowed tools.

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