



Dobson Yacht Club

RULES AND POLICIES

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A – GENERAL

Fees and Charges: The fees and charges referred to in this document are those listed on the “Rates & Fees” page of the Club website. Any prepayment made by a boat owner for yacht club services is not transferable to other years or persons. Prior to their acceptance for membership by the Board, prospective members shall pay nonmember rates, unless authorized by the Fleet Captain.

Application: Unless stated otherwise these Rules and Policies apply to visiting boats and their owners.

B – MEMBERSHIP

Membership: A Member is entitled to vote, hold office, and to have access to all facilities. Membership dues and all outstanding accounts must be paid by June 1 to enable a member to be in good standing. Failure to do so will render the membership cancelled and nonmember rates applied. The Executive has sole discretion that special arrangements for payments can be made. A Membership will include husband, wife or partner and children up to 19 years of age.

C – BOATING FACILITIES

I - LAUNCH RAMP

The launch ramp is for the use of club members whose accounts are fully paid up. The key may be obtained at the bar during normal hours of operation. Each member is to use the ramp for his/her own personal use only and lock the gate after use, then return key to bar. During off bar hours the key can be obtained from the office when it is opened.

II - TRAVEL LIFT

1. Restrictions: The travel lift will not be used to lift any boat with a beam exceeding 15 feet or weighing in excess of 20 tons.

2. Lift Season: The travel lift operating season is from April 15 to December 20.

3. Seasonal Lift: The Seasonal Lift is a launching or a haul-out.

4. Additional/Repair Lift: This lift applies at times other than the Seasonal Lift, and is intended for mid-season emergency repairs and loading or off-loading boats from transporters. If a Lift-in-Slings exceeds 4 hours or requires an operator to return at a later time to complete the lift operation, an additional operator fee is applicable.

5. Lift Card: A lift card is mandatory before a lift is performed. A lift card must be obtained from the Bar, and will only be issued when the member's account has been paid in full, including the lift fee. The boat owner must read and sign below the waiver on the lift card and undertake all necessary tasks in preparation for the lift, and be present during the lift.

6. Insurance: Boats on the Dobson Yacht Club property must provide documented proof of liability insurance. Owners are required to inform the club administration of any change of ownership or liability insurance status of any vessel that they may have on the club property. Any attempt to conceal the sale of a boat may result in the member losing any right to an assigned berth.

III - BOAT STORAGE

1. Storage Season:

Winter Season November 1 – May 31

Summer Season June 1 – October 31

2. Safety and Security: Owners are responsible for the safety and security of their boat and its equipment when on Club property. Off-island boat owners are required to assign a local person the Club can contact in the event of an emergency.

3. Site Allocation: Allocation of storage site is subject to the Fleet Captain's approval.

4. Site Cleanliness: Storage sites are to be kept clean and tidy at all times, and are to be cleaned up within 24 hours of boat launch. Owners failing to keep their storage site tidy or failing to clear the site after boat launch are subject to the clean-up charge. The Club will not be responsible for any item damaged or discarded during the clean-up.

5. Power Connection: There is no charge for power connections for regular maintenance purposes. However, if a power cable from a boat is plugged into a power point overnight and the receptacle end is not plainly visible to verify that power is not connected to the boat, the daily rate will be charged.

6. Cradles, Trailers and Lay-up Equipment: Each cradle, trailer or other lay-up/storage equipment is subject to removal from winter storage site to a suitable summer storage location. The only acceptable supports for boats laid up at the Club are cradles and/or steel jack stands. Use of wedge-shaped wooden chocks or steel barrels is forbidden. The Club may refuse storage to any member who fails to comply, with these rules. Furthermore, the Club may, at the owner's expense, take necessary action to reinforce or replace supports deemed by the Fleet Captain to be in poor repair and thereby endangering other members boats. Cradles are to have the boat name and "bow" and/or "stern" clearly identified on them. Ladders must be securely locked to deter their criminal use.

7. Long Term Storage: Any boat stored on the Club property and not launched by July 15 is subject to relocation at the owner's expense. The Fleet Captain will inform the owner should the boat's relocation be required. If the travel lift is used a "Repair Lift" fee will be charged, otherwise the owner is responsible for the cost of hiring any crane(s) or boat hauler. Owners intending to lay their boats up for an extended period should contact the Fleet Captain so that a suitable long term storage site may be allocated to avoid unnecessary boat moving.

8. Oversize Boat Storage: Boats exceeding the travel lift restrictions are subject to the "Oversize" storage fee.

9. Mast Storage and Crane: Masts not stored on the boat are to be stored on the mast storage rack, provided the belonging boat is also stored in the club yard. A mast crane and Bosun's chair are at members disposal. The mast crane is to be used for the sole purpose of shipping and unshipping masts.

10. Removal of Boats: Boats placed in storage may not be removed from the Club property until the member's account is fully paid up.

11. Cranes/Boat Haulers: Permission to bring a crane or boat hauler on the property must be obtained from the Fleet Captain.

IV – DOCKAGE

1. Safety:

- a. Owners are responsible for the safety of their boat when tied to Club property. Any boat may be moved at any time if it is obstructing someone else's boat or interfering with access to the mast crane.
- b. No boat shall be secured to a berth in such a manner that any part of the boat or its equipment projects over or in any way obstructs the use of the wharves or piers.

2. Dock Allocation/Marina Slip: Only those paying seasonal fees may claim exclusive right to any location on the wharf or at a slip. Allocation of dock space is subject to the Fleet Captain's approval. Boats must vacate the floating slips in the boat basin before the first Saturday in November.

3. Dock Cleanliness: Members are expected to leave the vicinity of their boat clean and tidy, and to use the garbage receptacles provided, or be charged the clean-up fee for the removal of their debris.

4. Restricted Areas: The wharf at the front of the clubhouse is intended for short term docking for guests. Overnight tie-up or other uses of this dock require the permission of the Fleet Captain.

5. Daily Dockage Fees: Members and guests seeking docking on a daily basis must register at the bar and will be assigned a dock space when available. The rates shown under "Rates & Fees" on the Club website will apply.

6. Fuel: Fuel trucks are not permitted on Club property for the fuelling of boats without written permission from the Manager, Commodore, Vice-Commodore, or Fleet Captain. The Jerry-juggling of fuel to boats is only permitted for fuel purchased at the Club pumps.

D – CLUBHOUSE & GROUNDS

Parking: Members' vehicles, boat trailers, etc. shall be parked so as not to obstruct access to the launch ramp or the travel lift launch area, and must allow full access for the travel lift to all storage areas. Boat owners leaving vehicles on the property for extended periods should check with the Fleet Captain to determine a suitable location.

Showers: Use of the shower is restricted to Members and visiting boaters who have paid for dockage.

Patio and Grass Area: Club members are encouraged to take advantage of the barbeque and picnic area at the wharf side of the club. Club members and patrons are advised however that alcohol is not to be taken beyond the designated area.

Club Rental: The club may be rented by groups, members and nonmembers alike, for functions and parties. We have two (2) rooms available: the main hall and the upperdeck lounge. Members are entitled to one free rental per year of either room. This rental is to be strictly for immediate family (parents, spouses, children) affairs (birthday parties, anniversaries, weddings, reunions, etc.). The member will be required to pay the standard cleaning charge, and may also rent the barbecue at a reduced fee. Catering can also be arranged.