

# WBYC CLUB RULES

**The club manager is empowered by the Officers and Directors of the Willow Bank Yacht Club to enforce any and all regulations, and has full authority to supervise and control all activities.**

The attention of all members is called to the provision of the Club "By-Laws" which has given the Club Manager and Waterfront Director and Lifeguards authority to discipline all minor children including suspending them from all Club privileges.

Authority is vested in the Club Officers to suspend or to institute expulsion action against any member who willfully or repeatedly violates the rules of the Club.

There is an official bulletin board which you are urged to consult frequently for current notices.

## **1: General Use of Club Facilities**

There will be periodic and/or regular gate checks for membership throughout the Season.

No pets, either leashed or unleashed, will be allowed on the grounds at any time, except for passage to and from boats.

Non-members, who are not accompanied by a member, will not be permitted entrance or use of club facilities.

All youths under 16 years of age must sign in at the Galley or at gate check unless accompanied by an adult member.

Children under 13 years of age shall be accompanied by an adult member or baby-sitter at all times when on Club grounds. A baby-sitter must be at least 15 years old and may be a member or non-member.

Children under 13 years of age, even when accompanied by an adult member, must wear a life-jacket when around non-swimming areas near the water.

Children under 16 years of age are not allowed on the outside decks, on the boat docks or the rocky part of the pier, unless accompanied by and under the supervision of an adult.

Horseplay and unbecoming conduct will not be tolerated, and the Club Manager is authorized to take corrective action to correct violations.

Littering in any area is a violation of Club rules. All trash must be placed in trash cans before leaving the Club property. With the advent of recycling, all recyclable items that were brought with you, must be taken from the Club grounds when leaving. All clothing and equipment must be cared for and not left about the grounds indiscriminately. It is the responsibility of each member of the Club to call violations to the attention of the offending individual.

Vandalism and destruction, including misuse of Club property, will result in official action and can lead to suspension or permanent loss of privileges.

No cooking will be allowed in the Club buildings except in the galley.

The sail loft and the boat hoist will be considered "out of bounds" as "play areas". Parents are expected to be responsible for the conduct of their children in this regard.

Automobiles shall be parked in the area provided and are not permitted on the grounds inside the gate, except for the use of the handicapped parking spaces by vehicles affixed with handicapped license plates or a DMV placard; or except by special permission from the manager, and then only for adequate reason, such as launching or hauling out boat, delivery of supplies, or when the main parking lot has been filled.

Motorcycles and motor-scooters are not permitted on the grounds inside the gates at any time.

No member shall use Club property for the promotion of any commercial enterprise.

Club members who serve in community organizations that wish to hold meetings at the Club shall send a request in writing to the Commodore not less than 30 days prior to the date of such meeting. The Flag Officers shall have the sole discretion on whether or not to grant this request.

## **2: Guest Privileges**

A member may not have more than two (2) guest families at a time.

A Junior member has NO guest privileges.

A non-member guest may use the Club facilities only TWICE during a single season. This does not apply to member's crew for weekly racing. A non-member guest/crew must be accompanied by a member at all times.

A member's house-guest, who resides outside a 50 mile radius, may be extended guest privileges under the sponsorship of his host, for a period not to exceed three weeks during a single season.

Guests are subject to the same rules as active members. Members are expected to make sure that their guests are aware and follow club rules. If a guest willfully or repeatedly violates the rules of the club, the member may be suspended from Club privilege or expelled from membership in the Club.

There are NO guest privileges July 4 weekend or Labor Day weekend, except for house guests residing outside a 50 mile radius.

There are no guest privileges for "MEMBERS ONLY" dances except for house guests residing outside a 50 mile radius.

There are no restrictions as regards a member taking a guest through the grounds to board his boat, so long as he does not utilize Club facilities, and this will not be considered a "guest privilege".

### **3: Swimming**

The waterfront is operated in accordance with the Red Cross safety Rules and Local ordinances and the Lifeguard on duty has full jurisdiction over all participants.

There will be a qualified lifeguard on duty in accord with the schedule. Use of the beach and waterfront at other times will be accomplished at your own risk. Incidentally, the Lifeguard is present to ensure the safety of you, your family and guests. He/she is not expected to act as a "baby-sitter".

No underwater swimming with or without breathing devices is permitted in the mooring area.

No bottles, glass or sharp objects will be allowed on the beach. Inflatable toys will only be used at the discretion and permission of the lifeguard on duty. No horseplay on the beach or in the water will be tolerated.

No swimming will be allowed beyond the rope buoy lines. Swimming may be curtailed during Regatta.

Water skiing is not permitted in the swimming area.

### **4: Social Functions**

The Commodore's Ball and the Member-Guest will be considered senior member affairs. Members under the age of 21 will not be eligible for attendance except under special circumstances. Inquiry in this regard will be made to the Commodore.

There will be a nominal charge per person to cover expenses and to make each affair self supporting. Charges are applicable to guests as well as members and members are expected to be responsible for charges incurred by their guests.

There is a 1:00 a.m. curfew on all social functions, and members are expected to respect this regulation. Your cooperation with the Social Committee in clearing the Club Rooms and minimizing the noise in the interest of our neighbors is expected.

### **5: Boating**

Coast Guard Regulations and New York State Law shall govern the operation of all craft. If you are uncertain or not familiar with these regulations and laws as they may apply to your situation, check with the Manager. However, it is your responsibility to know the applicable rules.

All boats must have Coast Guard approved safety equipment on board and compliance is the owner's responsibility.

Junior members shall wear a life preserver at all times when on a sailboat or motorboat.

No waterskiing will be allowed in the mooring areas.

No launching of Jetskis will be allowed at the Club.

Boats shall not enter, leave or operate in the Slip at a speed greater than 5 mph. Please respect the boats moored at both the docks and the mooring area and do not increase speed until you are clear of the markers at the corners of the moorings. When necessary to operate power boats in the mooring area and amongst the sailboats, speed should be no greater than 5 mph. A boat leaving the Slip shall have right of way over an entering boat, since the latter has adequate area in which to maneuver.

No power boats are allowed in the swimming area at any time. There will be temporary moorage room at the front of the breakwater, not at the south end.

No boats will be launched on the swimming area beach at any time except with special permission of the Manager or when so designated at Regattas.

## **6: Work Requirements**

In order for the Club to remain a self-service organization and keep costs low, all members are required to work two three hours sessions or one three hour session and serve on one committee during the current year.

**Spring:** All members are required to work three hours in the spring or they will be assessed \$75.00 if they choose not to work.

**Summer-Fall:** All members are required to put in three hours of service to the Club unless they are working on a committee during the current year. Members who chose not to give three hours of service will be assessed \$75.00.

**The Club Manager shall** have the right to perform any service necessary to any member's boat in order to protect such boat or any boat or equipment near it. Such service shall be billed to the member at a rate not to exceed \$75.00 per boat per occurrence. A members' mooring privilege may be revoked by the Board due to repeated incidences of neglect.

## **7: Complaints and Reprimands of Employees**

We expect that all members will treat WBYC staff with courtesy and tact. No reprimand shall be given to any employee of the Club by a member.

If your complaint is with a member of the galley, yard, sailing, swimming or lifeguard staff, please direct these complaints to the Club Manager. The Club Manager will document such complaints for review by the Board of Directors.

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Any complaint by a member or members concerning Club affairs shall be made in writing to one of the Flag Officers (Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Rear Commodore), who will submit the complaint for consideration at the next Board of Directors' meeting. The complaining member or members shall be notified of the decision of the Board. This decision may be appealed to the membership at the Annual Meeting, or at the Board's discretion, a Special Meeting of the general membership of the Club.