

## **CLUB RULES**

These rules are for the guidance of members. Above all, common sense and courtesy will ensure everyone's enjoyment of the Club. The Flag Officers and Executive Committee are always available for clarification or advice.

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

1. The Club assumes no responsibility for money, jewelry, valuables, of other property left with employees, in lockers, motor vehicles, yachts, or elsewhere on the club premises.
2. Items left in the Lost and Found may be disposed of after Decommissioning each year.

### **HOUSE**

1. The Clubhouse is open daily from 0800 hours to 2100 hours between the dates of Commissioning and Decommissioning. The Chart Room is open to membership at hours that are posted in this booklet, the Mainsheet and on the BYC website.
2. The Clubhouse will be open at such times as will be posted between Decommissioning and Commissioning. Members seeking entry to the Clubhouse at other times during this period are advised to contact the Steward ahead of time to make arrangements.
3. No one under the legal drinking age will be permitted in the Chart Room at any time that the club bar is open.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages must be confined to those sold by the Club over the bar or, for special events, by the bottle or the case. Liquor purchased at the Club must be consumed on the club premises. This rule does not apply to the consumption of alcoholic beverages from a yacht's locker while the yacht is at the Club dock provided that the consumption remains within the vicinity of the yacht. (Required to maintain the Club's liquor license.)
5. The Steward or his staff will be available to tend bar during the posted House hours.
6. Obviously intoxicated persons will not be served alcohol at the Club.
7. Shoes and shirts must be worn in the Clubhouse at all times.
8. Wet clothing may not be worn in the Clubhouse.
9. Personal property may be left in the Clubhouse in unusual circumstances with the permission of the Steward.
10. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or designated responsible adult while on Club property.
11. Smoking in the Clubhouse and anywhere on the BYC property is not permitted except in a designated smoking area in the west side parking lot.
12. Rental of Club facilities can be arranged through the Club Steward, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
13. Members are welcome to use the deck at any time the Club is open. Members are responsible for disposing of all garbage, trash and recyclables after use.

### **GROUNDS**

1. All watercraft stored on BYC property must properly display a valid storage sticker; watercraft stored without a properly displayed valid sticker are subject to removal from the property at owner's expense.
2. Member vehicles parked overnight must be left in the lot farthest from the water.
3. Parking along the waterfront is limited to the unloading (10 minutes) and boat launching.
4. Nonmembers must ONLY park in the lot farthest from the water (west).

5. All vehicles must keep all aisles, trailered boats and their storage spaces and traffic areas clear for passage or they will be towed.
6. Trailers or large commercial vehicles may not be parked along the southerly property line, except dry sailed boats parked in the area provided.
7. Eight rental spaces are set aside along the West wall for powerboats on trailers. No boat longer than twenty feet (20' 0") shall be stored in these spaces. Each space will have a sign showing the renting member's name. A single boat and trailer may be kept in each space. The member is responsible for all damage, especially to stone walls, in their space. It is the member's responsibility to document and report to the Steward any damage in their area at the beginning of each season.
8. Trailered powerboats WITHOUT assigned storages spaces may park for three nights per season in TEMPORARY trailer parking and only with a "TEMP" pass issued by a BYC staff member. Trailers and boats without a pass will be towed. Pass must be displayed ON the trailer.
9. No winter storage of yachts or trailers is permitted without rental payment.
10. Dry sailed boats must be secured in approved locations. Boats may not be stored on the Club lawn except during regattas.
11. Only dinghies with current paid storage fees may be stored in the dinghy racks or on the dinghy floats. Current year permit stickers must be displayed.
12. Members are requested to assist in keeping the Club and grounds clean. Dispose of all trash in the proper receptacles.
13. Winter stakes, ground tackle and mooring buoys should be stored in the space provided.
14. No skateboards, bicycles or roller skates/blades are allowed on the ramp, porch, deck or docks.
15. Trash needs to be sorted into recyclable and general trash. Used oil, batteries, etc., may not be disposed of at the Club. Please dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner.
16. All owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets with the bags provided by the swing set and wharf. Pets must be leashed
17. Non-dry-docked boat trailers must be removed from the Club grounds during the summer season or they will be towed
18. The Club truck may be used by members after receiving permission from the Steward. Use is restricted to the Club grounds except if the truck is being used to conduct Club business off site.

### **JUNIOR RULES**

1. Unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, members under the age of 18 are not permitted on the Club premises after the Club has been closed for the evening.
2. Children of Club members must become either Junior or Intermediate members as required by the bylaws if they are to enjoy the use of the Club.
3. No one under the legal drinking age may consume alcoholic beverages on Club property at any time.

### **GUEST PRIVILEGES**

1. All non-members must register with the Steward unless accompanied by a Club member.
2. Visiting yachtsmen who are members of other yacht clubs may use the Club's facilities for limited periods in accordance with the fee schedule.
3. It is recognized that a Club member may allow the occasional use of his yacht by a nonmember. Launch service, in this case, will be provided if the Steward has been notified in advance and launch service has been paid by the member. This privilege

does not extend to the use of the Clubhouse unless the guest is accompanied by a Club member.

4. Members are responsible for their guest's compliance with all Club rules.

### **CHARTERS**

1. A Club member who has chartered his yacht to a nonmember while it is moored in Bristol Harbor is responsible for payment of the visiting yachtsmen's fee if the nonmember uses the Club's facilities. Use of the Club's facilities by the nonmember will be in accordance with the Club rules; particularly the section pertaining to Guest Privileges. This privilege may be revoked if abused.
2. Charters between Club members or charters by Club members who have not paid for launch service will be provided launch service at the rate of \$3 per passenger per trip.
3. Club members whose yachts are engaged primarily in the charter business may neither originate nor terminate these charters at the Club's floats nor use the Club's facilities to conduct this business.

### **CLUB EMPLOYEES**

1. The Steward is requested to bring these Club rules to the attention of those who are unaware of them and to report violations to a Flag Officer or the appropriate Committee Chairperson.
2. No reprimand by any Club member should be made to any employee of the Club. However, members are encouraged to direct any complaints or suggestions to the Steward, a Flag Officer or the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

### **PRIVACY**

1. The Club membership list is for the exclusive and personal use of Club members. The use of this list for commercial or other purposes, whether by a Club member or nonmember, is expressly prohibited.
2. No subscription or petition shall be circulated, nor any article or service offered for sale without permission of the Executive Committee.

### **WATERFRONT**

The waterfront is under the direction of the Waterfront Staff: Chief Steward, Dockmaster and launch staff. They are responsible for enforcing the waterfront rules. The Chief Steward or Dockmaster may temporarily suspend privileges if warranted.

Your cooperation and support of the Waterfront Staff is expected and greatly appreciated.

### **WATERFRONT GENERAL**

1. The Waterfront Staff may limit privileges of any yacht they feel is abusing their privileges. They may extend these waterfront privileges for good cause.
2. Club work boats may only be used for authorized uses after the Steward grants permission. Authorized use includes tending to moorings and transporting of outboard engines, fuel and propane for noncommercial purposes and within Bristol Harbor. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by the Commodore.
3. No smoking is allowed on launches or Club boats.
4. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on Club property once off the dock, unless purchased at the Club bar.

### **WATERFRONT GENERAL SAFETY**

1. Due to safety precautions, no open fires, grills or fireworks of any kind are allowed on the float, pier or yachts alongside.
2. Recreational swimming, diving or fishing from the floats or piers is not permitted. Appropriate footwear must be worn on the docks at all times.
3. Towing by launches will be at the discretion of the Waterfront Staff.
4. Anyone under the age of 13 must wear life a jacket from the inboard end of the dock until they return to shore.

## **LAUNCH**

### **LAUNCH SAFETY**

1. Follow the directions of the launch driver at all times.
2. Anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while on the launch.
3. Use the launch boarding ladder to board and disembark from your boat.
4. Outboard engines, fuel and propane tanks over five pounds are not allowed on the launches. See General Rules for use of work boats.
5. Launch service may be suspended during periods of severe weather.

### **LAUNCH USAGE**

1. Launch service will only be provided to vessels having paid for the service.
2. During peak times there may be a limit of two persons on the launch per vessel. A flag (red flag with the word Limited with the number 2 shown) will be flown from the dock house flag pole if this restriction is in place.
3. On Wednesday (race) night there is a limit of two persons on the launch per vessel. Vessels without auxiliary power may exceed the two-person limit. No dock house flag will be flown.
4. In order to minimize trips always assemble your crew on the launch float before requesting the launch or make a brief stop at the dock to pick up all of them.

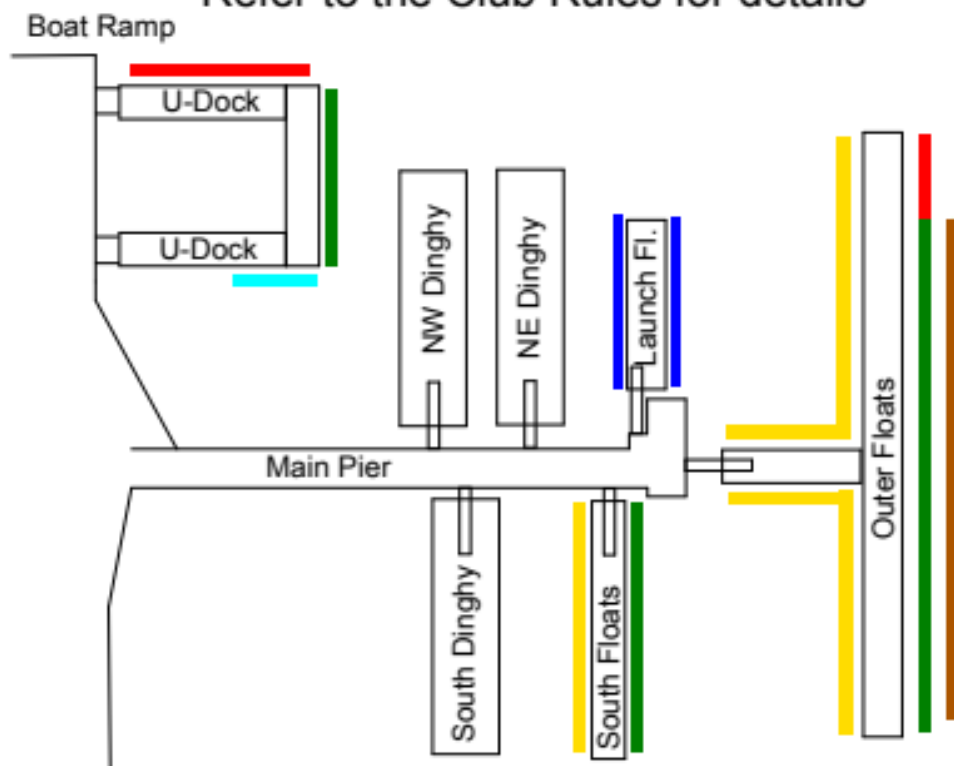
### **WHEN REQUESTING A PICK UP FROM YOUR BOAT**

1. Call the dock staff on Channel 68 (If you do not have VHF, give three prolonged blasts from your horn)
2. Provide the following information to the dock staff:
  - a. Name and location of your vessel
  - b. Number of passengers that will disembark
  - c. Have a small light on vessel after dark.

## DOCKING RULES

### Where may you dock at BYC

- Only members may dock at BYC
- Guests must get the Dock Master's approval
- If in doubt, ask the dock staff (VHF68)
- Refer to the Club Rules for details



- Red** Load & unload only (5 Mins)
- Green** Short term docking only (ask dock staff)
- Brown** No docking Wed. 1600 to 2000 on race nights
- Yellow** Long term docking (reservation only)
- Blue** Club owned boats only
- Cyan** Visiting dinghies

**SHORT TERM DOCKING: Applies to the east sides of the Outer Floats, South Floats and U-dock**

1. The north most float is intended for picking up and discharging of passengers. A five-minute tie up limit is in effect unless Waterfront Staff deems otherwise.
2. On weekdays during the hours that the launch is operating yachts may tie up to the outer float for a period of time with the permission of the Waterfront Staff.
3. On weekends during the hours that the launch is operating (from 1200 hours on Friday until 1700 hours on Sunday or holidays) there is a 20-minute tie up limit and vessels must be attended. Waterfront Staff may give permission for brief unattended stays.
4. While a yacht is tied to the docks, dinghies must be tied outboard of the mother vessel.
5. No tie-ups are allowed on Wednesdays, from 1600 hours until 2000 hours, during scheduled times of the Wednesday night racing series.

**LONG TERM DOCKING – Applies to the west sides of the Outer Floats and South Floats.**

1. Reservations for inside tie-up require a reservation that is best made at the dock house or by telephone or email. Reservations require a confirmation from the Waterfront Staff. No vessel shall be allowed more than nine reservation days on the inside floats at any given season. Maximum combined days are two. Reservations require the boat name, owner, telephone number and times of arrival and departure. The default arrival time is 1300 hours. The default departure time is 1100 hours.
2. It is generally expected that yachts reserving these inside float spaces will have some activity on board during their stay alongside. Work sessions, socializing and staying abroad overnight are considered appropriate use of these spaces as are loading, unloading and washing down your boat. Situations where yachts spend excessive time alongside with no activity aboard wastes dock space that could be used by other members, and will not be permitted.
3. Weekends: 1200 hours Friday to 1700 hours. Sunday including Monday holidays. Yachts are entitled up to three weekend reservation days per season. No combinations with weekday reservations are permitted. All weekend reservation days utilized by a member shall be deducted from the maximum of nine reservation days permitted by these rules. Members who exceed their annual allocation may be placed on a waiting list that is reviewed at 1100 hours on the requested day for space availability.
4. Weekdays: 1700 hours Sunday to 1200 hours Friday. Because total reservation days cannot exceed nine, depending on the number if weekend nights used, yachts are entitled to use six or up to a maximum of nine nights for weekday reservations. Only two consecutive weekday nights within one week are allowed. Weekday reservations may not be combined with weekend reservations.
5. The Waterfront Staff may allow exceptions for good cause as appropriate. The Chief Steward or Dockmaster may temporarily limit privileges for any yacht believed to be abusing their privileges.

**LONG TERM DOCKING RULES - "EXTENDED DOCKING STAY FOR PROJECTS"**

1. The function of "extended stay" is to provide adequate time for completion of complex/time consuming projects that cannot be completed on a mooring or a boatyard. Assuming these projects cannot be completed on a single two-day

reservation. Projects can be completed by a member or outside contractor. This is not intended for normal maintenance or social time.

Once permission is granted for "extended stay," project work should be continuous.

2. Extended stay reservation request follows the procedure previously discussed (Inside Docking) with additional requirements: Complete the form identified by staff as "extended stay application" to include detailed explanation of project to be completed and the full name and best telephone number of any outside contractors that will assist you. This extended stay application must be approved by the Chief Steward prior to the date of dock assignment.
3. Each member is allowed one extended stay per season. Maximum time allowed for the extended stay is seven calendar days. Unused extend time is not redeemable.
4. Members are obligated to monitor activities in compliance with project schedule and further make appropriate notations every two days on the projects progress on the form provided in the dock house. This form shall be completed and managed by the BYC member.
5. Members are obligated to supervise the project with respect to maintaining a clean safe environment around subject yacht to include, but not necessarily limited to, oils/paint, varnish/scraping, and sanding, etc. This includes private contractors, to protect our waterfront. This is of paramount importance. Staff to observe. (Report violations to Dockmaster or Steward immediately.)
6. One extended stay yacht shall be permitted at a time unless special permission is granted by the Chief Steward (only). Extended stay rules apply in all cases.
7. Periods for extended stay: Commissioning to June 30 and September 1 to decommissioning.  
Extended stays by members shall not change/alter "inside dock privileges" normally afforded in this section.

## **RACING**

1. No tie up to outside dock on Wednesday from 1600 hours through 2000 hours.
2. On Wednesday (race) night there is a limit of two persons on the launch per vessel. Vessels without auxiliary power may exceed the two-person limit. No dock house flag will be flown.
3. No sail folding on the dock is allowed between 1600 hours and 2000 hours.
4. Yachts will pick up and disembark crew at the outside dock.
5. Per House Rule #4, consumption of alcoholic beverages not purchased from the Club is prohibited on the land at the end of the dock, along the bulkhead and anywhere else on the grounds.

## **STORAGE & SERVICE DATES**

1. Lockers: January 1 through December 31
2. Summer Storage: April 15 through October 31  
(includes dinghies, kayaks, boats and trailers)
3. Winter Storage: November 1 through April 14
4. Annual storage: April 15 through April 14 of the following year
5. Launch services: April 15 through October 31
6. Moorings: April 15 through October 31

