

# STANDING RULES

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The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the enforcement of all standing rules. Rules are for the benefit of all. Any infractions should be brought to the attention of the Commodore who in turn will bring it to the attention of the Board of Directors, and members as appropriate. Members and guests use club facilities at their own risk. WWYC assumes no responsibility or liability for club members and their guests.

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## **A. BOATHOUSE RULES**

1. Regulations: All boathouses must abide by all health and safety regulations of the Corps of Engineers.
2. Responsibility: It is the responsibility of each boathouse owner to maintain his boathouse in a safe and secure condition.
3. Standards: The following standards shall apply:
  - a. In addition to each appropriate boathouse standoff, there be deployed a sway brace consisting of a minimum 1/4" stainless or galvanized steel cable with an integral spring tensioner or other type of "snubber", connecting each side of the boathouse to an appropriate spot on the dock. The sway brace shall be connected to the outside corner of the boathouse or no closer than 1/3 the total length of the Boathouse from the outside corner. This device shall be mandatory only on isolated boathouses as the proximity of "clustered" boathouses precludes their effective deployment. (added 6-06-06)
  - b. The sway brace when required shall be tensioned by an integral spring and turnbuckle so as to be visible throughout its length at all times to facilitate visual inspection. (added 6-06-06)
  - c. There shall also be deployed a set of front cross-bracing consisting of a minimum 1/4" stainless steel or galvanized cable which cross-connect both standoffs to the dock and boathouse. These shall be tensioned by a turn-buckle in such a manner to allow no more than one inch (1") of lateral boathouse movement. This will also serve to maintain visibility throughout its length to facilitate inspection. (added 6-06-06)
  - d. All boathouses shall continue the use of the safety chains. Safety chains shall, as a minimum, be 3/8" galvanized steel chain secured by a minimum 1/2" galvanized steel bolt or equivalent satisfactory to the Vice Commodore. (added 6-06-06)
  - e. Owners of all boathouses that already have some form of these devices in place shall promptly bring them into compliance regarding integral springs or turnbuckles and proper tensioning. No sway brace or front cross-brace that descends into the water or otherwise becomes hidden will be allowed. (added 6-06-06)
  - f. Owners of boathouses that do not have these devices in place or have only a portion of these devices shall promptly bring their boathouses into compliance by adding the required elements of the recommended sizes, positions, and materials. (added 6-06-06)
  - g. All boathouses connected to the club water supply must provide a shut-off valve outside the boathouse. It will be the boathouse owner's responsibility to drain all water pipes, hot water tanks, and etc., in his boathouse in the fall of the year. All boathouses shall have a backflow device installed on the water supply.

h. Boathouses shall have adequate flotation to eliminate vertical stress on the docks. Additional styrofoam added shall be closed-cell and encapsulated.

4. Requirements for New Construction of a Boathouse or Remodeling of Existing Boathouses. Any structural modifications to boathouses shall be approved by the Board of Directors before construction is authorized.

- a. Members shall provide to the Board plans or descriptions, specific, for the work to be done – in writing.
- b. Electrical service shall be limited to no larger than 30-amp, which applies to existing or new units.
- c. Members shall provide approximate dates that the work will begin and end.
- d. Members shall provide their own dumpster for construction trash.
- e. Members shall limit parking at the load/unload (handicap) site by clubhouse ramp to minimum use.
- f. Members shall clean the carts after use and return them to the loading ramp.
- g. Members shall have the carts available to all members, especially on the weekends.
- h. Members shall have all trash shall be carried off from the docks at the end of each work day.

5. Electrical meters. Electrical meters are the property of boathouse owners and shall be the owner's responsibility to be kept in good operating condition.

6. Enforcement. The Vice Commodore shall twice yearly perform a visual inspection of the boathouses. Deficiencies will then be discussed with the boathouse owner with a letter written, copy to WWYC files. This is in accordance with his duties as stated in the bylaws.

**B. MEMBERS USING HIRED LABOR:** If the member requires the use of hired labor for work on a boathouse or boat, the following rules shall apply.

- 1. Members shall provide an estimate the number of days the worker or crew will be on club site.
- 2. Members shall provide a gate key if one is needed.
- 3. Members shall provide a list with name, addresses, and phone numbers of the workers.
- 4. Members shall have hired labor on site as follows:
  - a. Work hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday  
8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday
  - b. No weekend work is allowed.
- 5. Members shall instruct the workers to check with the caretaker upon arrival and departure.
- 6. Members shall inform workers that they are not allowed to use club carts for hauling construction debris. If major construction is being done, a separate cart / wheelbarrow must be provided by the member or worker.
- 7. Members shall provide their own dumpster for construction trash and haul if off.
- 8. Members shall require workers to carry off all trash from the docks at the end of each work day.
- 9. Members shall require that their workers to be courteous and respectful of club member's use of docks during the project.
- 10. Members shall be liable for all damages caused by their workers.
- 11. Members shall inform their workers that smoking is not allowed on the docks.
- 12. Members shall inform their workers that they are not allowed use of the inside of the clubhouse.
- 13. Members shall require workers to limit parking at the load/unload (handicap) site by clubhouse ramp to minimum use.

**C. CLUBHOUSE RULES**

- 1. Conduct of children - boisterous and noisy playing will not be tolerated in the clubhouse.
- 2. Kitchen - members should be reminded of the following:
  - a. Leave the kitchen in a clean condition, including washing, drying, and storing your dishes.
  - b. All kitchen equipment (pots, pans, dishes, silverware, appliances, etc.) are for use in the clubhouse kitchen only and must remain there.
  - c. The kitchen facilities are to be shared with other members during meal preparation

- d. The refrigerators are for all to share. Remove your stored contents when you leave.
3. All members who use the clubhouse for any reason shall leave it in a clean and orderly condition.
4. Personal effects of guests or members shall not be left in the clubhouse restrooms, showers, or main clubhouse area.
5. Use of the clubhouse for overnight sleeping is not permitted.
6. (deleted 9/1/09)
7. Each member or guest will be responsible for removal of his boat or boathouse trash to the main Dumpster (not to be left in the kitchen garbage).
8. (deleted 10-19-05)
9. The club barbecue shall be left in a cleaned condition after use. When you run out of propane in one tank, and switch to the next full tank, *at that time follow posted calling procedures* to the member who has agreed to refill the tanks so there will be adequate time for filling the empty tank.
10. Private Use of the Clubhouse by Members. The clubhouse may, upon approval of the Commodore, be used for personal or private functions, provided the following policy is strictly adhered to:
  - a. Private use cannot conflict with regularly scheduled club activities, including (but not restricted to) regular membership or board meetings or club sponsored events.
  - b. A cleaning deposit of \$25.00 will be made at the time of request. It will be returned upon approval of the Commodore or his designee based upon the condition of the clubhouse immediately following the event.
  - c. The reserving member assumes all responsibility for any liability incurred to their guests and their property and relieves the Walla Walla Yacht Club, its Board of Directors, and members from any liability whatsoever.
  - d. The private use of the clubhouse is intended for members and their immediate family and guests. It is not intended to allow the facilities to be used by third party friends or relatives.

#### **D. DOCK RULES**

1. Running or scuffling is forbidden on the docks. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children. Although wearing of an approved Coast Guard personal flotation device is recommended for the safety of children, parental discretion is allowed.
2. Children under sixteen (16) must be under the supervision of an adult when on the premises.
3. Each member shall be responsible for the cleanliness of his dock area. All walkways must be kept clear.
4. No lines or cables shall be strung across any of the walks or slips.
5. All electrical cords used on the dock will be 3-wire grounded.
6. All dock alterations must have prior approval by the Board of Directors. Painting of the docks or secured carpet will not be allowed.
7. Dock box installation shall be of a size to allow traffic and dock carts to pass.
8. The harbor master, at his discretion, may temporarily move boats out of harms way. He will insure that the boats will be handled in a seamanlike manner to prevent any damage during relocation. The boat will be returned to its previously assigned moorage.

9. Walla Walla Yacht Club accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss of personal property on or at the docks.
10. Gas cans or diesel cans shall not be left on docks at any time.
11. Barbecues (charcoal or propane) or any private grilling may not be used on the docks.

#### **E. GAS RULES**

1. A key system for gas dispensing is available for member use. Keys may be obtained from the Treasurer for a refundable deposit.
2. The caretaker will pump gas when he is available. Otherwise members who have gas keys may pump gas upon request and arrange for private reimbursement from those to whom they sell.

#### **F. GROUNDS RULES**

1. Recreational vehicles (trailers/motorhomes/campers) shall be parked on the west side of the parking lot. Tent camping is permitted on the lawn area. Boat trailers will be parked in a designated parking area.
2. RV Camping or tent camping is on a first-come basis. Sites cannot be reserved.
3. RV and tents cannot be left unattended overnight.
4. There will be a limit of 2 weeks consecutive stay unless request is made to the Board and approved.
5. All pets must be under control of their owners at all times on club premises, which includes the docks, driveways, and park/parking lot area. (revised 10-19-05)
  - a. Pets must be under the physical control of the owner at all times. Physical control is defined as on a leash, in the arms of the owner, in the owner's boat or boat house, or at heel. Pets are not to be allowed to roam freely on the grounds or the docks. (revised 10-19-05)
  - b. Owners of pets are responsible for the actions of their pets, including cleaning up after them. Pet waste shall be disposed of in the main dumpster. (revised 10-19-05)
  - c. Pets are not allowed in the club house (revised 10-19-05)
6. Do not block loading areas near the clubhouse or boat ramps. Vehicles shall not remain at loading areas any longer than necessary to load and unload.
7. Storage of trailers and boats on WWYC grounds:
  - a. Boat Trailer Storage: Boat trailers on the WWYC grounds for more than three (3) days should be marked, labeled, or tagged with the owner's name on the tongue or near the hitch in such a manner that remains legible for as long as the owner intends to store the trailer there. (added 2/12/02)
  - b. Boat Dry Dock Storage: Boats stored on the WWYC grounds for more than three (3) days should be registered with the Caretaker. This does not include boats properly moored at the docks in accordance with WWYC rules. (added 2/12/02)
8. Use of the club dump station for Recreational Vehicles is not allowed. RV's should not drive on any area close to this site. (added 11-9-04)

#### **G. HARBOR RULES**

1. Swimming is not permitted in the harbor basin due to danger from electrical shock. (revised 6-23-11)
2. Water skiing is prohibited within the inner boat basin.

3. All watercraft should take care outside the breakwater to reduce wake effect on the inner boat basin.
4. Personal watercraft should not operate closer than 300' from the breakwater so as not to create a disturbance to other members. (revised 6-23-11)
5. You are responsible for your wake. You alone are legally responsible for any damages you may cause by your wake.
5. Speed in the dock area (inner harbor) must be SLOW - DEAD SLOW.

#### **H. MOORAGE**

1. Each boat owner securing to docks shall furnish his own mooring lines. Lines must be of adequate size and in good condition. Polypropylene lines shall not be used.
2. Members shall moor their boats in the usual method of mooring a boat to the dock. Lines required are (1) bowline, (2) stern line, and (3) as appropriate, spring lines shall be used.

#### **I. MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

1. All members should own a WWYC burgee. The initial WWYC burgee is to be presented to the new member upon acceptance into the club. Subsequent burgees will be purchased by the member at the prevailing rate from the Secretary/Treasurer.
2. All members are encouraged to properly display the club burgee while participating in boating activities outside of the club area.
4. Insurance and liability:
  - a. WWYC assumes no liability for personal property (boathouses, boats, other watercraft), and personal belongings.
  - b. Members and guests use club facilities at their own risk. The club maintains in effect public liability insurance only.
5. Firearms, including air guns, are not allowed on club rounds by the membership or their guests. (added 9-19-01)
6. (deleted 3-20-05)

*The By-Laws was amended 1-15-92 to have the Standing Rules stand alone rather than as a part of the By-laws. The Standing Rules are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors and are shown here for reference purposes.*