

## 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 that 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. If a large group of members is using the clubhouse, please use the built-in buffet or tables in the main club room to serve your food. Please leave the kitchen counter seating open for use by other members. (added 5-13-14)
- 3. 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.
4. All members who use the clubhouse for any reason shall leave it in a clean and orderly condition.
5. Personal effects of guests or members shall not be left in the clubhouse restrooms, showers, or main clubhouse area.
6. Use of the clubhouse for overnight sleeping is not permitted.
7. (deleted 9/1/09)
8. 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). (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. (deleted 5-13-14)
11. Pets are not allowed in the clubhouse. (revised 10-19-05) (revised 2-10-15)

#### **D. RESERVATION RULES**

##### **1. General:**

- a. Reservations are made for the convenience of the membership so that scheduled use of the clubhouse or park grounds are not duplicated by other members for the same time period.
- b. Private use cannot conflict with regularly scheduled club activities, including (but not restricted to) regular membership or board meetings or club sponsored events. Reservations will not be accepted for any holiday.
- c. A member must be present at all scheduled events. 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. If you would like to schedule use of the main clubroom or park grounds, contact the secretary at least 2 weeks prior to the requested date, or as soon as possible. This provides enough time to notify the membership, either in the newsletter or by email. You will need to provide the date(s) and approximate time you would like reserved.

##### **2. Clubhouse:** The use of the clubhouse is intended for members and their family and guests.

- a. There is no charge to the membership for reserving the clubhouse.
- b. Clubhouse use is for the main club room only.
- c. Reservations do not include the kitchen counter seating. That area is for the member's use during your reserved time.
- d. The kitchen facilities are to be shared during meal preparation. This includes the use of the 2 BBQ's. Clean the BBQ's up immediately after use.
- e. Please provide your own paper plates, plastic silverware, etc. Also any condiments you may need. Plastic tablecloths are reserved for club use only.

##### **3. Park Grounds:** The park grounds may be reserved by members for weddings, reunions, retirements, and similar events.

- a. There is no charge to the membership for reserving the park grounds. Donations are appreciated.
- b. Park grounds reservations do not reserve the main clubroom, kitchen facilities or counter area for private use. You may use the kitchen on a limited basis; however, the kitchen facilities are to be shared with other members. This includes the use of the BBQ's. If you anticipate a need for reserving the main clubroom, please do this separately.
- c. Consider renting a porta-potty for the time you reserve, if you anticipate a large group.
- d. Please provide your own paper plates, plastic silverware, etc. Also any condiments you may need. Tables and chairs may not be moved from the clubhouse to the park.

##### **4. Campground:** (added 2/10/15)

- a. A maximum of five (5) campsites may be reserved for a special occasion or event. Reservations are not available for routine campground use.
- b. A reservation can be made by contacting the secretary who will notify the caretaker.
- c. The caretaker will mark the requested sites with a reserved sign that includes the name of the member making the reservation and the dates of use. The caretaker will remove the signs following the end date.

## **E. 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. No one younger than 18 shall be at the club unless under the supervision of an adult member. (amended 6-11-11)
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. They are also not allowed to be used on boats while the boats are moored in their slips. (revised 6-10-14)
12. Fireworks are not allowed on the docks. (added 6-10-14)

## **F. GAS RULES**

1. A key system for gas dispensing is available for regular membership use only. Upon resignation of regular membership, the gas key will be returned to the Treasurer. Keys may be obtained from the Treasurer for a refundable deposit. (revised 9-13-2016)
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.

## **G. GROUNDS RULES (revised 2-10-15)**

1. Campground: (added 2-10-15)
  - a. The Ridder Campground is available to Walla Walla Yacht Club members and their accompanied guests only. It is not available to the public. There are twelve RV sites with full hookups but septic space is limited and waste disposal is to be minimized. Tent camping is permitted on the lawn area.
  - b. RV and tent sites are available on a first come, first serve basis, unless reserved for a special occasion/event. (See Standing Rules, D. Reservation Rules, 4.) Once established, an RV or tent site may not be left unattended overnight. The length of a single stay may not exceed two weeks.
  - c. Fires are allowed only in the established campfire area, the rolling fire pit or in propane pits.
  - d. Campers are responsible for taking all of their personal garbage to the club dumpster.
  - e. RV's and personal vehicles must be located to insure access and egress by other campers and club members.
  - f. Pets must be restrained or "at heel" at all times. Campers are responsible to clean up after their pets.
  - g. Any damage to, or problems in the campground are to be reported to the Vice Commodore.
2. Parking: (revised 02-10-2015)
  - a. 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.
  - b. Boat trailers will be parked in a designated parking area.

- c. Boat trailers on the WWYC grounds shall 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 or park the trailer there. (added 2/12/02)

### 3. Use of Club Equipment

- a. Members are expected to use any club owned equipment in a safe and responsible manner. Repair or replacement of any equipment that has been damaged, lost, or destroyed through improper, unsafe or negligent usage will be the responsibility of the member. (added 2/12/13)
- b. Club equipment may only be used by guests when that use is under the direct supervision of a member. The member will be responsible for the repair or replacement of any equipment that is damaged, lost, or destroyed by the guest if it is found that said equipment was used in an improper, unsafe or negligent manner. (added 2/12/13)

## **H. 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.
6. Speed in the dock area (inner harbor) must be SLOW - DEAD SLOW.

## **I. 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.

## **J 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.
3. 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.
4. Firearms, including air guns, are not allowed on club rounds by the membership or their guests. (added 9-19-01)
5. (deleted 3-20-05)
6. Internet Usage: (added 05-09-12)
  - a. WWYC members who access the internet through the club's hot spot accept full responsibility for their personal, family, and guest use.
  - b. Passwords and access are intended for the (exclusive) use of the membership.
  - c. The internet is made available for legal use only.
  - d. Acknowledgement and acceptance of responsibility will be confirmed initially with a request for a password or with application for membership and subsequently with dues payment.
  - e. WWYC assumes no responsibility for internet use by members, their families, or their guests.

*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.*