

# **STANDING RULES**

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March 29, 2020

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** (Based on The Boathouse Connection Report)

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 06-06-06)
  - 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 06-06-06)
  - 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 06-06-06)
  - 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 06-06-06)
  - 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 06-06-06)

- 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 06-06-06)
  - 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.
- a. 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. The boathouse owner shall then have no more than (90) days to correct all such noted deficiencies. After correction, the boathouse owner, together with the Vice Commodore shall inspect the repairs to confirm compliance. If the repairs are satisfactory, the Vice Commodore shall so note on the appropriate space in the original notification. Should the boathouse owner not correct the noted deficiencies within the ninety (90) day period, the Vice Commodore shall have the repairs made and bill the owner. Refer to Bylaws, Article II, Section 9(e) (added 09-29-19)

**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:

Work hours:           8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday  
                             8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday

5. No weekend work is allowed.
6. Members shall instruct the workers to check with the caretaker upon arrival and departure.
7. Members shall inform workers that they are not allowed to use club carts for hauling construction debris.
8. If major construction is being done, a separate cart / wheelbarrow must be provided by the member or worker.
9. Members shall provide their own dumpster for construction trash and haul if off.
10. Members shall require workers to carry off all trash from the docks at the end of each work day.
11. Members shall require that their workers to be courteous and respectful of club member's use of docks during the project.
12. Members shall be liable for all damages caused by their workers.
13. Members shall inform their workers that smoking is not allowed on the docks.
14. Members shall inform their workers that they are not allowed use of the inside of the clubhouse.
15. 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 05-13-14)
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.
4. The kitchen facilities are to be shared with other members during meal preparation.
5. The refrigerators are for all to share. Remove your stored contents when you leave.
6. All members who use the clubhouse for any reason shall leave it in a clean and orderly condition.
7. Personal effects of guests or members shall not be left in the clubhouse restrooms, showers, or main clubhouse area.
8. Use of the clubhouse for overnight sleeping is not permitted.
9. (deleted 09/1/09)
10. 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)

11. 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.
12. (deleted 5-13-14)

**D. RESERVATION RULES** (revised 10/9/18) (revised 03/29/20)

**1. Guidelines for Making a Reservation:**

- a. Reservations are made for the convenience of the membership. The Secretary will schedule use of the clubhouse, park grounds, or RV sites so that there are no conflicts with other members for the same time period.
- b. All reservations (clubhouse, park grounds, or RV sites) must be applied for by contacting the Secretary by email. You need to provide the date(s) you would like reserved.
- c. The Secretary will notify you if your request has been approved or denied. All reservations must be requested at least 10 days in advance, with no exceptions. This allows the membership to be notified in time to plan their use accordingly. The secretary will notify the membership by group email.
- d. Reservations for the clubhouse and campground will only be accepted May 1 through September 30. Reservations will not be accepted 5 days before or 5 days after these holidays: Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day.
- e. The sponsoring member, who requests the reservation, must be present at all scheduled events. This 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.

**2. Clubhouse** (revised 10-9-18)

- a. Private use of the clubhouse shall not conflict with regularly scheduled club activities, including (but not limited to) regular membership meetings or club sponsored events.
- b. The clubhouse is intended for members, their family, and guests. There is no charge to the membership for reserving the clubhouse.
- c. A clubhouse reservation is for the main club room only.
- d. Reservations do not include the kitchen counter seating. That area is for members' use during your reserved time.
- e. The kitchen facilities are to be shared during meal preparation. This includes the use of the 2 outdoor BBQ's and the Traeger BBQ. BBQ's must be cleaned up immediately after use.
- f. Please provide your own paper plates, plastic silverware, etc. Also, please provide any condiments you may need. Note: Plastic tablecloths are reserved for club use only.

**3. Campground (RV Sites and tents):** (revised 10-9-18) (revised 03/29/20)

- 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 must be minimized. Tent camping is permitted on the lawn area.
- b. Reservations will only be accepted for groups, such as family reunions or retirements. Individual reservations will not be allowed. A maximum of five (5) RV sites may be reserved if you have guests. You may include yourself within that maximum of 5. (revised 03/29/20)

- c. RV fee charges will apply to both Dual/Regular memberships and Associate and Life memberships. A yearly pass may be purchased or payment per night is allowed for the membership and for guests. (Rates: Refer to Bylaws, Article IX, Section 13, Other Fees, and Attachment to Article IX, Section 11.f.) (added 03/29/2020)
- d. Collection of fees: If you notify the Treasurer, you will be billed one-time for each yearly pass. This is not prorated. If you choose to pay per night, there will be a locked "mailbox" in the decoration shed. Fill out the 2-part registration card. Place your site registration information in the box and place the second part on the dash of your vehicle. The member is responsible for any guest fees. You will be billed twice yearly, January and July. (added 03/29/2020)
- e. Dual/Regular memberships may occupy RV sites for a limit of 14 consecutive days. There must be a 7-day interval before another consecutive day use may start.
- f. Associate and life memberships are limited to 14 days total, annually, with no extension. This 14-day limit is a combined limit for both moorage and camping and may be used individually. (Reference the Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3.)
- g. RV and tent sites are available on a first come, first serve basis, unless reserved for a special occasion/event (see 2.c.above). Tent sites cannot be reserved. Once established, RV or tent sites may not be left unattended overnight. On holiday weekends members are limited to inviting one RV guest only.
- h. Upon approval the secretary will notify you and the caretaker. The caretaker will mark the number of 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.

#### **4. Park Grounds – Lawn Area above the Fire Pit:** (revised 10-9-18)

- a. The park grounds may be reserved by members for weddings, reunions, retirements, and similar events.
- b. There is no charge to the membership for reserving the park grounds. Donations are appreciated.
- c. Park grounds reservations do not reserve the main clubroom. 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 (see 3.b. above).
- d. Consider renting a porta-potty for the time you reserve, if you anticipate a large group.
- e. Please provide your own paper plates, plastic silverware, etc. Also, provide any condiments you may need. Tables and chairs may not be moved from the clubhouse to the park.

#### **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 06-11-11)
- 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 06-10-14)
12. Fireworks are not allowed on the docks. (added 06-10-14)

#### 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 09-13-2016)
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 02-10-15) (revised 10-9-18)

1. Grounds: (added 02-10-15)
  - a. Fires are allowed only in the established campfire area, the rolling fire pit, or in propane pits.
  - b. Campers are responsible for taking all of their personal garbage to the club dumpster.
  - c. RV's and personal vehicles must be located to insure access and egress by other campers and club members.
  - d. Any damage to, or problems in the campground, must be reported to the Commodore.
2. Dog Policy Rules (added 05/04/19)
  - a. Dogs are allowed on WWYC grounds, at the docks and at the campground, with the following mandatory guidance.
  - b. Dogs shall be under the control of his owner. **Under control** is defined as "**either on leash or at heel**"
    - 1) In the campground: Dogs will be allowed off leash, under his owner's control.
    - 2) On the docks: Dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** in the clubhouse at any time. On the docks dogs shall be under his owner's control. Note: If an owner does not keep his dog under control, he shall be required to have his dog on a leash when in this area.
    - 3) Exception: The WWYC Mascot lives on the club grounds and may be in both areas, without leash.

- c. Liability for dog behavior: An owner who brings his dog to the club does so at his own risk. The owner is liable for his dog's behavior.
- d. Complaints: Members with complaints may contact the Commodore. However, all complaints must be submitted in writing, to the secretary, marked to the Commodore's attention. (email).
- e. Enforcement: If the owner does not comply with this standing rule, his dog shall no longer be allowed on club property.

**3. Parking**: (revised 02-10-2015) (revised 10-9-18)

- 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 shall be parked in a designated parking area. Do not park on the lawn across the road from the mobile home.
- 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. The Vice Commodore will assist and monitor this. (added 02/12/02) (revised 10-9-18)
- d. Parking on the Upper Campground (added 03/29/20)
  - 1) For the courtesy of others, it is recommended that you disconnect your RV towing vehicles and park them in front of the trailer parking (east side). Back into this space if possible. Members with extra vehicles must park them in the same manner.
  - 2) On weekends (holiday, club events) where there is a large number of vehicles, guests will park their rigs outside of the club.
  - 3) Be sure that where you park allows room for cars or emergency vehicles drive through. Parking cones may be placed to make this clear.

**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 02/12/13)
- b. The gator is to be reserved for primary use by the Caretaker and by members during work parties. The gator is not to be used for convenience transportation. The golf cart is available to members for their use as appropriate, keeping safety as a priority. The last daily using member must plug the golf cart in each night for recharging. (added 03/29/20)
- c. 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 02/12/13)

**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.
3. During daily dock inspections, the WWYC Caretaker may use WWYC-owned line to replace a badly frayed or broken line on a member's boat. This is only a temporary measure for the member's benefit. The member is expected to provide their own replacement line and return the WWYC line to the Caretaker at their earliest opportunity, or no later than 30 days. If the member does not return the WWYC line as required, they will be assessed a flat fee. Refer to the Bylaws, Standing Fee Schedule, Article IX, Section 9, h. In addition, line may be used by the membership for emergencies as needed. Report this use to the Caretaker. (added 03/29/20)

#### **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 09-19-01)
5. (deleted 03-20-05)
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.