

BIRMINGHAM SAILING CLUB

CLUB RULES

Purpose

The Club Rules are published separately from the By-Laws to provide guidance to members on the privilege of using club property. These Rules have been established to allow members to enjoy the benefits of the club while setting limitations and responsibility of usage to avoid infringement on other members' enjoyment of those same privileges. The Board of Governors may revise these Rules from time to time to account for new situations and to maintain currency with regard to changing facilities. In the event of conflict between these Club Rules and the Club By-Laws, the By-Laws shall govern.

Definitions

1. "Voting Member" is a Member who currently pays dues as a Charter, Regular or Spousal Member.
2. "Non-Voting Member" is a Member who currently pays dues as an Associate, Intermediate, Student, Senior or Non-Resident Member.
3. "Boat Parking Space" refers to a dry land parking space.
4. "Wet Slip" and "Mooring," are used interchangeably and refer to an in-the-water dockage space.
5. "Space" refers to either a boat parking or wet slip.
6. "Waterfront Space" refers to the areas closest to the main launching ramp where board boats are typically kept on dollies for walk-in launching without a vehicle.
7. "Club Key" refers to the key used for all locks at the club, i.e. Main Entry Gate, Clubhouse, doors and Storage Room, Race Committee Equipment Shed, Jr. Equipment Building, etc.

Membership Dues

1. Membership dues are set annually by the Board of Governors.
2. Membership dues shall be assessed annually and invoiced for payment in January for the upcoming year and quarterly thereafter.
3. Current Membership Dues are detailed in Appendix 1.

Initiation Fees

1. Initiation fees are set annually by the Board of Governors.
2. Applicants for membership to the Club will be subject to an Initiation Fee depending on the category of membership. Initiation fees are not prorated. The required fee should be submitted in full with the Application. If not submitted with the application, membership is not granted until the fee is paid in full.
3. Initiation Fees are detailed in Appendix 1.

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House and Grounds

1. Any Club property lost or damaged as a result of carelessness or misuse shall be replaced or repaired at the expense of the member responsible for the loss or damage.
2. Guests are permitted on Club premises only when accompanied by a Member or a Member's immediate family.
3. No Member shall invite more than six guests to the Club at any one time without the permission of the Chairman of the House Committee. Arrangement for large gatherings does not guarantee exclusive use of the facilities as all members must share in the use.
4. Children of Members shall not invite more than two guests at any one time.
5. Members are responsible for the supervision of their children and their guests.
6. Members may use the kitchen, but shall leave it in good order. Perishable food items must not be left in the refrigerators after private gatherings.
7. Although the Club has janitorial service, Members should place all trash in trash cans and keep the appearance of the Club in good order for the sake of other members and guests.
8. Any amount of trash that accumulates beyond the trash cans capacity should be removed from the Clubhouse and disposed of in the dumpster.
9. Members shall not store their personal property in any of the club buildings. Items inadvertently left in the Clubhouse may be recovered from a Lost & Found box kept in the Storage Room which is accessible with a Club Key.
10. Pets are not allowed in the immediate vicinity of the Clubhouse or patios. Otherwise, pets brought to the Club must be leashed or kenneled, and observed by the owner to not be a nuisance to other members or guests. Members are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
11. Tents and camping trailers must be removed after 14 days unless prior approval from the Chairman of the House or Grounds Committee.
12. Firearms, including air rifles, are not allowed on Club grounds.
13. When a member departs the club and no other members are present on the grounds or in the clubhouse, the departing member should ensure that all doors to the clubhouse are locked and should close and lock the entry gate.

Docks, Harbor and Launching Ramps

1. Docks are for the general use of all Members and should not be obstructed with gear.
2. Swimming is not permitted in the launching area and boat docks. Swim only in designated areas and use caution as debris can accumulate after heavy wind and rain.
3. Water skiing is not permitted from any dock.
4. As soon as a boat is launched at the ramp, it should be moved out on the dock as far as necessary to allow tie-up space for other launchings and allowed to weathervane.
5. Motor boats should launch from the windward side of the dock. To prevent erosion of the lake bottom supporting the ramp, launching and retrieval of motor powered craft should be accomplished with little or no power assist.

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6. Boats and vehicles shall not park in areas designated for rigging or launching, except when rigging or launching.
7. Fishing is permitted but should be curtailed if boat launching or swimming activities are present.

Boat Parking and Wet Slip

General:

1. Boat Parking Spaces and Wet Slips are provided for Members only. Any boat stored on Club property must be 100% owned by a Member or Members. Any boat or other craft left on the Club property by former Members or anyone else is subject to a storage fee as determined annually by the Board until the craft is removed. See Appendix 1, Dues and Fees.
2. Due to the physical limitations of the Club's property and docking facilities, no Member or guest may keep a boat more than 27 feet long at the Club, either on shore or at a dock, for more than 72 hours.
3. A limited number of Wet Slips have been set aside for the specific use of those Members assigned to the slips, subject to the following conditions:
 - A. These Wet Slips shall only be used for sailboats.
 - B. A Lease Fee shall be paid in addition to applicable dues, as determined annually by the Board. See Appendix 1, Dues and Fees. Effective for any wet slip assigned from January 1, 2017 forward, Members occupying Wet Slips must (1) execute a Lease Agreement and (2) are required to have a trailer. Exceptions to these requirements require approval by the Board of Governors. The Harbormaster is responsible for obtaining the signed Lease Agreement from the Member.
 - C. A Wet Slip is for use only by the Member to whom it has been assigned. No Member shall transfer the use of the slip to another member.
 - D. The sale of a boat in a wet slip does not guarantee that the boat can continue to occupy the slip.
 - E. Boats occupying a Wet Slip shall not be outfitted with a Type III marine sanitation device.
4. The Grounds Committee, with the consent of the Board of Governors, has the responsibility for designating those areas of the Club's lands and docks that are to be used for general use, boat parking, wet slips, rigging areas, power boat parking, auto parking, camper, RV and trailer parking.
5. The Harbormaster has the responsibility for assigning spaces for boat and trailer parking and boat mooring within the areas designated by the Grounds Committee and shall keep an accurate record of space assignments. The Harbormaster is appointed by the Commodore and serves at the pleasure of the Board.

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6. Boats shall be kept in assigned spaces. Any Member who wishes to change his Boat Parking or Mooring Space must apply in writing and obtain approval of the Harbormaster. No boat, except those in an assigned Mooring, shall be left in the water for a period of more than 72 hours without the approval of the Harbormaster.
7. Only one trailer may be kept in a given Boat Parking Space. The owner's BSC Member Number should be displayed on the starboard side of the trailer tongue. A Member may store a small boat on top of another boat. Trailer tires must be maintained in an inflated condition.
8. A Member with a Space for Boat Parking or a Mooring shall not lend it to anyone else except on a short term, occasional basis.
9. Boats kept in assigned dry or wet spaces shall be maintained in a clean, sailable condition, including proper identification of registration. Boats over 16 feet in length shall keep their mast stepped upright. Attention must be given to preclude water standing in cockpits and covers.
10. Boats kept in Wet Slips shall maintain proper docking lines, including fore and aft spring lines, to prevent damage to adjacent boats and dock. No sanitation pump out facilities exist at the Club and therefore any onboard head must be portable with no through-hull ports capable of discharge. Proper disposal of waste must be observed.

Assignment and Retention of Spaces:

1. The Harbormaster shall maintain separate Waiting Lists for Boat Parking and Wet Slips.
2. Senior and Non-Resident Members shall not be assigned a Space. Subject to this restriction, when a Space for Boat Parking or Mooring becomes available, it shall be assigned in the following order of priority:
 - A. By order on the Waiting List for Boat Parking or Wet Slip category.
 - B. Waiting List may be by Order within the category as delineated below.
 - i. To the Voting Member with a Space who wishes to move to a new Space and relinquish his or her current Space.
 - ii. To the Voting Member without a Space.
 - iii. To the Non-Voting Member without a Space.
 - iv. To the Voting Member who requests a second Space for a sailboat.
 - v. As to Boat Parking Spaces only, to the Voting Member who wishes to park a powerboat or other craft.
 - vi. As to Boat Parking Spaces only, to the Voting Member with a powerboat Space who wishes to move to a new Space and relinquish his or her current Space.
 - vii. As to Boat Parking Spaces only, to the Non-Voting Member with a powerboat Space who wishes to move to a new Space and relinquish his or her current Space.
 - viii. As to Boat Parking Spaces only, to the Voting Member without a powerboat Space.
 - ix. As to Boat Parking Spaces only, to the Non-Voting Member with a Space for a sailboat that requests an additional Space for a powerboat, but only if he or

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she has raced at least ten times in the previous (November to October) Annual Series.

- x. If conflicts remain after application of the above priority rules, they shall be resolved in favor of the Member who raced the most club races in the previous (November to October) Annual Series.
 - xi. A Member with higher order on the list may pass on a move to the next available Space and retain his/her position on the list.
3. A Member must be current on any fees due on the Space to retain the Space. If this requirement is met, the following applies:
- A. Any Voting Member may retain his or her first Space regardless of any Waiting List as long as it is used for a sailboat.
 - B. A Non-Voting Member may retain his or her first Space regardless of any Waiting List as long as it is used for a sailboat.
 - C. A Member with a second sailboat Space may retain it if he or she raced at least ten races during the previous (November to October) Annual Series.
 - D. A four-month grace period is allowed for a Member removing a sailboat to replace it with another one.

Fees:

- 1. The fees applicable for Boat Parking and Wet Slip spaces are set annually by the Board of Governors.
- 2. Current Fees are detailed in Appendix 1.

Use of Club Owned Boats

Prams, Lasers, and 420s

The Optimist Prams, Lasers and 420s were obtained to promote interest in sailing by the youth of the Club and will be available for this purpose as long as they are not abused. The use of these sailboats is governed by the following policies:

- 1. Club members who wish to let their children or guests use the boats shall be present when the boats are in use and take responsibility for the boats. Club members also accept the responsibility that their children or guests do not rig and launch a boat without a Member having accepted responsibility for the boat.
- 2. The Member who checks out the boat shall make sure that it is properly cared for and shall properly store the boat and its parts when finished. The Member retains this responsibility, even when others may use the boat, until either the boat has been properly stored or until another Member has signed for the boat.

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3. The sails, spars, rudder and dagger board for each boat are numbered and are kept in a locker box in the Jr. Equipment Building. There will be a checkout book at the locker that the Member checking the boat out must sign, which indicates his/her acceptance of responsibility for the boat.
4. If any other Member wishes to use a boat while it is already checked out, they must sign the checkout book and thereby accept responsibility for the boat.
5. The Club Junior Program has first priority of use for its sailing programs.
6. Any Member who fails to meet these conditions may forfeit the right to use the boats.

Club-Owned Flying Scot

1. The Club-owned Flying Scots were obtained to allow the Club to become a Member Club of The Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) and provide Club Members with the opportunity to participate in GYA sailing competitions.
2. Use of the Club-owned Flying Scots is limited to Club activities with preference to attending GYA events.
3. Members interested in using these boats must arrange for their use by contacting the Board's GYA Representative and receive permission and instruction for locating and returning associated equipment and sails.
4. Members using these boats must accept responsibility for damage and proper care. Breakage due to normal wear and tear must be reported to the Board's representative.
5. Following use, the boats must be returned to their Parking Space, restored to a use-ready condition and the equipment and sails properly stored as required by instruction. This includes re-stepping the mast if necessary, cleaning, draining of water and covering.
6. Any member who fails to meet these conditions may forfeit the right to use the boats.

Club-Owned Power Boats

1. The use of Club-owned powerboats shall be limited to Club programs.
2. Operators of the club powerboats shall be legally licensed for powerboat operation as designated on their Driver's License.
3. The keys for powerboats are located in the metal 'key locker' inside the Race Committee Equipment Shed.
4. Instructions for starting powerboat motors are on a placard adjacent to the ignition key on each boat.
5. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on Club-owned boats is prohibited.

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APPENDIX 1 - BSC DUES AND FEES

Revised Effective January 1, 2017 (\$)

Initiation Fees	
Regular Membership	400.00
Spousal Membership	400.00
Intermediate Membership	200.00
Student Membership	35.00
Associate Membership	None
Reinstatement – Regular or Spousal	125.00

Transfer Initiation Fees	
From Student to Intermediate	165.00
From Student to Regular	365.00
From Intermediate to Regular	200.00
From Associate to Intermediate	200.00
From Associate to Regular	400.00

Membership Dues	Annual Payment	Quarterly Billing	Annual Total if Paid Quarterly
Voting Memberships (Regular and Spousal)	360.00	100.00	400.00
Intermediate Membership	--	65.00	260.00
Student Membership	--	65.00	260.00
Associate Membership	--	115.00	460.00
Senior Member	50.00	--	--
Non-Resident Membership	50.00	--	--

Boat Storage		
Full Size Space	200.00	Payable annually or 25% quarterly
Small/Fill In Space	120.00	Payable annually or 25% quarterly
Designated Waterfront (limited to small boats)	120.00	Payable annually or 25% quarterly
North Lot Space	160.00	Payable annually or 25% quarterly
Wet Slip	840.00	Payable annually or 25% quarterly

Keelboat Trailer/North Lot (Wet Slip Boats Only)	No Fee
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Other Storage - Trailers, Campers, RVs, non-sailable craft, Senior/Non-Resident/Non-Member's property. These fees are payable monthly.	
Parking Space - Members Property (MONTHLY)	50.00
Non-member Storage (MONTHLY)	100.00

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Club Rules Revision Timeline

Date	Approved By	Revisions/Comments
3/16/2017	BSC Board	Revised various sections on Dues and Fees to be consistent with change in By Laws allowing Board to set annually. Added Appendix detailing all dues and fees effective for 2017. Modified section on Wet Slips to require a lease and trailer (2017 forward only). Added provision on locking house and gate by last person leaving.