

WESTERLY YACHT CLUB DOCK RULES

1. **Marina Speed Limit:** The entire Marina is a NO WAKE ZONE.
2. **After Hours/Evenings:** Sirens and horns shall not be used at slips and moorings after dark or early mornings except in emergencies. Entertaining on boats shall be conducted in an orderly manner, causing no disturbance to fellow members.
3. **Charter/Renting Boats:** Chartering or renting of boats docked or moored at the club is strictly prohibited. This includes fishing charters, sight-seeing tours, etc.
4. **Overboard Discharge:** Overboard discharge of sanitary or holding tanks is prohibited within the marina. A pump out service is available at the Gas Dock.
5. **Child Safety:** All members, guests and children shall use the docks in a safe and orderly manner. Children under 8 years of age shall wear a PFD or be accompanied by an adult at all times.
6. **Dock Modifications:** Any additions, changes or modifications to the docks or surrounding areas (including the addition of dock boxes, steps, rugs, access ramps, extensions, etc.) must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Dock Committee for approval. All approved additions, changes or modifications will be mounted or attached by WYC maintenance personnel only. This is to ensure that standardized equipment is utilized throughout the marina where possible.
7. **Open Fires:** No open fires, including gas and charcoal grills, are allowed on boats or docks.
8. **Transporting Fuel:** Transporting or carrying fuel onto the docks for the purpose of refueling is prohibited.
9. **Launch Ramp:** The launch ramp is for the exclusive use of WYC members only. Allowing relatives and friends who are **not** WYC members can result in the loss of your membership.
10. **Boat Trailers:** Trailers shall **not** be parked in the area adjacent to the launch ramp. All trailer parking is restricted to the grass area adjacent to the crushed stone parking lot directly in front of the clubhouse or temporarily in the launch staging area. Trailers shall not be parked on the club property for more than three consecutive days (72 hours).
11. **Vehicle Parking:** Vehicles without parking stickers and all guests' vehicles shall be parked in the crushed stone parking lot.
12. **Club Liability:** The Westerly Yacht Club will not be held responsible for any damage to boats moored, docked or launched at the club.
13. **Dock Boxes:** In an effort to ensure that the docks are maintained in a safe and professional manner it is necessary to establish standards where possible. All dock boxes must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Constructed of white fiberglass that has a footprint:
Width = 48" Depth = 20" Height = 18"
 - b. Items that contain hazardous material are **not** allowed in dock boxes such as:
gas tanks, propane tanks, chemicals or solvents that could cause a fire if spilled or mixed, etc.
 - c. No nailing, drilling, mounting, etc. is permitted unless approved by the Dock Committee
 - d. All dock boxes shall be removed and stored by the owner at the end of the boating season. The Dock Committee will remove any dock boxes not removed by owner, which may require cutting of lock to gain access to mounting screws. The owner will be charged a fee of \$75. for removal and storage.
14. **Dock Line Requirements:** All boats shall have bow, stern, and spring lines. All lines shall be in good condition, without excessive wear or chafe. Boats up to 21' shall be secured by 3/8" or greater nylon line, or its equivalent. Boats from 22' to 36' shall have 1/2" or greater nylon line, or its equivalent. Boats greater than 36' shall have 5/8" or greater nylon line, or its equivalent.
15. **HAZMAT Removal:** Members shall remove all waste oil, batteries and any other hazardous waste material from the club property for proper disposal. No hazardous material shall be left in the club dumpster or its enclosure (includes oil, gasoline and filters).
16. **Portable Lights:** For safety reasons, due to the long spans between pilings, the electrical cords could be at neck height during tide changes or possibly sag in the water, etc. Portable lights that were used for decoration purposes (i.e., Venetian Night) are no longer permitted.
17. **Dock Decorations:** To ensure an appropriate appearance to the entire marina, any dock decorations must be submitted and approved by the Dock Committee. This includes head of dock signs, fixtures, and enclosures.
18. **Electrical Cables:** Only standard marine cables are allowed on the docks.
19. **Dock Cleaning:** There will be no chemicals or high-pressure power washers allowed for cleaning docks, boats or equipment on the docks.
20. **Air Conditioners:** HVAC's are to be de-energized if your boat is unoccupied during the week.
21. **Boat Inspections:** The Westerly Yacht Club reserves the right to go aboard any boat at the marina to ensure that the boat does not present a hazard to the marina or any other boats.

- 22. Float Plan:** If your boat will be away from the marina for **two nights or more**, you are required to file a Float Plan with the Fleet Captain or his designee. (Forms are available at the Gas Shack or in the Lounge). Cars are to be parked in the gravel parking lot while you are away.
- 23. Dock Encroachment:** Boats in slips may not overhang the dock (davits, pulpits, etc.).
- 24. Fish Cleaning Stations:** All Bluefish and Striped Bass carcasses must be placed in black plastic bags and disposed of in the dumpster. Cleaning stations and dock carts are to be thoroughly cleaned after use.
- 25. Boats in Running Condition:** For safety reasons, all boats must be brought into the marina under their own power and be in running condition.
- 26. Dock and Mooring Rule Infractions:** Any infraction of these rules will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and may result in the loss of slip, mooring and club privileges. Members suspended for any violation of club rules shall be required to remove their boats from club property during the term of suspension.
- 27. Guests:** With the exception of those holding a valid Guest Card, member's guests **MAY NOT REMAIN ON THE DOCKS OR CLUB PROPERTY** if the member is not present.
- 28. Shore Power Hookup:** All slip holders must use their power connection for their assigned slip only. Piggybacking or using the power connection or another or adjoining slip is strictly prohibited.
- 29.** Boaters spilling fuel of any type on or in the waters of the club are solely responsible for immediate notification of the proper authorities.
- 30. Dinghy Rules:**
- The use of the dinghy dock area is for all boat owners with slip or mooring assignments. If a boat owner with a mooring assignment has a problem with the utilization of space for their dinghy please contact the Harbormaster. Also a dinghy may be placed between two boats when the adjacent slip owner agrees to the arrangement. The dinghy dock areas may also be used by other members for a short term (less than 24 hours) to get to the club from another marina where they may have their boat. This would apply only if there was dinghy space available.
 - Dinghies are defined as a small inflatable rubber rafts 12 feet or less in length and with either a soft/hard bottom or a small pram built of fiberglass or wood twelve feet or less in length with an engine of 15 HP or less. Any exceptions to the horsepower rule, up to 25 HP, would be grandfathered and thereafter be at the discretion of the Harbormaster. Boats with engines over 25 HP are not considered dinghies in this definition.
 - All dinghies tied at the dinghy docks are to be tied bow in first.
 - All dinghies must maintain proper registration and insurance.
 - At no time should a dinghy interfere with a fairway.
 - If a dinghy is at the WYC for more than one week the owner must submit a request to keep the dinghy at its location (requests are in the Club House). The request shall contain a copy of the registration and insurance plus the current location (example: dinghy is tied between my boat on G55 and my neighbor's boat on G56, or tied to the dinghy dock on H dock).
- 31. Slip/Mooring Assignments:** Slips and moorings will be assigned by the Harbor Master in conjunction with the Dock Committee and approved by the Board of Directors each year.
- A member is only allowed a single slip assignment, even if he/she has more than one boat. (Unless the boat is grandfathered)
 - The marina maximum boat size is: Overall length - 51 feet Width - 16 feet
 - Associate members may not apply for a slip or mooring assignment. Associate members may maintain the assigned slip only if they applied for associate membership within one year following the death of their husband.
 - Primary Consideration: boat LOA, beam and draft
 - Dock to Dock: Typically used for an upgrade/downgrade from one size boat to another.
 - Previous Slip Assignment: Released for Valid Reason: Illness, family, financial, etc.
 - Mooring to Dock: Used when an appropriate sized boat slip becomes available based upon club participation below.
 - Slip Availability: Assigned to members as slips become available based upon the following club participation:

Club Participation
 Years of membership
 Years on a mooring
 Years as Flag Officer
 Years as a Board member
 Years as Committee Chairman
 Years served on committees

- 32. All boats**, including other boats owned by the current slip holder either now or in the future, are subject to the recommended length requirement for the slip. Conformance to the length requirement alone will not ensure that a boat is suitable for a given slip. Other factors including beam and draft shall also be considered by the Harbor Master in the slip assignment process. Written authorization by the Harbor Master or Fleet Captain is required for any boat occupying an unassigned slip. Other than occasional transient boat, slips are for the exclusive use of club members. Once assigned a slip the boat in that slip is for the use of the member and his/her guests. A member must be aboard their boat while guests are visiting unless guest privileges have been applied for and granted (see house rule 10) and the boat owner must be aboard whenever the boat registered to that slip leaves or comes back to the dock.

33. Proof of Registration & Liability Insurance :

As required by the Board of Directors, members using slips or moorings at the Westerly Yacht Club must submit documentation of LOA, current registration and liability insurance before the issuance or renewal of a slip or mooring. Said registration and insurance must be maintained in force while your boat is on Westerly Yacht Club's property. Boats using any Westerly Yacht Club property must maintain registration as well as liability insurance. Minimum liability coverage required is \$50,000 for boats up to 20 feet and \$100,000 for boats over 20 feet.

34. Dock Fee Payment Schedule:

Members currently holding dock slips or moorings must make payment in full on or before January 31st. Failure to make full payment by January 31st shall result in immediate loss of slip .

35. Unused Boat Slips / Moorings: Members not using their assigned slip for a majority of the season during two consecutive seasons shall lose the slip assignment at the conclusion of the second season. For the purpose of this section of the dock rules the term "season" shall be defined as commencing on April 1st and ending on November 1st. The term "majority of the season" shall be defined as more than **90 calendar days**. Members who will not be utilizing their slips for the entire season shall notify the Harbormaster in writing on or before **April 1st** that such member will not be utilizing the slip for the season. (see Dock Rebates) Members who fail to notify the Harbormaster shall lose their slip at the conclusion of such season. The Harbor Master will attempt to sub-let the slip to another member on the waiting list (including those on moorings). Members who do not put their boat in the slip prior to **June 15th** shall notify the Harbor Master in writing. The Harbor Master will then make the slip available for transients or mooring holders on a per diem basis at his discretion. When the member's boat is ready for launch, he/she shall notify the Harbor Master who will notify the current occupant and give such occupant a date when the slip must be vacated. The Harbor Master will maintain a list of all members awaiting a slip or mooring space. Members who do not occupy his/her assigned slip or notify the Harbor Master in writing by **June 15th** shall have their slip re-assigned and no refund shall be granted. The current slip holder will then be placed on the waiting list and be eligible for another slip should one become available. Other than transient boats paying normal fees, no other boats are allowed in the marina without the Harbor Master's prior approval.

36. Dock / Mooring Rebates: If a member notifies the Harbor Master in writing prior to April 1st of the current season, that he/she is giving up his/her assigned slip or mooring, either in total or for the current season only, the member shall be entitled to **a full refund**.

If a member notifies the Harbor Master in writing, after April 1st but prior to June 1st, that he/she will be giving up his/her assigned slip, either in total or the current season only, the member shall be entitled to a refund of **one-half of the amount paid** if the slip is sub-let for the season. If notification is made in writing on June 1st or later, **no refund shall be made**.

37. Slip use policy for mooring holders: Mooring holders may come into a slip for 14 days at no charge. Beginning on the 15th day a fee of \$ 1.00 per foot per day shall be charged. This fee continues until the total fee collected is equal to the cost of a slip for their size boat. At this point fees stop and they may use open slips, if available, at no charge for the remainder of the season. (Mooring fee is included in the total calculation) There are no rebates given to the slip holder. Boats coming from a mooring into a specific slip for the remainder of the season will pay, on a pro-rata basis, the difference between the cost of the mooring and the slip. That open mooring can be reassigned for the season at normal mooring fees. Owners of boats on a mooring must have a means of removing their boats in the case of an emergency. Mooring holders that sub-let their mooring and receive a full rebate are not entitled to the 14 free days in a slip.

38. Slip Disposition upon Sale of Boat: When a member sells his/her boat such member shall notify the Harbormaster in writing no later than seven (7) business days after completion of such sale. Failure to notify the Harbormaster shall result in loss of the slip. The Harbormaster shall be authorized to assign such slip to another member for the remainder of the season or until the member who sold his/her boat purchases another boat. The member who sold his/her boat shall have two seasons, the **first season is the season the boat is sold, the second season is the next season**, in which to acquire another boat and his/her slip shall continue to be assigned to him/her during such period provided he/she pays the required slip fees.

39. Dock Usage by Transient Boaters: A transient boater is defined by the WYC as any boater who occupies a slip for a period of two (2) weeks or less. A transient Slip is defined as any slip that is unoccupied for any reason for a period of two weeks or less. Slips that will be knowingly unoccupied for a period of 2 weeks or more should be filled by the Harbor Master with the assistance of the Fleet Captain or his designee. Transient Slips will be filled and assigned by the Fleet Captain under the direction of the Harbor Master. Transient boaters will be assessed a ten (10) dollar fee per day for the use of electrical hookup, Cable, and Internet. (This fee does not apply to mooring holders using available slips).

a. The Fleet Captain, under the direction of the Harbor Master, will have full jurisdiction of daily assignments of transient slips and moorings. In his absence, he may assign a member to act in his stead.

b. Any boater using a slip on a transient basis for longer than one week shall have made a reservation with the Fleet Captain, who will notify the Harbor Master.

c. Members with moorings will have the first opportunity to use available slips.

d. Members docking at other marinas will have the next opportunity to use transient slips at the price set by the Board of Directors, and posted on the dock and in the clubhouse (2011 rate - \$1 / foot for members). The non-member price will be set by the Board of Directors and posted on the dock and in the clubhouse (2011 rate - \$2 / foot for non-WYC members).

e. WYC members may invite family or friends as short-term docking guests by making reservations with the Fleet Captain or Harbor Master. Short term docking fees (less than 8 hours) no charge for members, all others \$.50 / foot. Short term mooring fees (less than 8 hours) no charge for members, \$5.00 all others. Overnight Transient mooring fee is \$25.00 per night.

f. Temporary guest passes are available to guests of members using the transient slips. Guest passes will be available to members in good standing of other yacht clubs while renting a transient slip or mooring.

g. The collection and submission of funds, and proper guest registration shall be the responsibility of the Fleet Captain. The Fleet Captain or House Committee Chair may issue club guest cards.