

# **MOUNT VERNON YACHT CLUB**

## **MARINA RULES**

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The Marina Rules are established for the boating enjoyment of all the members of the Mount Vernon Yacht Club (MVYC) and their guests. Members and their guests are expected to comply with and encourage safe and courteous boating practices.

### **1. MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1.1 Any boat berthed in the Marina is the responsibility of the individual owner(s). Members are expected to provide and maintain adequate dock lines and equipment in good working order to prevent damage to docks, piers and other boats. If an emergency (extreme tidal changes, breakdowns of bilge pumps, leaks or similar situations) occurs during an owner's absence, the Marina Chairman or designee is authorized to take emergency action. In no event will the Marina Chairman, the designee or MVYC be held responsible for any consequences resulting from such emergency action taken or the lack of such action.
- 1.2 Modifications to floats, piers, pilings, bulkheads, plumbing or electrical circuitry will not be made without prior approval of the Marina Chairman.
- 1.3 Each member will keep his/her assigned slip area clean. Cans, bottles and other items of trash will be deposited in the containers provided on the Marina grounds. Debris and trash will not be thrown overboard. No sewage, oil, or other pollutants will be discharged from a vessel in the Marina nor placed in the trash containers. It is the member's responsibility to remove hazardous materials and pollutants from the Marina and dispose of them at a proper collection center or recycling facility.
- 1.4 Toilets (heads) and holding tanks will not be flushed or pumped into the Marina, nor will portable heads be emptied into any other facilities at the Club.
- 1.5 All slip holders are expected to actively cooperate in removing "dead heads" and other flotsam from Marina waters, and placing the material in or near the dumpsters.
- 1.6 Any craft deemed unseaworthy by the Marina Chairman will be required to pass a suitable inspection. Non-compliance or inspection failure will result in slip cancellation.

- 1.7 As a minimum, all craft will comply with Coast Guard and state regulations concerning life preservers, fire extinguishers, and other safety provisions. Safety and training programs are strongly encouraged for all members. An annual United States Coast Guard Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons Vessel Safety Check of all boats is strongly encouraged for all members.
- 1.8 No open fires (e.g. grills) will be allowed on the docks, jetties or bulkheads, or aboard any boat while berthed in a slip.
- 1.9 Members who have rented dinghy rack space will store the boat on the dinghy rack and not on the ground. Such boats will be stored upside down to prevent water accumulation and subsequent collapse of the rack. Small boats will not be stored on Club property.
- 1.10 Members not complying with marina rules may be considered for suspension.

### **2. USE OF SLIPS**

- 2.1 The Marina Chairman's permission is required prior to lending an assigned slip to another member. Slipholders may not sublet their assigned slips.
- 2.2 If a boat will be absent from the Marina for a period of time longer than two weeks, the owner must notify the Marina Chairman.
- 2.3 The Marina Chairman may assign a member, a guest or transient boat to a member's assigned slip that is temporarily vacant. If the assignment is made at the request of a host member, the host member must ensure the guest craft is moved on the return of the assigned craft. The guest craft may berth without charge for 24 hours. Thereafter, the Marina Chairman may charge and collect a transient fee of \$0.50 per foot per day. This assignment will not exceed 30 days.
- 2.4 Boats may not be moored, anchored, or berthed at any location within or near the basin without permission of the Marina Chairman. This restriction also is applicable to the spaces at the ends of the floating docks and the bulkheads at the fueling area. If an emergency situation requires docking a distressed vessel at MVYC, the person responsible shall notify the Marina Chairman immediately and shall make every effort to salvage or repair the craft and get underway without delay. If a disabled craft is not removed after three days, action will be taken to have it removed at the owner's expense.
- 2.5 Every slip holder will be responsible for the judicious use of electrical service provided at the

slips. Annual electrical fees do not provide for unlimited electrical usage. Slip holders are discouraged from running air conditioners and heaters while absent from the marina for long periods of time. Portable electric space heaters and open-flame heaters pose a dangerous fire hazard, and should never be left to run unattended inside a boat. Failure to make judicious use of slip electrical service could result in an additional surcharge to be levied by the Board of Trustees.

### **3. BOATING OPERATIONS**

- 3.1 Within the marina and approaches to MVYC, vessel operation is governed by a no-wake zone that includes the entire marina, and extends out to the no-wake markers in Dogue Creek. In the no-wake zone, no vessel may exceed its no-wake speed, defined as the slowest possible speed required for that particular vessel to maintain steerage and headway. The intent of the no-wake zone is to ensure that boat wakes do not cause dangerous conditions in the marina, and do not create the potential for damage to pilings, piers, boats or their contents. If a member or his/her guest violates the no-wake zone, the member may be subject to loss of slip assignment and/or boat launching privileges.
- 3.2 The launching ramp is for the exclusive use of members of the MVYC and their guests, without charge. Guest usage will be allowed only in the presence of the host member. A guest may only use the launching ramp once per calendar month. Boats will not be "powered" on to or off of trailers using the boat's engine.
- 3.3 The hauling of boats for storage, repair, or maintenance is not permitted on MVYC property. This restriction is intended to eliminate general boat yard work or storage in the Marina other than what is normally accomplished in assigned slips.
- 3.4 Trailers parked in the Marina area shall be parked parallel to the curbing south of the boat ramp on the west side of the driveway. Guests are not allowed to park trailers overnight unless they have prior permission of the Marina Chairman. Trailers may not remain parked on MVYC grounds longer than three days, and will be removed thereafter at the owner's expense.

### **4. FUEL DOCK OPERATIONS**

- 4.1 The fuel dock will be operated during the boating season for the convenience of Club members. The normal hours of operation are on weekends from 10:00 am to 12 noon. All sales will be for cash or

check. Fuel shall be sold to Club members only, but may be sold to non-members on an emergency basis. The Marina Chairman will set gasoline prices. The gasoline will be sold on a non-profit basis, and the price will be set to adequately cover the Club's expenses.

- 4.2 Before the gas pump is turned on, the fire extinguisher must be unchained and positioned so the discharge hose reaches the pump area.
- 4.3 When fueling operations are underway, the following minimum safety rules must be strictly adhered to in the area near the fuel dock:
  - a. There shall be no smoking or igniting matches or lighters.
  - b. All engines, motors, fans and electronics shall be turned off.
  - c. All galley fires and lights shall be extinguished.
  - d. All crew members and guests must move to shore.
  - e. All ports, windows, hatches and doors shall be closed.
  - f. The person operating the fuel pump shall keep a firm grip on the filling nozzle, and shall ensure that the nozzle is properly grounded to the filler pipe or fuel container.
  - g. Fuel overflows should be avoided. Overflows shall be washed down with water.
  - h. After fueling, operators will open the engine and fuel tank compartments, sniff for fumes, activate blowers and ventilate the bilges for at least five minutes prior to starting engine(s).

### **5. MARINA BOAT SLIP ASSIGNMENTS**

- 5.1 Under the authority of the Board of Trustees, the Marina Chairman will be responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of the Marina, the processing of slip applications, and the assignment of slips. The Marina Chairman may appoint a Marina Committee to assist in the discharge of these duties. Authority is vested in the Marina Chairman or his delegates to take action when deemed necessary to protect Club property, watercraft and gear from possible damage or loss. Members of the Marina Committee may not be held liable for failure to take any such action, nor will they or the Club be held liable for consequences resulting from any such action taken.
- 5.2 To be eligible for a slip assignment, a member must be in good standing. Slips are rented to

members only for the full boating year, defined as the twelve-month period March 15 through March 14. Club members who desire to renew their present slip assignments will be billed for the slip fee along with their annual Club membership dues. Slip applications must be received at the Club before 1 March. Incomplete and/or incorrect applications will not be considered, and will be returned for resubmission. Applications received on or after 1 March will be considered only after all applications received before 1 March have been processed.

- 5.3 Any member who is not currently assigned a slip but desires a slip for the boating year should so indicate on the slip application form accompanying their dues bill. If no appropriate slip is available, the member will be placed on a waiting list. The member will not be billed until a slip assignment is made.
- 5.4 Requests for slip changes will be considered when possible, but are in no way guaranteed.
- 5.5 The Marina Chairman is responsible for utilizing slips in the most efficient manner. Slip assignments will be made by March 15, with slip priorities as follows. First priority will go to members with the longest unbroken records of paid MVYC slip rental for the slip sizes required by their boats. Second priority will go to those Club members in good standing who submitted valid slip applications before March 1. Priority among new slip requests, and for filling slips vacated during the year, will favor those with the longest record of active membership in MVYC, and otherwise will be settled by lottery if required. The Marina Chairman will maintain a list of Club members who are waiting for an assignment to the next appropriate slip. In order for the Marina Chairman to have the greatest flexibility to accommodate all members, no member has an inherent "right" to occupy any particular slip from year to year, although every effort will be made to accommodate such requests.
- 5.6 The Marina Chairman may limit the number of slip assignments per family membership in the event of overcrowding. Requests from members seeking an additional slip will only be considered after all "first slip" applications have been processed. Allocations for these additional slips will be made on a year-to-year basis only.
- 5.7 If a boat has multiple owners, all co-owners must be MVYC members. Only Club members who own a boat (or who have a bona fide contract for the purchase of a boat) are eligible to rent a slip.

- 5.8 If a slip becomes available during the boating year, and there is a waiting list for that size slip, the Marina Chairman will offer the slip to the next eligible member on the priority list defined in Rule 5.5. The standard annual slip fee will be pro-rated by the number of months remaining in the boating year. If the slip became available because the previous renter vacated it permanently, the new part-year slip rental will count towards the new occupant's "unbroken record of paid MVYC slip rental" as described in Rule 5.5.
- 5.9 If a member does not have a slip but wishes to berth a vessel in the marina for a period longer than 30 days, and if an appropriate slip is available, the Marina Chairman may temporarily assign the member a slip. However, if there is a waiting list for the slip, the member(s) on the waiting list will be offered rights of first refusal prior to assignment. The member will be billed on a pro-rated basis for duration of the stay. The charge will be the current per-foot yearly fee divided by the number of months they use the slip. Proper vessel registration shall be required. No seniority is applied to such an arrangement. The length of stay will be agreed to by the Marina Chairman, the member requesting the temporary slip and the registered slip holder. The vessel must be removed by the agreed date, or the Marina Chairman may move the vessel to another slip and bill the owner at the transient rate. Failure to remove the vessel by the agreed date will also cause the member to lose his/her place on the waiting list for a permanent slip if applicable.
- 5.10 In order to promote boating in the Club, slips are to be assigned only to members with operable boats who are active in boating. Marina slips may not be used for the long-term storage of hulks or inoperable boats. The Board of Trustees has the authority to remove such boats from the Marina and to reassign these slips. The Board of Trustees may bill the boat owner for removal and storage fees. Non-payment of dues or fees, or otherwise as stipulated in the Bylaws, could result in the revocation of slip assignments.