

HOUSE RULES

February 2009

A. INTRODUCTION

The following House Rules are intended to provide a framework for all Members, guests, visitors and employees of the Newport Yacht Club to make their experience at the Club enjoyable, relaxing, pleasant, rewarding, memorable and fulfilling. We want your time spent at the Club to be an opportunity to share common interests, friendship, camaraderie and knowledge of yachting and the sea, which we all hold so dear.

B. HOUSE RULES – GENERAL

1. Members, staff and guests are required to treat fellow members, staff visiting yacht owners and guests with respect and dignity at ALL times. Members, staff and guests are required to be courteous to members of other associated clubs and to administrative personnel of both our club and other clubs.
2. You are required to conduct yourself in an appropriate manner to the social environment you are in. If your behavior is offending someone, and you are politely requested to cease, please respect their wishes, as you would wish your own to be respected.
3. If you are offended by someone else's inappropriate behavior, please feel free to contact a member of the House Committee, the Club Steward, Staff member or Bartender on duty. Your concerns will be promptly addressed. These complaints are taken very seriously and all are investigated by the appropriate personnel.
4. The Newport Yacht Club has a "Zero Tolerance" policy concerning profanity, vulgarity, sexism and racist remarks and loud and obnoxious behavior. These violations will not be tolerated at any time.
5. Membership in the Club or guest privileges can be suspended or terminated should serious misconduct of the Club or employees of the Club at the House Committee's discretion.
6. Anyone who disregards rules will be issued a warning, unless the action is so egregious as to require immediate removal from the Club premises. Should misconduct continue a suspension and/or further discipline will take place up to and including expulsion from the Club.
7. These rules are subject to change or modification as deemed necessary by the House Committee to provide an enjoyable experience at the Newport Yacht Club for all. Thank you for your cooperation.

8. Bringing any alcoholic beverages not purchased from the Club into the Clubhouse or lounge shall not be permitted.
9. Smoking is not allowed anywhere within the Club House including lounge, decks, porches, dock shed or parking shed. This smoking ban applies to all club vessels. This is State if Rhode Island law, Section 23-20.10-7.
10. Members, guests or visitors under the age of 18 years shall not be permitted to remain on Club premises after 11 PM without adult supervision.
11. Employees shall not, under any pretext, be directed to leave the Club's boundaries to provide personal services to any member. Members shall not be abusive to any employee.
12. In the absence of a Flag Officer, House Committee member or Steward, the Bartender(s) on duty are responsible to ensure compliance with House and Lounge Rules by all members and guests.
13. Proper dress is required in the Club and Lounge. Shoes and shirt are required. Shoes also must be worn on all Club premises.
14. No Member, guest or visitor will be allowed the use of the Club Galley except for official Club activities without prior approval of the House Committee or manager on duty.
15. No solicitation shall be brought into or circulate in the Club without the prior consent of the House Committee.
16. Nothing shall be posted on the Club House bulletin boards except by Officers of the Club or the House Committee without prior approval of the House Committee, in so far as this does not conflict with the By-Laws. No person shall deface any bulletin or anything posted on any bulletin board.
17. The Club shall not be responsible for the loss or damage to property received from or on behalf of Members or guests, nor property left or kept by Members or guests in the Club House.
18. Newspapers, magazines or books belonging to the Club shall not be marked, cut or otherwise defaced. These reading materials shall not be removed from the Club premises.
19. Animals are not allowed in the Club House or Lounge. Animals are allowed on the lower decks and on the upper East deck.
20. Members are responsible for the behavior of their children or minor guest when visiting the Club House or Club property.

21. Members may have checks cashed for an amount not to exceed \$50.00 in any one day, but only when presented in person by drawer or endorser of the check. This privilege may be suspended by the House Committee if checks are returned by the bank.

22. Washing of automobiles is not permitted.

23. Employees shall not use the Club property or facilities other than in the execution of their duties.

24. A Member renting a club locker will have possession of the locker for a period of one year (1 May – 30 April). However, for Club security reasons, there will be limited access to the locker room from 1 October to 30 April. Any member renting a locker and desiring to renew a locker rental for the forthcoming season shall do so by payment of the full rental fee on or before 1 May. Any Member desiring a locker when not lockers are available shall be placed on a waiting list, with a priority established by the postmark on the rental request. Under no circumstances will outboard motors, gasoline or any other volatile material be stored in lockers.

25. Any unattended personal belongings that are left in open areas will be collected on a daily basis and put in the “lost and found” for ten days. If not claimed after that time period, they will be donated to the Seamen’s Church Institute.

26. All requests, suggestions and complaints shall be made in writing, dated, signed and forwarded to the House Committee Chairperson for action.

C.HOUSE RULES- SPECIFICS

The House Rules have been established to ensure the maximum benefit and enjoyment of the Newport Yacht Club by its general membership, visitors and employees.

1. The Club House and Lounge will be open during the following hours unless otherwise ordered by the House Committee:

A. Summer: Opening Day through Columbus:

Club House: 8 A.M. and close at 1 A.M.

Lounge: 12 P.M. to 1 A.M, (Monday to Thursday)
12 P.M. to 1 A.M. (Friday to Sunday).

B. Winter: Columbus Day to Memorial Day:

Club House: 8 A.M. and closes when the lounge is secured.

Lounge: 4 PM to 9:00 PM, (Monday to Wednesday)
4 PM to 11:00 PM (Thursday)
4 to close at 12 AM (Friday)
12 PM. to 12 AM. (Saturday)
12 PM. to 9 PM. (Sunday)

2. **Members and Guests**

a. No person shall be admitted to the club's Lounge except members, guest of members or visiting yachtsmen; others having business with the club shall be admitted to the Main room on the first floor only. All member guests must be accompanied by the member and are required to sign the Club's Guest Register which is located in the lounge.

b. Members introducing guests to the Club or Lounge areas shall be responsible for their conduct. Conduct unbecoming will not be permitted.

c. A member is limited to six(6) guests in the Clubhouse (including lounge) at any one time. If the number of guests exceeds the approved limit, approval of the Flag or House Committee is required.

d. No member, guest or visitor under the age of 21 years shall be permitted to make purchases at the Bar, nor shall they be permitted to remain in the lounge.

3. Guests of the Club:

a. Guests of the Club include groups and/or individuals who are extended the hospitality of the Club by the organizations rather than by an individual member.

b. Transient yachtsmen, who are renting a slip at the Club, are afforded guest privileges for the duration of their slip rental. Privileges are extended only to the registered skipper and crew. All transient yachtsmen shall identify themselves as such to the bartender on duty by showing their NYC slip rental receipt. Transient yachtsmen are required to sign the Club Register.

c. Transient and visiting yachtsmen are expected to follow the rules and customs of the Club. Individuals who, in the opinion of the House Committee, willfully violate Club rules and customs will have their privileges revoked and may be permanently barred from the Club. The House Committee may, at their discretion, limit the number of Visiting Yachtsmen that may use the Club facilities at any given time.

d. Yachtsmen, who are members of a Yacht Club and recognized by the Newport Yacht Club, may be extended guest privileges for up to six(6) days per year. Members in the category shall identify themselves to the bartender and present their club's membership card. They are required to sign the Club's guest register.

e. Non-member regatta participants shall have use of the Club and Lounge only on the days when they are crewing or volunteering in a Newport Yacht Club sponsored event. They are required to sign the Club's guest register.

4. Club House Rentals to Members: Conditions:

a. During the summer ½ of the downstairs Club House is available for rental for small functions for members. The function may not interfere with any scheduled Club events.

b. No area of the Club shall be used for any meeting, activities or other function by a person, persons or organizations with prior approval of the House Committee. **Or Steward.**

c. Any **member** of the Club may rent the Club and galley using the Club's Room Request Form submitted to the House Steward with a \$100.00 deposit and then approved by the House Committee. This request should be made at least one month in advance of said rental. Upon approval, any such rental shall be posted on the Club calendar.

d. Any non-member **person, persons or organization affiliated with yachting** desiring to use Club facilities for a social activity or meeting may be allowed to do so at the discretion of the House Committee. The request will be made on the Club's Room Request Form, signed by the **sponsoring member** and forwarded to the House Committee at least one month in advance of such activity. Members sponsoring any social activity at the Club must also be in attendance during the function. Any approved activity shall be posted on the Club Calendar.

e. A sponsoring member is responsible for the conduct of their guests at private parties held at the Club. Guests at private parties do not have to sign the Club Register unless they enter the upstairs lounge, at which time they will identify themselves to the bartender on duty. Privileges cease when the party is concluded.

f. Any rental fee for any activity may be waived or reduced at the discretion of the House Committee.

g. Additional important information relative to use and fees will be found under separate cover entitled "Newport Yacht Club Room Use and Fee Information Sheet".

5. Parking Rules and Regulations

a. For access to the Club premises, members must have a current Newport Yacht Club sticker affixed to the passenger side (right) rear window or a transferrable hanging placard hanging from either the rear view mirror or visor. For automobiles without a passenger side (right) window, the vehicles rear window may be used.

b. Multiple Vehicles- One parking sticker per member is available upon payment of dues. Regular members can obtain a transferable hanging placard for additional vehicles owned upon receipt of the original sticker. All vehicles listed on the placard must be registered in the **Member's** name. Vehicles registered to a spouse are not eligible. The member will be required to produce the registrations of all vehicles. If your

vehicle exceeds the width of a parking space it is not eligible for a sticker/hanging placard.

c. A Spousal Member (as described in Article VIII of the by-laws) is entitled to one parking sticker upon the payment of dues.

d. Any Newport Yacht Club member's vehicle that cannot be accommodated in the Club's parking facility on a given day may be required to park in a public lot. The member will be reimbursed the parking fee for that day only by presenting the parking lot's receipt with their valid sticker number to the Lounge or Dock Office.

e. Any vehicle that parks and blocks another vehicle must leave their keys with the Dock Office or left in the unlocked car. Vehicles that are left locked with no keys available are subject to towing at the member's expense.

f. Any vehicle that is to be left for three days or longer shall park on either the West or North side of the Club House. If going on an extended cruise, Members are encouraged to make arrangements other than parking on Club premises if possible. Keys must be left with the Dock Office.

g. No member's guest, visiting yachtsmen or non-members renting club facilities shall be allowed parking privileges. Request for "case by case" exceptions shall be forwarded to the House committee for determination. Exceptions shall only be considered or granted during the winter season. (November to March).

h. Any vehicle parked without a current Newport Yacht Club parking sticker/placard or any vehicle parked in more than one parking space will be towed at the owner's expense. One warning via the Club's intercom will be attempted.

i. The Security Patrol and/or employees of the Newport Yacht Club shall have the power to execute all rules and regulations as they relate to parking on the Club's premises.

J, Any Member who is reported as being abusive to the Security Patrol or Parking Attendants shall be disciplined according to Article XV of the Newport Yacht Club Bylaws.

6. Chef du Jour's: Regulations

Chef du Jour is a dinner that is prepared by members for members and their quests.

a. Chef du Jour's are limited to the period of January 2 to May 1.

b. All Chef du Jour's must be approved by the House Committee.

c. Persons hosting a Chef du Jour are responsible for the set up before and the clean up after the event. This includes the kitchen as well as the main room.

d. The Club can collect payments in advance allowing members to use checks/credit cards.

e. Entertainment, such as DJ, will not be allowed.

f. Persons hosting a Chef du Jour may purchase food through the Club. Speak to the House Steward for assistance.

g. Chef du Jour's must break even or hosts are responsible to reimburse the Club for any deficit.

h. Chef du Jour's are limited to 60 people.