
HOUSE & GROUNDS RULES

Welcome to the Mathews Yacht Club. To assist the Management in making time spent at MYC enjoyable, we ask the cooperation of our members, guests and resident and transient boaters to see that courtesies are extended to each other and the rules and regulations of the club are followed by all.

OPERATIONS HOURS are designated by the Board and posted in the clubhouse.

A. CLUBHOUSE RULES

The use of the club facilities is available to members and their guests at all times during opening hours. Restrictions may apply at times due to the commitment of club property by the Board of Directors.

1. Bar and Alcohol

- a. No person under legal age in the Commonwealth of Virginia is to consume alcohol or will be permitted in the bar.
 - b. Only persons authorized to tend bar are permitted behind the bar.
 - c. All members and guests having or storing liquor at the club must have a member's name and two initials prominently labeled on their bottles and stored at the bar while members are in attendance at the club. Such bottles may not be taken from the bar room, except in the act of transporting a bottle to or from the club property. Wine bottles brought into the club by members and guests for personal consumption must be prominently labeled with the member's name and two initials if they are left at the bar or stored at the club.
 - d. The club Manager will maintain a locker key by name and number for each member renting a locker. A member's locker key will not be given to another person, except the spouse of said member or properly identified representative of the State ABC Board. Failure to pay locker rent will terminate a member's right of use. Unless non-paid locker lock is removed by the member by dues expiration date, it will be removed by Management and the contents confiscated. The club is not responsible for lost or stolen contents of lockers.
 - e. No alcoholic drinks (including beer) will be consumed in cars on club property.
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2. Dress Requirements

- a. Persons in exposed bathing suits are not permitted in the clubhouse, except restrooms, for any purpose.
 - b. Persons with bare feet are not permitted in the clubhouse for any purpose.
 - c. Persons wearing bathing suits suitably covered with beach coat, shirt or other over-garment and acceptable foot protection will be permitted in the bar or on the porch during hours when the swimming pool is normally open except when dinner is being served or a scheduled or special function is under way.
 - d. After 6 p.m., halter tops, tank tops, sweatshirts, blue jeans, and tee shirts are deemed inappropriate attire in the clubhouse. Dress shorts are acceptable except for Saturday nights and certain scheduled club events.
 - e. Except for scheduled dinner dances and certain scheduled club functions, casual business attire is acceptable for Saturday nights.
 - f. Gentlemen will not wear hats in the clubhouse.
 - g. Jackets and tie are required for certain scheduled club functions, dinner dances and other events as designated by the Commodore. Inappropriately attired persons will not be admitted to the clubhouse.
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3. Membership Cards

- a. Members may be asked to show their membership card at any time by the management or any member of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Visitors from recognized yacht clubs must show a current membership card.
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4. Guest Rules

- a. Guests are defined as non-active members utilizing clubhouse, pier, or pool facilities.
 - b. Not included in the guest count and regulations are:
 - 1) Spouses of active club members.
 - 2) Companions of unmarried active members.
 - 3) Minor children of active club members and grandchildren who are not residents of Mathews, Gloucester, Middlesex counties.
 - 4) Guests at paid sponsored functions.
 - 5) Out-of-town house guests of active members.
 - 6) Members of reciprocal yacht clubs.
 - c. No individual may be a guest at the club more than once a month.
 - d. The host member shall ensure that each guest is registered by name, address, date and name of sponsor.
 - e. Due to space limitations, an active member shall not have more than four (4) pool guests on any one day.
 - f. Guests must at all times be accompanied by an active MYC member unless they hold a signed guest card. (Signed guest cards may be obtained from the Manager during club hours.)
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5. Rental Policy

- a. Active Members may rent the club during time club is closed, or during normal operation hours with the approval of the Commodore and Rear Commodore. Events during normal club hours shall not preclude members from use of club facilities. Fee shall be \$200 if no food or beverage is provided.
 - b. Any food or beverage service will be provided by the MYC management and the fee of \$200.00 will be waived. Cost of event will be agreed upon in advance by the management and renting active member.
 - c. During the summer season, preference for the rental of the swimming pool, grounds, deck, porch and restrooms will be given to local religious, civic or charitable organizations sponsored by an active member. Rental fee will be \$150.00. Fees for the lifeguard will be paid directly by the renter.
 - d. The general policy is to not rent the club to organizations or functions where tickets will be sold to the public.
 - 1) Exceptions may be approved by the Board of Directors on an individual basis.
 - 2) Organizations which have done so in the past are grandfathered.
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6. Active Member and Guest Responsibilities

- a. Active members and visitors will be accountable at all times for their conduct and that of their families and guests. If at any time the conduct of anyone is considered to be unbecoming or offensive to others, the offender will be requested by a Senior Officer present to leave club property immediately. The decision on whether conduct is unbecoming or offensive will rest entirely with Officers present or the Manager if no Officer is present.
 - b. Guests of active members enter the club property and participate in activities at their own risk.
 - c. Active members shall not at any time ask an employee of MYC to do personal chores or demand special favors.
 - d. Children, other than those from aboard boats at MYC piers, are requested to not go on piers unless accompanied by an adult.
 - e. Seafood is not to be cleaned on MYC docks, except at designated area.
 - f. MYC will not be responsible for personal property of members or guests.
 - g. While upon the premises of the club, no person will advertise to or solicit any other person to purchase any form of ticket, meal, raffle, lottery or any other item offered by any group, person or organization; or to sign any petition, letter or other document. This rule shall not apply to letters or petitions relative to the operation or governance of the club.
 - h. While upon the premises of the club, no person shall engage in electioneering.
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7. Smoking

- a. In 2007, smoking within the clubhouse is confined to the bar area. Cigars and pipes are prohibited.
 - b. Effective in 2008, smoking is prohibited within the clubhouse.
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B. GROUNDS RULES

- a. Active members, guests and visitors are responsible for keeping the house and grounds clean to the extent of cleaning up their own debris such as papers, cans etc. Refuse will be put in containers provided for this purpose.
 - b. Animals ARE NOT permitted on the grounds of MYC with but one exception: pets of visiting yachtsmen will be leashed and taken directly to the north end of club property for relief and promptly returned aboard the boat. Owners of animals are required to clean up after the pet and deposit refuse in the dumpster.
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C. BOAT RAMP, DOCK USAGE AND RENTALS

- a. Smoking is not permitted on the gas dock. Open fires, such as charcoal or hibachi grills, etc. are not permitted on any docks, or on any vessel moored at dock. Grills are to be confined to the designated picnic area on the east side of the clubhouse.
 - b. Usage:
 - 1) The use of docks for berthing and storage of boats will be limited to active club members and to occupants of transient boats registered with the Fleet Captain and/or club Manager and paying the published slip rental and power rates. One deep water slip will be reserved and provided without charge to the serving Commodore for his or her discretionary use.¹
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2) The use and rental of the docks will be restricted to pleasure boats only. Boats used for commercial purposes (fishing, crabbing, oystering) will not be berthed or stored at MYC docks except in an emergency, and then only with the permission of the Fleet Captain and/or club Manager.

3) Any boat occupying a slip for more than 30 days must carry not less than \$300,000 watercraft liability of P&I insurance and provide evidence of such to the Fleet Captain.

c. Rental:

1) Rented slips may not be loaned to non-club members, or sub-rented.

2) Annually rented slips, not occupied by a renting member or an approved club member, may be rented at the discretion of the Fleet Captain or Club Manager.

3) Active members who do not rent slips may use a slip three (3) nights per month free of charge.

d. Boat Ramp

1) The use of the boat ramp shall be limited to club members or their immediate families.

2) Boat trailers may be stored on club property only during the time the vessel is being actively used in the water, or moored at club facilities. An area designated for boat trailers will be used.

3) Trailerable boats may not be permanently stored on club property with the exception of dinghies owned by MYC slip holders.

D. POOL RULES

1. The lifeguard shall be in complete charge of the use and operation of the pool and shall be responsible to the club Manager and Commodore. The lifeguard may restrict member or guest access to the pool based on inappropriate behavior and/or violations of the club rules. Such restriction to stand until review by the club Manager or Commodore.

2. Opening Hours: As designated by the Board and posted in the clubhouse.

3. Approved swimming attire must be worn by all persons using the pool. Approved swimming attire is defined as any garment designed especially for swimming. Cut-off jeans, denim trousers, shorts or street clothes are NOT approved swimming attire.

4. All persons entering the pool will register with the lifeguard and enter in the register book providing their name, address, phone number, and membership status.

5. All guests must be accompanied by an active member. Special arrangements may be made with the Manager to allow bona fide out-of-town house guests to swim with a member without charge.

6. Non-member guests may not attend more than one (1) time per month during the season. (GUESTS MUST BE SIGNED IN BY AN ADULT ACTIVE MEMBER.) An unmarried adult active member is permitted to bring a companion to the pool.

7. Minor grandchildren of active members are extended the same privileges of the pool as minor children of active members. Members' minor grandchildren who are residents of Mathews, Gloucester or Middlesex counties are extended pool privileges one visit per month.

8. Children under twelve (12) years of age are not permitted in the pool enclosure unless accompanied and supervised by a parent or responsible person. Children sixteen (16) years of age and under are required to exit the water and the pool enclosure and take a ten (10) minute rest break each hour on the hour.

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9. No beverages, food or glassware are permitted in the pool enclosure with the exception that adults may bring in COVERED, PLASTIC, NON-SPILL DRINK CONTAINERS which are to be approved by the lifeguard.
10. Running, indulging in horseplay, or disrespect in the pool enclosure is prohibited. First offense, you will be warned; second offense, you will sit out for two (2) hours and your parents will be notified; third offense, you will sit out the remainder of the day and the next, and your parents will be notified. (Refer to Rule 17 below.)
11. Swimmers will avoid the immediate area of the diving board when it is in use. No more than one person on the diving board at any given time. Failure to obey this rule will result in suspension from the pool.
12. Flotation devices may be used only with the permission of the lifeguard.
13. Members and guests are not permitted to handle pool equipment or supplies unless specifically authorized by the lifeguard.
14. When the lifeguard breaks for lunch (12 noon until 12:30 pm) everyone will clear the pool enclosure. The gate will be closed until the lifeguard resumes duties at the pool.
15. An active member's spouse and children have the same pool privileges as the member unless the member submits an objection in writing.
16. Only lifeguards are permitted to have sound producing devices in the pool area.
17. Complaints may be directed to the club Manager, Commodore, or a member of the Board of Directors. The Board reserves the right to restrict a member or guest pool privileges based on continual and/or flagrant violations of these rules.
18. No smoking is permitted within the pool enclosure.

E. INFRACTIONS OF ANY RULES

Infractions of any of the above rules may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be grounds for restriction of privileges or suspension. Complaints may be directed to the Commodore or any member of the Board of Directors.

¹ Latest Revision June 2008
