



CODE OF CONDUCT

Newport Yacht Club is the focal point of a unique setting of homes. We enjoy a symbiotic relationship with homeowners who are often boaters also.

Keeping in mind that parts of the property are private and belong to homeowners. Always use designated gate, pathways and parking. In order to maintain a respectful relationship with our neighbours, please feel free to unload vehicles in proximity to your boat but park in the club parking lot. Please keep in mind that you or your guests may be ticketed if you park on residential streets.

Gates

The security of our club is not to be compromised by keeping gates open. Each member is expected to open the gate or arrange to have the gate opened to allow their guests entry. The gates must be closed as guests arrive and not remain propped open in any way. As a member of NYC-SC, you are responsible to let your guests in and you are responsible for their behaviour and safety while at our club. Unauthorized non-members will not be allowed on Club property unless accompanied by a Member.

Safety

The safety of members and guests are largely within our members hands. The Board has stationed fire extinguishers at the end of each dock, assigned the end of C-dock as the only designated fuel filling station and have posted many signs asking for No Fishing in harbour and also no swimming.

We also expect that members use only Marine rated grounded extension cords to their vessels and that you turn breakers off when unplugging your chords or when you leave them plugged while on your dock not attached to your boat – please ensure the breaker is OFF.

Pets

Pets belonging to Members or their guests shall be kept under the control of their owners at all times and must not be allowed to run free on Club property. Pets must be on a leash while walking the boardwalk and owners are responsible to clean up after their pets. Any pet which disturbs other Members shall be removed from Club property. No pets are permitted at any time to be in the clubhouse. You are responsible for you pets.

Club Property

Members shall keep the Club property neat and orderly at all times. Members shall ensure that they clean up after their use of Club facilities. This includes cleaning the BBQ after use, cleaning tables used and depositing garbage and recycling in the appropriate receptacle. Any Member damaging or destroying Club property must pay such compensation as may be set by the Board of Directors.

Quiet hours

We are all here to enjoy the ambiance and fellowship but please keep in mind the residential setting. We ask that you maintain quiet hours between 11 pm and 7 am.

Smoking

There are designated smoking areas around the clubhouse. Please be sensitive to other people who may be eating at the clubhouse.

Drinking

Please drink responsibly. No intoxicated person will be allowed to remain on or permitted to enter Club property.

Payment of Fees

As a volunteer club all members are expected to pay their fees prior to the season start. New members are expected to pay at the time of registration and before the boat arrived in the harbour. In the case of boating fees – these are to due April first of each year ALL Boat or PWC fees MUST BE PAID prior to your vessel entering the harbour. The Treasurer has sufficient duties in this volunteer role to keep them occupied and chasing members who have not paid should not have to happen. If you do not comply with the simple rule above the club has the right to chain your property until paid and also to publish the names of delinquent members. The Board asks that all members pay on time and we hope that the actions described to rectify late payment never have to be executed.

Special Interest Groups within the club

As a yacht club NYC-SC members are bound together by our love of on-water activities and NYC-SC also has a healthy shore based Social Membership. The highest expenses this club have are related to dredging our channel and keeping the harbour and approach safe, well marked and free of weeds. All boats and PWC's docking fees contribute to dredging, property maintenance and building a contingency fund for maintenance and replacement of infrastructure.

Members have the love of water activities in common, but there are many different ways to enjoy being a member of Newport Yacht Club Stoney Creek. We have an active cruising

membership, day boating community, those that use boats as a “cottage that moves”, sail racing and in future we may have paddling groups or shore-based groups within the club.

All special interest groups within the club should operate as self-sustaining programs financially funded and staffed by the members, or other volunteers who enjoy that special interest. This would include but not be limited to cruising, racing, potentially paddling or a learn to sail program.

The following are general operating rules for special interest groups:

- All special interest groups operate under the Direction of the Board of Directors of the club and are assigned to report to the Board via the Director who is their sponsor – typically Director of On-water or Social Director or as assigned by the Commodore.
- The Special interest group may elect a leader within their ranks as a sub-committee of the Board to help organize activities reporting through a Board of Director member as assigned
- Special Interest groups must find volunteers to organize activities and events, the Board will assist the need for volunteers by publication
- Open the gate for your guests or potential members who want to try out a special interest activity
- Take care of any equipment required by your special interest activity
- Charge enough for participation in the special interest activities to pay for equipment required, awards and trophies as needed – the Board may vote to invest up front in equipment required; but payment for the equipment must be part of the overall proposal and business plan for the special interest activity
- Fund raising for special interest activities such as activity dues or fundraising barbecue profits should be submitted to the Treasurer as generated, weekly if necessary

The Board encourages members with ideas for special interest activities to approach the Board and discuss a plan to make an ongoing, self-sustaining activities. The more variety of enjoyment we can offer to members and potential members the more likely we will be to grow and sustain NYC-SC as a member run not for profit club.

Disciplinary Actions

Any Member violating the By-laws or any policies established by the Board or otherwise acting in such a manner as will bring discredit to the Club; may be charged and summoned before the Board.

The Board shall take such disciplinary action as it deems necessary.

