



ROCK HALL YACHT CLUB

Rock Hall Yacht Club Membership & Guest Rules

GENERAL and HOUSE

1. Current Clubhouse opening hours are posted on the website and with the Manager's weekly email. They will change with the seasons of the year. Members and guests are required to abide by posted times except in cases where special events require additional operating hours. The Club grounds are open to members and their guests at all times.
2. State liquor laws state that any alcoholic beverages to be consumed in the Clubhouse or anywhere on Club property must be purchased from the Club. State and Federal liquor laws must be complied with at all times.
3. Members and guests are expected to purchase all beverages and food, other than bottled water or special needs, from the Club when the Club is open.
4. Members shall not reprimand employees of the Club but are requested to make written complaints to the Club Manager, Commodore or any member of the Board of Directors.
5. State law prohibits smoking in the Clubhouse or at the pool.
6. No person in uncovered swimming attire, bare feet or without a shirt will be permitted in the Clubhouse.
7. Kent County law requires that no dogs or other animals will be allowed in the Clubhouse or at the pool. The county law provides that dogs are allowed on the deck but must be leashed at all times. Common courtesy demands that no dog should be a nuisance to other members. Members must promptly clean up after their dogs on all areas of the Club and grounds.
8. Dogs specifically trained for service to any member requiring assistance are allowed in the Clubhouse.
9. Business meetings or business parties for members and their sponsored guests are welcomed at such times as will not interfere with Club affairs.
10. Harassment, sexual or otherwise, of Club members or staff will not be tolerated at any time. Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual or similarly offensive nature, offensive comments, jokes, innuendoes and other sexually oriented statements.



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11. Guests may not attend more than three (3) Club events per year regardless of sponsoring Member. Those who wish to attend more often must apply for Club membership. Family members, who do not live in Kent County are exempt from this provision, provided they are accompanied by the member.
12. A pre- sales tax service charge of 18% is added to all food and beverage purchases. Any special event or circumstance without a service charge will be clearly posted.
13. The Club facilities are available for a rental fee, to members and non-members, for private parties. Rental fees are waived if the facility is required as a place for a memorial service or any other function honoring a member that "crosses over the bar". Special arrangements and menus for private parties should be made well in advance with the Club Manager to avoid conflicting dates (see rule 9.). In no case may the Club be engaged later than 11:00 pm. The Club will require a written contract and a deposit for all private functions. For these occasions the Manager may authorize an exception to Rule #3.
14. The Club is for the enjoyment of members and guests. Each member is responsible for personal conduct and the conduct of their guests. The Club Manager (or designee) shall refuse to serve any member or guest who, in the Manager's opinion, is intoxicated and may refuse to serve any member or guest who violates any House Rule. And after a warning of this type is given, the member may be asked to leave the premises and membership may be revoked.
15. Language so foul or abusive, as to offend another member of the Club will not be tolerated. The Manager or any member may report this to any member of The Board of Directors.
16. The Club will not be responsible for the loss or damage, from any cause, to property left or kept by members in the Clubhouse or elsewhere on Club property. A member who negligently or willfully damages Club property will be billed for the repair.
17. Upon notification of persistent violations of House Rules the offending member will be suspended from the Club for a term determined by the Board of Directors. Should the violations continue the membership of that person may be revoked, as provided in the Club By-laws. All guests will be subject to the same rules as members and if found to be in violation of the Club rules will not be allowed back as a guest.



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POOL

The Club pool is regulated and inspected by the County and State Health Departments and as such is compelled to operate under the appropriate rules. In addition our insurance carrier requires certain rules of conduct to be posted and followed.

In General

1. Regular pool hours are posted on the Club website and on the gate to the pool.
2. Our insurance requires that all members sign in, recording membership name, and names of each guest.
3. All swimmers must wear proper bathing attire.
4. Club furniture will be supplied and supervised by the Club Manager. Adults have priority in the use of furniture. All other furniture is forbidden unless authorized by the Manager. Pool area furniture may not be reserved by placing towels or other objects thereon.
5. Special permission must be obtained from the Club Manager for the use of the pool for private parties. There will be an added rental charge for private party pool use, either during normal hours or after closing time. Adequate safety precautions will be mandatory.
6. The Club Manager is in charge of all pool activities and has full authority to enforce pool regulations. The Club Manager or designee has the authority to close the pool for any reason he deems necessary. When the pool is closed, proper signs will be displayed. Under no circumstances is anyone to enter the pool when the CLOSED sign is displayed. Only authorized persons are allowed in the pump house.
7. All persons making use of the pool area do so at their own risk. The Club assumes no responsibility for injury or damage from such use.

Pool Safety

8. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a member parent or other responsible person at least 15 years of age. Member parents assume full responsibility for their own children as well as guests of their children.
9. Adults and accompanied minors may bring food and drink into the pool deck area, in non-glass or non-ceramic containers, but not into the pool itself. Proper disposal of trash and thorough cleanup is required (see rule #3 General and House).



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10. The Club Manager may revoke the right of a member or guests to eat or drink in the pool area if he or she demonstrates an unwillingness to clean up after themselves. This is a health concern and appropriate action will be enforced.
11. Rough games, horse play (throwing water), wrestling, and running will not be tolerated in or around the pool.
12. No large flotation devices or small objects are allowed in the pool.

Health Regulations

13. Children not yet toilet trained must wear a swim diaper while in the pool. Health regulations prohibit change of any dirty diapers in the pool area. Diapers may be changed in the bathrooms off the deck.
14. Pets are not allowed in the pool area (See rule #7 General and House).
15. The Maryland Department of Environmental Health requires swimmers to **shower** before entering the pool.
16. Members or guests may not enter the pool wearing street clothes or non-pool shoes. Only proper swimming attire may be worn in the pool. Our swimming pool is here for the use and pleasure of all our members; it is every member's job to help keep it clean.
17. Proper disposal of empty containers is required. No china or glassware is permitted in the pool area. All alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the Club and placed in plastic "glasses". All other beverages and food other than bottled water must be purchased from the Club when the Club is open.

Pool Guests

18. Non-member students who are enrolled in a sailing program will be permitted to swim in the pool with an instructor present. On busy days, it is understood that the non-member students must not deprive members of the use of a chaise lounge or chair. Non-member students and their guardians may use the pool after the Sailing School class. Guardians may use the pool during Sailing School.
19. It is the Club member's responsibility to ascertain that their guest(s) have not exceeded three visits to our pool before extending invitations to any non-members.
20. All guest expenses incurred by any guest will be the responsibility of the sponsoring member.



WATERFRONT AND BOAT YARD STORAGE

1. **ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS USING THE WATERFRONT AND YARD DO SO AT THEIR OWN PERIL. RHYC DOES NOT ASSUME ANY LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR DEATH FROM OR DURING THE USE OF THE WATERFRONT OR YARD FOR ANY REASON. ALL USERS HOLD RHYC, ITS MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS HARMLESS, FOR ANY REASON, FROM ANY INJURY OR DEATH DUE TO THE USE OF THE GROUNDS OR WATERFRONT.**
2. The waterfront is for the use of all members and their guests, while it sometimes gets crowded there is plenty of space for all to enjoy, we ask that you use common courtesy.
3. No boats may be tied to the floating dock overnight or for any extended period of time. The floating dock is for use by members who use the davit lift hoist, for regattas and loading and unloading.
4. The Club holds several regattas each year, all regatta dates and times are listed on our web site and in the club calendar. Regattas are a source of income for the Club and help us to keep the annual membership dues reasonable. If you need to use the waterfront during a regatta please do not interfere with the regatta participants launching their boats. Schedule your use of the waterfront around that event. Regattas generally will use the waterfront launch and or beach area for an hour during launching and retrieval. Please work around them.
5. No boats are to be stored on the grounds without a properly functioning road worthy trailer, except those vessels small enough to be properly stored on the RHYC racks. No boats may be stored on the grounds without a fully completed annual boat storage information form, filed with the Manager.
6. It is incumbent on the owner of every boat stored on the grounds, to make sure they have filled out an annual storage form, and that their storage bill is paid promptly.
7. All vessels and trailers having annual storage fee not paid will be considered abandoned. As such, a lien will be placed on the equipment and will be subject to disposal by the Club.



CAMPING

1. No camping permitted without express permission of the Club Manager or the Commodore or when offered by the Club as part of an official Regatta or official Club event.
2. No camping permitted beyond 3 days unless an event is scheduled for longer than a 3 day period. When an event ends, all camping permissions end no later than the next day by 10:00 am.
3. A Camping Application must be completed by all campers and approved by the Manager or Commodore in advance of setting up a campsite. Applications are available from the Manager or on the RHYC website.
4. Camping is only permitted in designated areas.
5. Campfires are not allowed.
6. No RVs, Camping Trailers, or other self-contained units are allowed on the premises without prior written approval from the RHYC. Campers and RVs are permitted for official Regatta competitors during Regattas and other official Club events at the sole discretion of the RHYC and/or as prescribed in the NOR or event invitation.
7. Campers must clean up completely after their stay. No burning of trash or waste. Trash receptacles are located on the grounds for use.
8. Campers must maintain a neat, quiet and respectful campsite at all times. Local residents and Club Members enjoy the beauty of our property and facilities, and we need everyone to cooperate to enjoy the benefits.
9. RHYC reserves the right to ask any camper to make changes in their campsite and/or to leave the premises if camping or other rules are not adhered to.

- RHYC Board of Directors