

# RIYC

## DOCK AND HARBOR RULES

**All members shall use common courtesy in following the dock rules.**

The Dockmaster may exercise discretion over these rules.

### DOCK

1. A 48-hour maximum cumulative time limit at the Club will be allowed all members' boats in any one 10-day period. This rule may be varied at the discretion of the Dockmaster. This rule applies throughout the year.
2. All visitors of recognized yacht clubs with boats, upon tying up at the Club dock, shall register and shall be advised that they will be welcome for a 24-hour period at the dock. During weekend, holidays, and special events (except Race Date) visitors' boats may not remain at the dock except for unloading and loading of supplies, passenger, etc. This rule may be varied at the discretion of the Dockmaster. See house Rule 17 for use of dock facilities by sailing organizations.
3. Since electrical power capacity to the docks is minimal, it may not be used to connect boats to shore power for purpose of running a boat's electrical system. Rather, its use is limited to short term repair work and other activities utilizing minimal power.
4. The Dockmaster and/or the Steward (by direction) reserves the right to assign member and visitors' temporary dock spaces, and to require relocation when necessary.
5. The Dockmaster may extend the docking privilege if any emergency or hardship situation is deemed to exist.
6. Members and visitors shall be obliged to use dock facilities properly and preserve adequate decorum.
7. Members, their guests, and/or authorized visitors, must assume full responsibility for their boats, dinghies, fenders, lines and other gear while at dock.
8. Visitors are expected to sign the Ram Island Yacht Club log, giving their own names, boat name, and hailing port and/or club.

9. Outboard motors shall be left in the down position when moored at the fixed and floating docks unless the raised outboard is protected by a Dockmaster approved prop guard.

10. Small boats (dinghies, etc.) must not be left in stowage on the dock or ramps nor can they be secured to the dock (tied) if their presence interferes with the landings of larger craft.

11. Refuse of any sort must not be discharged overboard or thrown from the dock. Garbage must be placed in garbage cans on north side of Clubhouse. Bottles and cans must be kept separate and not mixed with other trash or garbage. Newspaper and magazines will all also be separated from other garbage or trash.

12. No swimming from the fixed docks (Main and Lawton) is permitted. Members are reminded that all activities on the docks and floats must be conducted in a manner that does not interfere with the day-to-day activities of other Club members.

13. The Club maintains moorings in the Special Anchorage. Use of these moorings by members, their guests or visitors is limited to 48 hours at the discretion of the Dockmaster or the Steward. In June 2014, the Board of Trustees' approved the use of these moorings for the season by Club Members. See new Moorings Rule 8.

14. Use of the launching ramp is restricted to club members. Occasionally a member may wish to extend the use of the ramp to a non-member with whom he sails. In such cases, the member must be present. Discretion is expected.

15. Life Jackets are required for children twelve (12) years old and younger on the floats and fixed docks.

16. Two (2)-dock areas have been designated as reserved for boats to unload and load supplies, passengers, etc., they are:

a. The floating dock on the southwest end of the main dock.

b. At the end of the main dock, the last three pilings on the southeast side.

17. No boats, including dinghies and runabouts, shall be moored to fixed docks if the predicted wind speeds within the next 24-hour period is to exceed 25 knots from any direction. No boats, including dinghies and runabouts, shall be moored to floating docks if the predicted wind speeds within the next 24-hour period is to exceed 20 knots from any direction. Dinghies assigned to in water mooring spaces on the floating docks or on outhauls are excluded from this rule.

18. A maintenance fee will be assessed for the use of dinghy, paddleboard, and kayak storage on the docks or on land, excluding boats used in the Junior Sailing Program. The rates are:

- Dinghy Storage = \$125.00 (in or out of water)
- Lawn Storage = \$75.00
- Rack Storage = \$50.00

## MOORINGS

1. Noank Harbor moorings on the east side of the channel are assigned and monitored by the Noank Harbormaster and the Stonington Harbormaster *as applicable*. Registration with the harbormaster is required. Moorings north of the RIYC dock and west of the Channel are designated by member's use only and are regulated by the RIYC Waterfront Operations. Registration of these moorings is also required by the Noank Harbormaster. Ground tackle is to be maintained annually by the owner. Winter stakes must be removed by May 15th. Buoys need to be clearly marked.
2. Members are expected to treat each other's boats and equipment as private property. Unless specific permission has been granted by owner, no one is to board, borrow or molest Ram Island Yacht Club members' boats. In emergency conditions, where damage to members' (or Club) properties (or safety of personnel) is imminent, the Ram Island Yacht Club, through its responsible members, reserves the right to take any action deemed necessary.
3. The Ram Island Yacht Club skiff and certain other designated craft are normally available for transport to a mooring. Users will try to return same in as good (or better) condition than when borrowed. The Steward's duties do not include attending "go ashore" requests from moorings. The Club skiff is not to be left at a mooring.
4. All small boat waterfront stowage, whether permanent or temporary must be approved by the Dockmaster and paid for. All small boat stowage locations on the waterfront are assigned and the Dockmaster maintains these assignments. These assignments and their locations will be listed and displayed on the Club Bulletin Board on the North end of the porch. Only those members on the list are permitted to stow a dinghy on the waterfront. Only one stowage location is permitted per membership.

An area alongside the floating docks will be designated for in-water storage of inflatable dinghies and all assigned inflatable dinghies must be approved by the Dockmaster and paid for. Inflatable dinghies in this area are to be moored by their bowlines only and motors, if installed, will be in the down position. Maximum allowed length of inflatable is 11 feet.

This rule does not include members' boats used in the sailing program or junior sailing program boats stored on land or in the Opti racks on the floating docks.

This rule does apply to members' paddle boards and kayaks stored on the parking lot rack or in available spaces on the Opti racks on the floating docks.

If a member currently with a dinghy dock stowage assignment would prefer to elect to store his inflatable dinghy in the water, contact the Dockmaster to arrange the transfer, and you will give up your spot on the floats for reassignment.

Seasonal stickers will be place on the all small boats stored on the waterfront by the Dockmaster or be given to the member assignee by the Dockmaster to be placed on his/her boat. These stickers shall be placed on the starboard side of the outboard transoms.

5. Application *for all small boat* stowage should be made in writing to the Dockmaster. All such requests will be logged on a master list, *posted on the porch bulletin board* and space that may become available will be rented in strict accordance with order of receipt of request, except that preferences will be give to utility craft for the large boats moored at the Club and to Club-owned or sponsored service (work) small boats. Rental fees subject to applicable taxes are fixed by the Trustees. If a member does not use or plan to use a dinghy space, which has previously been assigned to him, he shall so notify the Dockmaster by *1 June* so that the space may be reassigned to another member on the waiting list *by the Dockmaster*. *When a reassignment is made by the Dockmaster*, it will be only for one season and the member to whom the space was originally assigned shall have preference for the following season. If the member to whom the space was originally assigned does not use the space in the season following the temporary assignment, he shall forfeit the space and revert to the end of the waiting list, if any. Members who are assigned dinghy spaces shall not reassign *or sublet*. In case of reassignment, any financial arrangements shall be between the members involved and shall not involve the Club. If a member fails to notify the Dockmaster by *1 June* and does not use his assigned space, the space may be reassigned at the Dockmaster's discretion after a reasonable effort to contact the member.

6. No stowage of small craft and trailers, excepted Club owned small craft and trailers would be allowed on the Club Property during the Winter Months.

7. It is expected that all members and guests are familiar with, and will observe, proper boating etiquette.

8. As of June 2014, Members may use the Club owned moorings for the season or part there of. The following rules apply:

a. Only members of RIYC may use these three moorings.

b. All member applicants must be on the Stonington and/or Noank Harbor Master's mooring waiting list.

c. The mooring usage season is from May 15<sup>th</sup> to October 1.

d. Usage applications may be obtained from the Chairman of the Waterfront Committee, filled out and returned to the Chairman of the Waterfront Committee, who will select applicants on a seniority basis.

e. All approved mooring applicants must have the vessels properly registered with applicable decals.

f. Applications must be submitted for each year's usage and forwarded to the Waterfront Committee Chairman by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

g. A listing of those members, whose mooring applications have been approved, will be listed on the Club's bulletin board.

h. If a Club member is to loan his approved mooring usage while he is off cruising etc., he/she may do so only to Club members and must submit this action, in writing, to the Dock Master.

i. If any of the three Stonington moorings are not assigned to a Club member, the Club will revert back to Dock Rule 13 and Mooring Rules 2 and 3.

j. It is the responsibility of the Club members assigned to the mooring to maintain the mooring. The Club will reimburse the Club Member for expenses related to ground tackle associated with maintenance of the mooring.

k. It is the responsibility of the Waterfront Committee to maintain the yearly permits.

l. A maintenance fee of \$250.00 plus tax will be charged to leave your boat at a Club mooring for the season or part there of.