



Merricks Yacht Club – Boat and Equipment Storage Rules

Preamble

Merricks Yacht Club is predominantly a sailing and boating club and provides a social hub for the Merricks community. The yacht club's conditions of lease with the MBFRCoM & DSE place restrictions on the use of powered craft. While power boats owned by members are able to be launched and retrieved through the yacht club yard using club infrastructure, this use is subject to restrictions.

The MYC boat yard is available for the storage of boats that are regularly used by members throughout the sailing and boating season. In the event that yard space is limited, members with boats that are not being used may be required (by the yard master with MYC committee approval) to remove their boats so that members who are regularly sailing and boating can store their boats in preference.

Boat and Equipment Storage Rules

1. Members must be financial and sign a declaration agreeing to abide by the MYC Boat and Equipment Storage Rules prior to being allocated a yard space or locker.
2. Only 'Boating Members' will be entitled to store their boat(s) in the yard.
 - a. Sailing boats which are in regular use will be provided first option of storage.
 - b. Powered 'tinnies' up to 4.2 m in length which are in regular use may be provided yard space if available.
 - c. Larger power boats over 4.2 m cannot be accommodated in the yard. Where approved by the Yardmaster and subject to safe working distances in consideration of other craft and yard movement, member's power boats may be left in the yard over night with the express purpose of re-launching the next day. This is possible for a maximum of 1 night only and it is anticipated that this will not become a regular occurrence.
 - d. All boats, other than very small craft such as sailboards and surf skis must be stored on trafficable trailers or dollies.
3. Yard spaces and lockers are allocated by the Yard Master.
 - a. Priority for yard space allocation will be made to members who are financial at the time of yard planning before the end of September each year.
 - b. If required by the Yardmaster, a different yard space can be allocated to a boat owner during the season.
 - c. A boat can only be moved to new location with the approval of the Yard Master or his delegate.
 - d. The Yardmaster can organise temporary relocation of member's boats to new positions to provide space for visitors during MYC hosted sailing/boating regattas and competitions.

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* Powered craft over 6 meters, PWC & Jet skis are not able to be launched at Merricks Beach.
Launching and retrieval of member's boats can only be undertaken by use of the tractor and or winches.
Merricks Yacht Club is not a general purpose boat ramp, only club members may launch their power boats.
Please discuss any queries or concerns with a committee member if clarification of these conditions is required.

- e. In the event that a member purchases a boat during the season it should not be expected that storage will be made available. Discussions should be undertaken with the Yardmaster as to space availability.
 - f. Storage of all small craft including surf skis, sail boards and inflatable craft can be applied for, subject to space in the yacht club racks. All small sailboards and surf ski equipment must be identifiable with the owners name and contact phone number.
4. Member's boats, lockers, equipment and yard space/s are to be kept in navigable, trafficable and neat and tidy conditions.
 5. If a member wishes to lock their boat, board, or trailer via chain, hitch lock, or other means, a key must be provided to the yard master to enable the item to be moved for purposes of yard management and maintenance.
 6. All craft must be identified & registered as certified by the Yardmaster on the yacht club data Base.
 - a. If requested owners will display a club provided sticker of currency on a clearly visible part of the boat when it is stored.
 7. At the end of each season it is expected that yachts will be removed from the yard to enable yard maintenance.
 8. Members should arrange for their own 'loss and liability' insurance for their craft and equipment as the yacht club does not carry insurance for property owned by members and their guests. (Liability Insurance is mandatory for all racing participants).
 9. While motor vehicles can enter the yard to drop-off/pick-up boats and equipment, motor vehicles are not to be parked in the yard on race days.
 10. Boats and equipment which are not in compliance with the MYC Boat and Equipment Storage Rules may have their sailing entries rejected, or may be liable to other such penalty including removal from the yard as prescribed by a majority ruling of the MYC Committee
 11. The Committee reserves the right to change this guideline as may be appropriate.

Owner's Declaration

I acknowledge and undertake to store my boat and equipment in accordance with the MYC Boat and Equipment Storage Rules.

I acknowledge the allocation of a yard space and/or locker represents a revokable licence and does not in any way convey proprietary rights to me by the club. I undertake to remove my boat and equipment from the yard if directed by the Yardmaster or his delegate for breach of the MYC Boat and Equipment Storage Rules with no right to rebate of the Yard Storage Fee. I also undertake to remove my boat and equipment from the yard if directed by the Rear Commodore or his delegate for limited periods to facilitate storage of boats engaged in Regattas being conducted by the Club with no right to rebate of the Yard Storage Fee.

By signing below, I certify I have read and understand the Owner's Declaration.

Signed	Name	Date	Boat Number and Name
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