



Merricks Yacht Club – Yard Space Allocation Guidelines

Preamble

Merricks Yacht Club is predominantly a sailing club, providing for sailing and a social community 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 will be subject to restrictions.

It is intended through the application of these guidelines, that the MYC boat yard is available for the storage of boats that are regularly used by members throughout the sailing and boating season. As such in the event that the yard is full, members with sailing boats that are not being used may be required (by the Yardmaster with MYC committee approval) to remove their boat(s) so that members who are regularly sailing and members who are regularly using powered 'tinnies' up to 4.2 m in length can store their boats in preference.

Guidelines

1. Only 'Boating Members' will be entitled to store their boat(s) in the yard.
2. Sailing boats which are in regular use will be provided first option of storage.
3. A member who remains un-financial, past the Season Opening Date, must remove their boat(s) from the yard.
4. 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.
5. Where a member provides advice to the yard master of intention to store their boat (proposed or otherwise) at a later date during the season, consideration will only be provided to paid up financial members.
6. Powered 'tinnies' up to 4.2 m in length which are in regular use may be provided yard space if available, subject to items 1 to 4 above.
7. 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 maximum of 1 night only and it is anticipated that this will not become a regular occurrence.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. All small sailboards and surf ski equipment must be identifiable with the owners name and contact phone number.
11. 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 Yardmaster to enable the item to be moved for purposes of yard management and maintenance.

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12. All craft must be identified & registered as certified by the Yardmaster on the yacht club Data Base.
13. At the end of each season it is expected that yachts will be removed from the yard to enable yard maintenance. From 2011/2012 season, boats that are not removed will incur additional storage charges.
14. 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).
15. Any equipment that remains 'unserviceable', 'damaged' or 'unusable' as deemed by the Yardmaster and Committee, will be identified for removal. The following will take place:
 - a. Notice of 'Intention of Removal' via Merricks Moments will take place and/or if an email address has been provided for the owner, an electronic notification will be sent.
 - b. If, after 3 months of the distribution of Merricks Matters, and/or email, the craft/equipment in question is not claimed directly with the Yardmaster, it will be disposed of either through sale (proceeds to MYC) or taken to the tip.
 - c. If the owner of disposed craft/equipment can be identified, tipping fees will be charged to the member concerned.
16. The Committee at its sole discretion, reserves the right to alter these guidelines as may be appropriate or required.

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