



WILLIAMSTOWN
SAILING CLUB

By-laws of Williamstown Sailing Club Inc

Incorporated association number A0000803A

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1 By-laws

- (a) Pursuant to rule 23 of the Rules of the Williamstown Sailing Club Inc ("**Club**") the Committee makes the following By-laws, which replace the current by-laws of the Club.
- (b) The expressions used in these By-laws have the same meaning as the expressions used in the Rules, unless the contrary intention appears.

2 Sailing rules

The sailing regulations of the Club will be the Racing Rules of the International Sailing Federation as modified by the prescriptions of the Australian Yachting Federation and subject to such alterations and modifications as are contained in the sailing instructions issued by the sailing committee or the Committee from time to time.

3 Club premises

3.1 Club hours

The Club's hours are between 6.00 am and 12.00 midnight. Between the hours of 12.00 midnight and 6.00 am, the Club Premises may only be entered for the purpose of sailing or fishing. Persons wishing to use the Club Premises for other purposes at these hours must obtain and carry with them written permission from the Committee or the Commodore.

3.2 Guests

Unless a Flag Officer determines otherwise:

- (a) Each senior Member may invite visitors to the upper deck for informal social gatherings at any time other than those occasions where the upper deck has been reserved for specific formal or official Club functions, the dates and times of which have been displayed on the Club notice board or published in the Club handbook or newsletter.
- (b) Each senior Member may invite visitors to the Club for the purpose of participating in boating, sailing or fishing activities or events, provided that the senior Member must not invite the same person on more than 3 (three) occasions without that person applying to become a Member.

Each senior Member must ensure that all of that Member's visitors sign in the visitor's book.

3.3 Consumption of liquor

Consumption of liquor is permitted only on the days and hours as set out in the Club's Liquor Licence and is limited to the upstairs area only. Liquor is not to be served to anyone under the age of 18 years. Members must sign in any visitors in the visitor book located at the entrance to the Club Premises. Decorum must be maintained in the Club and liquor must only be consumed in moderation. Persons under the influence of liquor are not allowed on the Club Premises.

3.4 Upper deck

Members on the upper deck must be dressed tidily, including footwear and shirt but not sailing, fishing or wet gear. Smoking is not permitted in the upper deck function room.

3.5 Hire and other use of the Club's upper deck

Senior Members may apply in writing to the Committee to hire the upper deck function room for special occasions involving their family. Members must serve a qualifying initial Membership period of 12 continuous months before being eligible for hire of the upper deck. The Committee may also approve use of the Club Premises or Club facilities by associations, educational institutions and charitable organisations. Fees and conditions are available from the Secretary. When areas of the Club Premises are used for special functions approved by the Committee, Members who are not participating must not intrude into the area. A notice showing the date, time and type of function will be placed on the Notice Board at the Club Premises 14 days prior to the event.

3.6 Dogs

Dogs are not allowed inside the buildings on the Club Premises at any time. In outside areas dogs must be restrained on a leash and remain with the owner.

3.7 Bicycles

Bicycles may not be brought into any part of the Club buildings at any time. Bicycles may be left in the outside parts of the Club Premises at the owner's risk.

3.8 Cleanliness of the Club

It is the responsibility of all Members to ensure that the Club Premises are kept in a clean state and is adequately secured.

4 Boats

4.1 Qualification of boats

A boat or yacht will only be accepted for registration on the Club's register if:

- (a) the boat or yacht has passed a seaworthiness check and is found suitable by the Committee, and complies with all statutory Acts, regulations and rules;
- (b) the boat or yacht is not used for financial gain; and
- (c) all owners of the boat or yacht are Members of the Club.

Members must report unseaworthy vessels or equipment (including moorings) to the Committee for action. The Committee may strike a vessel off the register. A person may register a second boat at a fee to be set by the Committee.

4.2 Restrictions for boats over 5.5 metres

No vessel over 5.5 meters in length (measured overall length of hull, excluding extensions) shall be allowed to use the launching ramp, slipway or tie up at the jetties.

4.3 Boat storage

- (a) Limited storage at Club Premises is available for off the beach boats after payment of the prescribed fee. Application should be made in writing to the Committee. Boats are stored at owner's risk. Priorities are based on participation in Club activities.
- (b) No person shall store their boat on the deck without first obtaining the permission of the Committee of Management.

4.4 Painting and repairing boats

Boats and yachts may be painted and repaired in designated areas. Areas must be cleaned daily and all scraps, shavings, etc, must be promptly removed. No Member will perform repairs or maintenance work on their own boat on the Club Premises during any working bee organised by the Club.

4.5 Access

Boats and yachts must not be rigged or left in such a position as to obstruct access to the public footpath, to and through the Club Premises or to the water.

4.6 Club dinghies

The Club dinghies will only be used by Members -

- (a) for transport to and from moorings with boats which are on the Club's register;
- (b) for official Club purposes; or
- (c) for emergencies.

The Club dinghies must not be left on the moorings, but must be returned to their proper place and locked as soon as practicable.

4.7 Jetties

On race days, boats other than yachts intending to race must not moor to the jetties between the hours of 11 am and 5 pm, other than to the outermost end of the south jetty and only for the purpose of loading and unloading.

4.8 Launching ramp

The launching ramp is closed to all boats (except those racing or on rescue duties) from 11 am to 6 pm on race days. Rescue boats have priority over all yachts for both launching and retrieval during this period. When using the ramp on non race days, Members must ensure that the double gates are locked and boom gate closed before sailing or fishing and on leaving the Club Premises.

5 Safety

Members using Club Premises or facilities must at all times exercise due care and attention to avoid harm to themselves and others.

5.1 Stowage of flammable material

Members must not store petrol or other flammable material on the Club Premises.

6 Maintenance

6.1 Mooring maintenance barge

The Club has been authorised by Parks Victoria to provide annual inspection, maintenance, repair and replacement where necessary of the moorings in zones WTA and WTB. The maintenance mooring barge must only be used by Members authorised by the Committee. The barge must only be used for servicing a Club Members' moorings, unless approval for other use has been given by the Committee. A Member's moored boat in the designated area WTA or WTB is entitled to one mooring inspection and report every year. The Club will carry out any repairs and replacements deemed necessary and will invoice the Member for all associated fees and costs. The Member must pay the Club the full amount invoiced within 30 days.

6.2 Slipmaster

The Slipmaster will be appointed by the Committee. The duties of the Slipmaster are to supervise and assist in the proper use of the slipway. The Slipmaster will keep a log of the use of the Club's slipway including the Member's name, the Member's boat name and planned dates for slipping and launching.

6.3 Slipway rules

- (a) The owner's name, the boat name and the planned dates for slipping and launching must be entered on the slipway board.
- (b) The allotted time periods that a boat may occupy the railed slip are:
 - (i) bottom cradle; under cover - 5 days;
 - (ii) top cradle; uncovered - 12 days.This period may be extended or reduced at the discretion of the Slipmaster or Committee.
- (c) All boats on the slip must be worked on or the owner will be requested to remove the boat.
- (d) It is the responsibility of Members using the slipway to dispose of waste materials in a lawful manner. Any burning of waste materials is forbidden.
- (e) Slipway must be cleaned to the satisfaction of the Slipmaster or, in his absence, an Officer of the Committee.
- (f) The slipway winch must be kept locked.

7 Miscellaneous

7.1 Trophies

Perpetual trophies will remain under the control of the Club at all times.

7.2 Owner's risk

Member's boats and other property are stored and used entirely at owner's risk.