

OPERATING POLICY
PORT ARTHUR YACHT CLUB

Club Operation Policy provides a code of ethics which will ensure enjoyable harmony for Club members and their guests. By adhering to these policies we will have a "ship-shape" Club area with which we will all be proud to be associated. Consideration for the rights of others is what it boils down to.

I. GUESTS

- A. Guests are welcome but must be accompanied by a member:
- B. Visitors holding membership cards in the United States Yacht Racing Union, Texas Yachting Association, or other recognized yacht clubs are always welcome.

II. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

- A. Prospective members shall be directed to a member of the Executive Committee, Director, or Officer of the Day for details in making application for membership.

III. CHILDREN

- A. To promote safety, children are not to be on the Club property without adult supervision.
- B. U. S. Coast Guard rules and regulations are to be followed when children are aboard any members' boat, as well as at all other times.
- C. Please keep aware of the danger to children on the piers and on the waterfront.

IV. PETS

- A. Pets are permitted only in the vicinity of the members' slip on weekends or holidays.
- B. Pets on the Club premises are to be restricted by a leash of less than five feet, and controlled by the member or tethered in the immediate area of the members' boat.
- C. Pets may not be allowed to remain tethered at the dock while the member is away from the area.
- D. Owners are responsible for maintaining their pets in such manner that the pets will create no disturbance to other members.
- E. Guests will not be permitted to bring pets into the Club area.

V. CLUB-OWNED BOATS

A. "Pram"

1. The term "PRAM" is used here to mean all Club-owned boats whether Pram, MiniFish, Laser or something newer.
2. It is mandatory that the Pram Rules be read before using the Prams.
3. The Prams are provided to teach sailing to children. As a member of the Club, you own the Prams. Careful handling of these boats will ensure a long service life from them and will teach your children care and maintenance of boats and equipment.
4. Children sailing the Prams must have adult supervision.
5. Members who do not abide by the rules for Prams will have those privileges taken away.

B. Power Boat

1. The yacht club service vessel shall be used by the various standing and appointed committees to carry out their on-the-water activities.

2. Members wishing to use the vessel shall:
 - a. Have completed the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety and Seamanship course or U. S. Power Squadrons Boating Safety course or equivalent
 - b. Have completed a checkout course administered by the harbormaster.
 - c. Have signed up to check out the vessel on the club events calendar.
3. The vessel shall be maintained by a service/maintenance contract obtained through a local boat brokerage/dealership.
4. Use of the vessel shall be limited to regular, associate and junior member 21 years of age or older.
5. Alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited.
6. Life jackets will be worn by all passengers while the vessel is moving.

VI. OUTDOOR GRILLS

- A. No portable grills will be used in the Clubhouse.
- B. Lighted grills are not to be left unattended.
- C. Charcoal and ashes to be disposed of are to be thoroughly quenched before being deposited in our litter barrels.
- D. Thoroughly clean the area. You may be the next one to use it.

VII. KEYS

- A. Keys, gate codes and fobs are available from the Secretary.
- B. One key and will be issued to each membership. An additional key may purchased for a deposit of \$5.00 each. Gate fobs are available for a deposit of \$15.00. The deposit will be refunded when keys are returned.
- C. A maximum of two keys and two gate fobs will be issued to each membership.
- D. If a key or gate fob is lost, the member must appear before the Board to request a replacement. Cost of such key or fob will be \$15.00, non-refundable.
- E. Keys and gate fobs are Club property and must be returned when the member resigns or is disenrolled.

VIII. HOIST

The hoist is a necessity for many members. Please be considerate of the rights of others.

- A. Hoist load limit is 3900 pounds. Know the weight of your boat before using.
- B. Use of the hoist is on a first-come basis.
- C. Trailers and vehicles will not be left in the vicinity of the hoist
- D. No maintenance may be done using the hoist. This is a requirement of our lease with the city. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action by the Club, and the Club lease could be broken by the city.

IX. GROUND RULES

- A. Speed limit on the Club property is 5 MPH. If you are raising dust at that speed, then go even slower.
- B. Private boats, motors, gas cans, sails, grills and other gear are not to be stored inside Club or in Club buildings.
- C. Members are responsible for placing all trash, debris, and other litter in the litter barrels or for hauling it off.
- D. Club area entry gates are to be locked by the last person leaving the area at night. If in doubt, lock the gate. Members remaining inside can unlock the gate for egress.

X. CLUB DOCKS

- A. Club docks are for intermittent temporary use only, no more than a few hours.
- B. Visitors and members who do not have slips in the Marina may moor their boat overnight. The area either side of the loading dock may be used, i.e. from the loading dock to slip D-0.
- C. Boats will not be left unattended at the loading dock in front of the flagpole. Boats left at the loading dock unattended will be removed at the owners risk.

XI. CLUB BUILDINGS

- A. The main area of the Clubhouse will be locked by the last person leaving it.
- B. Rest rooms must be locked at all times. There has already been a problem with persons at the Music Festival and Camp grounds passing the word that our rest rooms and showers are left unlocked.
- C. YOU are the one responsible for cleaning up after you have used the Clubhouse or Screen house.

XII. USE OF CLUB KITCHEN

- A. The Club kitchen may be used by any member on a shared basis.
- B. Do not feed your group in the kitchen or hinder the access of others to the kitchen facilities.
- C. Thoroughly clean up after using the area
- D. Do not leave unused food in the refrigerator for someone else to clean up.

XIII. Dock Box Guidelines

Dock boxes are to be a unit specifically designated by the manufacturer as an outdoor storage unit excluding truck boxes and other types of units not designated as a stand-alone storage unit. This also excludes homemade boxes, cabinets, etc. Materials of construction and color may vary, but in no case shall the unit be painted. If the unit is not presentable in its current state, it should not be placed on PAYC property. Size restrictions are as follows: height should not exceed width, box should not be so large as to restrict access to utilities or hinder access to dock walkways. Placement and mounting: access to utilities and walkways also applies to placement. All storage units must be mounted on a weather resistant platform, i.e. treated lumber and secured in such a manner as to prevent movement from high winds. Any deviation from these guidelines must be submitted to the PAYC Board of Directors for approval. Also, if compliance with these guidelines is in doubt, contact the Board of Directors for advice prior to installation.