

General Rules of the Muncie Sailing Club

These rules are intended to promote a safe and enjoyable experience for all members, affiliated persons, and guests of the Club and help ensure the Club's facilities are maintained for their enjoyment.

I. GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- A. Each member and their guest are expected to use a reasonable amount of prudence and care in every activity in or around the Club and water. All Safety Rules are subject to the general principle that accidents MUST be avoided at all costs.
- B. Except in emergency cases, no club boat shall be operated without the prior approval or duty assignment of the Harbor Master or Commodore.
- C. Children shall not be left unattended on the Club grounds.
- D. Each Club member and guest is personally responsible for the safety of their children.

II. PERSONAL BEHAVIOR AND GUESTS

In providing and promoting family-oriented sailing activities and facilities, Muncie Sailing Club is committed to ensuring and encouraging a safe and healthy environment for its members and guests. The Club expects everybody using the Club's facilities to behave in a manner that allows others to be safe and enjoy sailing activities.

- A. Adult (non-dependent) children of members are categorized as guests.
- B. Members are responsible for the conduct of each of their guests, and each guest shall be required to abide by all Club rules, Bylaws, and Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- C. Disruptive behavior or not complying with an order or request from the Commodore, a Board member, or Harbor Master will not be tolerated.
- D. Each member is required to keep guests and family members off the boats and property of other Club members.
- E. Each member must accompany their guests while on Club premises.
- F. Discrimination of any member or guest based on age, race, religion, sex, national origin, or disability will not be tolerated.
- G. Any person who is a member or a guest and makes any verbal threat or physical attack against another member or guest will be subject to immediate disciplinary action by the Board, up to and including immediate suspension or termination of membership.

III. GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

- A. Every member, their family, and guests are charged with the general responsibility for maintaining and upkeep the Club grounds. Members and guests shall pay special attention to the following:
 - 1) Deposit refuse in the containers provided.
 - 2) Refrain from cutting trees or bushes.
 - 3) Children are the responsibility of their parents.
 - 4) Hunting is not allowed anywhere on the Club grounds.
 - 5) Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times while on the club property. Dogs are not permitted in the clubhouse or in the screened porch at any time. Please remove waste left by pets.
 - 6) Do not block the ramp or beach area with your trailer or car after launching.
 - 7) Each member is responsible for locking and securing their property, and the Club assumes no liability for any loss.
 - 8) No member or guest shall use the day-sail hoist, Go-Hoist or gin pole without proper

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- instruction from the Harbormaster or designee
- 9) The club workboats are for official club use to support races, regattas, and other club events. Members may use the Club's workboats to render emergency assistance to individuals or boats on the reservoir.
- B. The Clubhouse, shelter, and beach may be reserved for a member's private party. At least two weeks notice must be given. To reserve the space, go to the members-only page on the website at <https://sail-msc.com/members-login/>. Include your name and phone number and what hours you will need. Club members are still allowed to use the facilities. The Clubhouse is for all member use during the season, so be sure to clean up and lock up as needed after use.
- C. The Dock house must be kept clean and orderly. The Dock house is not to be used for storage of personal equipment unless approved by the Harbormaster. All personal items shall be removed two weeks before Fall Dock Days.
- D. The firepit is for member use only. Extinguish fires before leaving and clean up the area.
- E. Fishing is not allowed anywhere on Club property. This includes, docks, boats, seawall and harbor.
- F. Never board another member's boat without permission unless boats or docks are in danger of being damaged. If you have to board another member's boat, notify the boat owner as soon as possible and explain the situation.
- G. Powerboats other than the Club boats are not allowed at the docks. Launching of powerboats, even by Club members, is not permitted from the Club ramp.
- H. Dry-sail boats must be secured by the stern and bow of the boat and trailer using strap tie-downs. High winds are capable of removing boats from trailers or flipping boats and trailers that are not properly secured.
- I. Wet-slip boats must be secured using a quality, double-braided nylon dock line. A boat that is less than 25 feet in length and has a gross displacement less than 3500 must use dock lines that are a minimum of $\frac{3}{8}$ " diameter and a minimum breaking strength of 4700 pounds. Boats of 25 feet in length or greater or a displacement of more than 3500 pounds must use $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter mooring line with a breaking strength of 8500 pounds. All mooring lines should be inspected at least once per month for chaffing and replaced immediately if chaffing is present.
- J. Members will be held responsible for damage to other members' boats if their boat is improperly secured.
- K. All co-owners of a boat must hold a current membership in the Club.
- L. New Members may be added to the wet-slip waitlist upon receiving full payment of Initiation Fees and Annual Dues. Existing Members who do not meet the membership renewal deadline (March 15) will have their names purged from the wet-slip waitlist. Re-instatement to the wet-slip waitlist will occur when total remittance for outstanding fees is received. Re-instatement to the wet-slip waiting list means that you forfeited your prior position and will be put on the bottom of the waitlist based on the date your total remittance is received in full.
- M. Members meeting the annual dues renewal deadline (March 15) will be assigned to the same wet-slip or dry-sail space for their boat previously held, unless changed by the Harbormaster for just cause (in which case notification will be given). If the member has requested a change, it will not be considered until after the annual dues deadline has passed and all no-change assignments have been made. If a request cannot be honored, the member will be given their prior space. New wet-slip and dry-sail space selections by the Harbormaster will be based on seniority of membership and waitlist status.

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- N. Each membership entitles a member to store multiple boats on the Club's grounds but no more than one (1) sailboat in a wet-slip during the regular sailing season.
- O. A Muncie Sailing Club member status is considered in a state of neglectfulness if any three of the following five criteria are observed and documented:
- The Prairie Creek Reservoir Sailboat Permit decal is not displayed on the boat at the time of launch.
 - The boat's existing State of Indiana boat registration decal is outdated.
 - At least one trailer tire is flat or missing.
 - Water has accumulated within the sailboat's interior.
 - Covers are torn and/or blown off.
 - An excessive amount of mold (approximately 50% covered) is present on the sailboat.
 - Trash is on or beneath the sailboat and trailer.

A member shall be notified, in writing, by the Harbormaster if their boat has met at least three of the above five criteria. The member shall have 15 days, after written notice, to correct the situation or respond to the Harbormaster with an acceptable reason corrective action cannot be promptly taken.

On the 16th day after the member's first written notice has been provided, the member shall be fined \$100 per month. The Harbormaster will have the boat and or trailer removed from the Club property at the owner's expense. The owner's membership will be suspended if the disciplinary action is not corrected within 30 days.

Any outstanding fees, including the derelict boat/trailer fine (\$100 per month), must be paid by the member before their membership will be accepted for renewal. A member who has dropped their membership, then later renews, must pay all outstanding fees associated with this policy before the violation.

IV. ENFORCEMENT

- A. A member who violates the Bylaws, Code of Conduct and Ethics, or General Rules of the Club shall be sanctioned by this section. In addition, a member or guest shall be personally and legally responsible for any damages arising from a violation by the member or their guest. Violations may be reported to the Commodore by a member.
- B. Upon the first violation, any officer or Board member may orally inform the member of the violation and request compliance with the Bylaws or General Rules or Code of Conduct and Ethics. The officer or Board member shall confirm this notice in writing with a copy to the Club Secretary.
- C. Upon a second violation or second notice of a previously uncured infringement, any officer or Board member may request the Commodore to inform the member in writing of the violation. Such notice shall include a copy of this provision of the General Rules, and a copy of this notice shall be given to the Club Secretary.
- D. Upon a third violation or third notice of a previously uncured infringement, the Board of Directors considers and levies a fine against the member for up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The member or guest shall be given written notice by the Commodore of the request, which notice shall include the time and date of the next meeting of the Board of

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Directors. At such a meeting, the member shall have a right to appear without counsel, attend the proceedings, and present a brief statement on their behalf. If the Board of Directors imposes a fine against the member, all rights and privileges of membership shall be suspended until the fine is paid in full.

- E. If a member persists in a violation of the Bylaw, Rules or Code of Conduct and Ethics after a fine has been levied and paid, then the Board of Directors may consider other sanctions against the member, including, but not limited to, loss of rights, suspension, or removal from membership. The member shall be given written notice of such request by the Commodore, and the notice shall include the time and date of the next meeting of the Board of Directors. At such a meeting, the member shall have a right to appear without counsel and present a brief statement on their behalf. Any decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.
- F. An exception to the above sanctions in this section will apply to any member or guest who makes a verbal threat or physical attack against another member or guest while on club grounds. In response to a report about a verbal threat or physical attack made by a member, the offending member shall be given written notice by the Commodore to appear in person, without counsel, before the Board of Directors and present a brief statement on their behalf. Any decision of the Board of Directors shall be final, including suspension or termination of membership.

V. WATERCRAFT

Members and guests of the Club are restricted to the following types of watercraft:

- 1) Sailboats – no larger than 26 ft. LOA, 10 ft. beam, 5,000 lbs. maximum
- 2) Self-powered (non-motorized) watercraft, including but not limited to kayaks and canoes.

VI. TRANSIENT GUESTS OF THE CLUB

- A. A transient guest is an individual (or individuals) temporarily in the Muncie Sailing Club area with a sailboat to park at and launch from the Club facilities for personal recreational purposes. The Muncie Sailing Club will host guests that are members of other reciprocating sailing clubs to promote sailing and meet the reciprocal access expectations.
- B. A transient guest will be provided access to the boat launch, and grounds, and a wet-slip, if available.
- C. Board officers and the Harbormaster have the authority to approve transient guests.
- D. Guests may stay for two days at no charge. For each day after that, they will be charged \$10/day up to 14 total days, payable to the treasurer.
- E. For stays longer than 14 days, a MSC membership will be required along with appropriate City Fees.
- F. A transient guest must:
 - Register 24 hours in advance of visit (name, boat information, reciprocating club membership identification).
 - Have a sailboat no larger than 26 ft. LOA, 10 ft. beam, 5,000 lbs. maximum.
 - Respect club facilities and not interfere with access by Club members.
 - Be a current member of reciprocating club.
 - Abide by the MSC Rules and Code of Conduct.
 - Transient guests are responsible for contacting the City Parks office (located at the Public Ramp) and paying any required fees.