

Grimsby & Cleethorpes Yacht Club

Moorings Policy (V1.08)

1. Introduction

1.1 It is the intention of the Grimsby & Cleethorpes Yacht Club (referred to hereafter as 'the club') to promote safety a Memorandum of Association (Articles of the Club)

1.2 A moorings allocation policy is required to provide for the good management of club berths.

1.3 There have been concerns that both club racing and cruising, whether in company or alone, are on the decline as the result of the club providing berths to yachts that are not being sailed. The Club needs to ensure that vessels that want to sail are not denied a berth by those that are inactive.

1.4 The Cruiser Committee does not want to turn away new members and their yachts by renewing and giving preference to existing inactive members and thereby denying people that want to sail, such an opportunity.

1.5 The Cruiser Committee will take into consideration the personal circumstances of the member before making any decisions.

2. Articles of the Club

The Objects of the Club are:

To encourage and popularise amateur seamanship in every way to provide the necessary training and to encourage and help members who have not previously taken part in the sport of Yachting to constitute regulate and conduct a club for Amateur Seamen, yachtsmen and yachswomen and to provide equip and maintain yachts, dinghies, boathouses, stores and Clubhouses; to afford to members of the Club (for themselves and their friends) all or any such advantages, accommodation and privileges which usually are or can conveniently be provided by a teaching and social Club and to organise a sailing school for this purpose and to provide a team of Honorary Club instructors and Yacht Skippers.

All Members shall be bound by the Rules governing berth reservation, joining and leaving Club vessels, whether owned by or on charter to the Club, cruising duties, inability to cruise owing to adverse weather, mishap or any other cause, or appertaining to any other subject.

The General Committee shall publish such rules from time to time as it thinks fit and shall have the power to alter such rules and to add to them or rescind them for the better regulation of the Club

3. Berthing Objectives

3.1 The Cruiser Committee will therefore:

Maximise the number of available moorings at the club,
Fill the available moorings,
Maximise the opportunities to provide temporary moorings when a berth comes available on a short term basis.

Maintain a waiting list for yachts that require berths,
Select & Interview prospective new berth holders,
Place new berth holders on a probationary period,
Have a policy to decide whether to renew berths for existing members.

4. Maximising the Number of Berths

4.1 The Cruiser Committee has already been looking at opportunities to maximise the total number of berths available and will keep this under review. The Cruiser Committee is looking at altering the pontoons to achieve more berths.

5. Filling berths

5.1 Filling the available berths on either on an allocated or temporary basis will maintain revenue for the club and maximise opportunities for people to participate in sailing.

5.2 The Cruiser Committee will devise and distribute a Berth Application Form to enable applicants to give information about themselves and their vessels prior to being offered an interview.

6. Waiting List

6.1 Prior to allocating a berth; the Cruiser Committee will consider the period of time that the applicant has been a member of the club, the period of time the applicant has been on the waiting list, the background of the applicant, the applicant's previous participation in club events, the vessel relative to the available berth, the instructional abilities etc. The Cruiser Committee will take into account all of these factors before offering a berth to a new member.

7. New Berth Holders

7.1 New berth holders will be placed on probation for 12 months before being confirmed as an 'allocated berth holder'. The probationary period as they see fit.

8. General Conditions Applicable to Berth Holders

8.1 Payment for club membership fees and the cruiser supplement must be received in full by the club by the 1st of January each year.

8.2 The Cruiser Committee will require details of the vessels certificate of insurance covering third party liability (currently limited to a minimum of £2,000,000.00 per claim)

8.3 The club may contact the insurance provider to verify details of any policy of insurance.

8.4 Owners of vessels will ensure that any third party contractor working on their vessel will have their own third party liability insurance and indemnifies the club as the result of working on club premises.

8.5 All vessels must be kept in a seaworthy condition. The Cruiser Committee reserves the right to require the owner of a vessel to produce a Condition Survey Report, to be completed by a professionally qualified surveyor (member of the Y . B . D . S . A . or equivalent) at the vessel owner that the vessel is structurally sound and poses no risk to safety or safe navigation in the docks. The request will be in writing and the owner will be given a reasonable period to have the survey completed.

8.6 No owner of crew shall cause annoyance or nuisance by the use of noisy equipment, radios, engines or other machinery. Halyards and other rigging will be secured as to not cause noise nuisance or annoyance.

8.7 The owner will ensure that all work on their vessel is carried out in a safe, workmanlike and tidy manner.

8.8 All waste materials shall be removed from club premises in a timely and safe way and then disposed of in an appropriate manner.

8.9 The Cruiser Committee reserves the right to board, move, moor or re berth any vessel or vehicle (and may use such force is reasonable to gain entry) for safety, security, prevent nuisance or the good management of berths.

8.10 No person(s) shall live aboard any vessel nor shall any vessel be used as a houseboat. At no time will any owner hire or rent out their vessel to any third party for residential purposes.

8.11 The owner must ensure that their vessel has its name clearly displayed in an appropriate form at all times.

8.12 No vessel shall be used for any commercial purposes without the written consent of the General Committee.

8.13 Owners and/or crews must report any damage caused to any other vessel, vehicle or club property or premises to a Flag Officer or Mooring Officer and shall make an entry in the club register provided for this purpose.

8.14 All vessels shall be moored in a safe and seamanlike manner and kept in a tidy condition.

8.15 If the Mooring Officer makes any recommendation to an owner about the means by which the vessel is secured, then the owner must follow the instruction given.

8.16 If vessels are lifted out onto the area of hard-standing then they must be secured on a cradle or other appropriate means of support, in a safe and workmanlike manner. All sails, cockpit dodgers and cockpit canopies must be removed prior to being lifted onto the area of hard-standing. No waste, property or equipment shall be left on the area of hard-standing without the permission of the Cruiser Committee.

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8.18 All owners and crews must follow club rules and any direction from a Flag Officer or Mooring Officer.

8.19 All vessels should be visited and checked on a regular basis. It is recommended that each vessel is visited at least once per month and prior to and after periods of adverse weather.

8.20 Owners will provide the Membership Secretary with details of their permanent home address, contact telephone number and alternative emergency contact details and keep the details up to date.

8.21 Owners must obtain the prior consent of the Cruiser Committee before changing their existing vessel for a different vessel. The vessel must be suitable for use at the club.

8.22 It is expected that vessels will be sailed on a regular basis.

8.23 Owners and their crews are expected to participate in club activities i.e. Regatta, Races/Cruises, Social Functions, Work Parties etc.

8.24 Owners and their crews must conduct themselves in a fit and appropriate manner and must not bring the club into disrepute.

8.25 Owners must promptly settle any outstanding debts or dues payable to the club.

9. Berth Allocation

9.1 No vessel may be brought to the club without the prior consent of the Rear Commodore (Cruisers), Membership Secretary or Moorings Officer.

9.2 The Cruiser Committee will have regular meetings to review and consider the allocation of berths throughout the season.

9.3 Each January, a berth allocation meeting will be held by the Cruiser Committee to decide on the allocation of berths in line with this policy.

9.4 The allocation of all berths will be reviewed on an annual basis.

9.5 No club member has a right to a berth, whether the one they occupied previously or any other berth.

10. Berth Allocation

10.1 The Cruiser Committee may require a berth holder to vacate their mooring or may not renew a berth allocation for one or more of the following reasons:

- The Membership and Cruiser Supplement has expired on the 1st of January for that year.
- A vessel has no current valid certificate of insurance liability (currently limited to a minimum of £2,000,000.00 per claim)
- Failing to carry out a Flag or Mooring Officer's instructions in the direction.
- Failure to comply with the Dock Masters rules.
- The vessel and/or berth is/are left in an unsafe condition.
- The vessel is not considered adequately seaworthy (e.g. ashore).
- The vessel has not been visited and checked by the Cruiser Committee.
- The craft is considered unsuitable for the club's use.
- Person(s) living on board.
- Commercial activity without the prior approval of the Cruiser Committee.
- The owner (or their nominee) has proved disinterested in the club.
- The vessel is considered to be in an unsafe condition.
- The vessel has not been sailed regularly.
- Failure to participate in club activities.
- Failure to observing club rules.

- Poor behaviour of the owner or crew.
- Bringing the club into disrepute.
- Failing to promptly settle any outstanding

10.2 The Cruiser Secretary will notify a berth holder in writing of a decision by the Cruiser Committee to require a berth holder to vacate their mooring or to refuse berth renewal. The notification will be sent by first class post to the address of the member held in the club register.

10.3 No return of the 'allocation fee' will be required to leave the club by the application of this policy and in any case will not be repayable after a vessel has been on a club berth for a period of 24 months or more.

10.4 Any return of funds from the berth allocation fee where a vessel has been on a club berth for a period less than 24 months will be on a pro rata basis.

10.5 Outstanding dues owed to the club will be deducted prior to the return of any fees.

10.6 Any fees that are repayable by the club under the terms of this policy will only be repaid by the treasurer at the end of the financial year (December).

10.7 Should a berth holder wish to be allocated a berth after vacating his mooring; he shall not automatically be re-allocated a berth, but will join the waiting list for available berths.

10.8 The upkeep, security and maintenance of the pontoon and finger adjacent to the allocated berth shall be the responsibility of the berth holder. Advice on these issues is available from members of the Cruiser Committee.

11. Appeals by Berth Holders

11.1 A berth holder will have the right of appeal against any decision to require a berth holder to vacate or a decision not to renew a berth to the General Committee.

11.2 Any appeal must be in writing, giving any explanation or other relevant supporting information. The letter of appeal must be received by the Honorary Secretary within 21 days from the date that the notification was posted by the Cruiser Secretary.

11.3 The Honorary Secretary (or their nominee) will present the appeal on behalf of the appellant. The appeal will be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the General Committee or a Special Meeting convened for this purpose.

11.4 The Commodore (or the person chairing the meeting) has the discretion to allow or to exclude the applicant from all or part of the hearing.

11.5 The Honorary Secretary will notify the appellant of the result of the appeal in writing. The decision by the General Committee or Special Committee is final.

12. Policy

12.1 This policy will be periodically reviewed and updated.

12.2 The Rear Commodore (Cruisers) is the person responsible for maintaining this policy and any amendments are subject to approval by the General Committee.

12.3 This policy was accepted in full and adopted by the General Committee on 9/12/13 (V1.05), amended on 10/2/14 (V1.06), 9/3/15 (V1.07) & 13/4/26 (V1.08).

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