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**WESTERN BEACH  
BOAT CLUB INC.**

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## **1. Membership Application**

- (1) Proposers and seconders of an application for membership of the Club must be financial members of the Club and have been members for not less than 12 months.
- (2) An associate member who has been a member for one year may apply to become an Ordinary Member in accordance with the Rules applicable to a new membership application.
- (3) A junior member who has attained the age of 18 years may apply to become an Ordinary Member in accordance with the Rules applicable to a new membership application.
- (4) The vendor of a boat on the Club's mooring grid cannot be a proposer or seconder of a membership application of the purchaser.
- (5) If an applicant for membership cannot comply with paragraph 1 he or she must provide 2 letters of reference from referees who have known the applicant for at least 5 years.
- (6) A boat owner applying for membership of the Club must complete the Boat Owners Statement in Schedule 1.

## **2. Membership**

- (1) An owner of a boat permanently secured on a mooring located in the Western Beach mooring grid must be a member of the Club.
- (2) Membership of the Club cannot be transferred to another person when ownership of a boat is transferred.
- (3) When a member ceases to be a member:
  - (a) the member must remove all personal property from the Club's premises within 28 days from the end of the membership.
  - (b) any property not removed may be disposed of by the Club as it sees fit
- (4) Members must not engage in or carry out any commercial activity or business on the Club's premises or use the Club's facilities for that purpose without first submitting an application to do so in writing to the Committee and obtaining the unanimous approval of all Committee members.
- (5) A member who has more than one boat in the Western Beach Mooring Grid must pay an additional annual subscription fee for each boat.

## **3. Committee**

- (1) A member cannot nominate, propose or second nominations for membership of the Committee unless all moneys due and payable by the member to the Club have been paid.
- (2) The Committee must at its first meeting of the financial year appoint a:-
  - (a) Yard Steward.
  - (b) Mooring Steward.
  - (c) Slipping Steward.
  - (d) Bar Steward.
- (3) The order of business for each ordinary Committee meeting will be:-
  - (a) Read and confirm minutes of previous meeting.
  - (b) Correspondence.
  - (c) Admission of new members.
  - (d) Treasurer's report and accounts for payment.
  - (e) Reports.

- (f) Motions on notice.
  - (g) General business.
- (4) The Committee may :-
- (a) appoint a Social Committee for the purpose of promoting and administering social activities for Club members.
  - (b) the Social Committee will be answerable to the Committee.

#### **4. Fees and Charges**

- (1) The membership application fee and the annual membership fee of the Club are set out in Schedule 6.
- (2) The fees and charges may be varied by the Club pursuant to the Rules
- (3) Incidental fees:-
  - (a) Incidental fees determined by the Committee must be paid on or before the date nominated in the fee notice.
  - (b) If the incidental fees are not paid by the due date the Committee may charge interest on the unpaid amount.
  - (c) Unless the Committee determines otherwise the membership of a member will cease if the incidental fees are not paid by the due date.

#### **5. Club Facilities**

##### **Gates**

- (1) A member leaving the Club must ensure that gates are closed.
- (2) Gates must be locked at sunset by any member at the Club present at the Club's premises at that time.

##### **Keys**

- (3) Club keys must only be in the possession of and used by members or persons authorized by the Committee.
- (4) A fee must be paid to replace lost keys.

##### **Jetty**

- (5) The north end of the jetty must only be used for a short term or in an emergency.
- (6) The jetty may be used by visiting boats.
- (7) Members must use the jetty in a manner that does not inconvenience other members.
- (8) Boats must not be left unattended at the jetty for more than 2 hours.
- (9) Boats must not be tied to the jetty diagonally behind the "L" section of the jetty.
- (10) Access ladders on the jetty must be kept clear at all times.
- (11) Boats must not be tied to the jetty in strong winds or when the wind is northerly greater than 15 knots.
- (12) Committee may direct that a boat be removed from the jetty at any time.

##### **Slipway**

- (13) Applications to use the slipway must be made with the Secretary.

- (14) The Slipway Agreement in Schedule 2 must be signed by the member before the slipway is used.
- (15) Use of the slipway is subject to compliance with the slipway agreement.
- (16) Unless otherwise agreed with the Secretary or Slipping Steward the maximum time allowed on the slip is 5 days on the bottom cradle and 10 days on the top cradle. An extension of time will only be considered if there are no other slip bookings.
- (17) The slipway may be used more than once by a member for the maximum time allowed or for a short time in an emergency if there are no other bookings for a fee determined by the Committee.
- (18) Members must notify the Secretary or Slipping Steward of any cancellation of a booking.
- (19) Boats weighing more than 15 tonnes are not permitted to use the slipway.

### **Storage of Boats in the Yard**

- (20) Boats must not be placed on a hardstand or constructed in the yard without the prior approval of the Yard Steward.
- (21) The proposed use of the yard must be first approved by the Committee.
- (22) The Yard Hardstand Agreement in Schedule 3 must be signed before a boat is placed in the yard.
- (23) The continued use of the yard is subject to compliance with the hardstand agreement.
- (24) Boats exceeding 12 metres from stern to bow and 15 tonnes are not permitted to be stored in the yard.
- (25) Boats in the yard must not be sandblasted without the prior approval of the committee and unless a refundable deposit determined by the Committee is paid.

### **Dinghies**

- (26) Dinghies must not be placed in the dinghy rack in the yard or in the dinghy shed without the prior approval of the Yard Steward.
- (27) Dinghies stored in the dinghy rack must have member's boat name or registration number clearly visible.
- (28) All dinghies and oars in the dinghy rack must be locked to the racks.
- (29) Dinghies must not be of a size that is greater than can be reasonably accommodated on the dinghy rack or in the dinghy shed.

**Please Note:** Tenders/Dinghies must be fit for purpose and seaworthy.

### **Yard**

- (30) Members with boats in the yard must keep the area around their boats clean and tidy.
- (31) Member's cars must not be left in the yard for more than 4 continuous days without the prior approval of the Committee.
- (32) Member's dogs must be kept on a leash at all times when in the yard and any mess created by the dog immediately cleaned up.

### **Moorings**

- (33) The Mooring Steward will be responsible for the allocation and location of new and existing moorings.
- (34) A new ordinary member is entitled to purchase a mooring from the Club one year after the date on which he or she became a member at a cost fixed by the Club provided that:-
  - (a) a mooring is available; and
  - (b) Parks Victoria has issued a permit to the member to locate a mooring in the Western Beach Mooring Grid

- (35) A new ordinary member is entitled to rent a mooring from the Club for the term of one year commencing on the date on which he or she became a member of the Club at an annual rental fixed by the Club provided a mooring is available.
- (36) The Mooring Agreement in Schedule 4 must be signed by members with a boat in the Western Beach Mooring Grid.
- (37) Members with a boat in the Western Beach Mooring Grid must comply with the terms and conditions of the Mooring Agreement.
- (38) Moorings must comply with or exceed the specifications set out in the Club's typical swing mooring apparatus standard drawing.
- (39) Moorings must only be identified with mooring buoys displaying the mooring number issued by the Club.

## **6. Visitors**

- (1) Visitors may stay on a Club mooring and use the Club's facilities for up to 7 days without charge.
- (2) The Mooring Steward must be notified of and approve the visitor's stay.
- (3) If a visitor intends to use the Club's facilities a deposit for a key must be paid which will be refunded on the return of the key.
- (4) If a visitor stays on a mooring for more than 7 days the Casual Mooring Agreement in Schedule 5 must be signed and the prescribed fee paid.