



THE DARIEN BOAT CLUB INCORPORATED

Dockside Slip Rules and Regulations

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The following Rules and Regulations are put in place by the Executive Committee of the Darien Boat Club. These rules are adopted as amendment #1 to the "House and Ground Rules" effective 1-01-2007, per Article VII, Section 4c of the Bylaws. These rules are meant primarily for slip holders and applicants, but apply to all members. Violation of these rules and regulations could result in the forfeiture of your slip or removal from the waiting list. The Executive Committee urges all slip holders to read the rules carefully. The Executive Committee will have the final word on the interpretation of the content of this document.

Section 1. Wait List and Slip Upgrades

1. Dockside slip space is available to members in good standing of the Darien Boat Club, Inc. and only upon assignment by the Mooring Committee. Limit: (One space per membership-family)
2. Membership in this Club shall not in any way oblige the Club to provide dockside slip space; The member must submit a proper application and wait until a suitable space becomes available.
3. To apply for a Dockside Slip: Please go to www.darienboatclub.org and print out an "Application for Dockside Mooring", or pick one up at the club office. Complete the application and return it to the Mooring Chairman. List as much information as you can about your boat including Make, Length, Beam (Width) and Connecticut Vessel Registration Number. There are strict definitions of these measurements on the Application.
4. The date your application is received by the Mooring Chairman will establish your priority on the Waiting List. Boat size is important. Depending on the "Class" of boat, waiting time will vary and can be significant.
5. All fees are based on the size or "Class" of your slip.
6. The procedure for making assignments from the waiting list is: When a slip becomes available, the Mooring Chairman will contact the first person on the waiting list who has an application for that slip size and offer the slip to that applicant. If that person refuses the slip, the chairman will continue down the list in chronological order until someone accepts the slip. You may refuse a slip only one time. After the second refusal, your name will be removed from the waiting list for a period of three years. After three years has expired, you will have to submit a new application. Your priority on the waiting list will be established by the date of your first slip application. If you accept the slip you will be billed and have 30 days or until June 15th of the current year, which ever is longer, to place a boat in the slip. You must have paid in full before berthing your boat. If you do not place your boat in the slip in the given time, you will lose the slip and your position on the waiting list for a period of three years. After three years has expired, you will have to submit a new application. Your priority on the waiting list will be established by the date of your first slip application.
7. A member does not have to own a boat to be placed on the waiting list, however you must pick a size or "Class" of slip you wish to wait for and complete an application. You may not be on the waiting list for more than one boat unless one is a dinghy. You must give up your dingy slip when you receive a slip for a larger boat.
8. A member may change the size or "Class" of slip they wish to wait for, at any time, by filling out another application with the change and submitting it to the Mooring Chairman. The change will take effect on February 15, following the submission. Your priority on the waiting list will not change and will be established by the date of your first slip application.
9. Periodically the Mooring Chairman will request the members on the waiting list to update their information. This will be done by sending a letter to the slip holder address of record. If a response is not received within 3 months the member will be removed from the wait list. They may reapply at a later date by completing a new application and their priority on the waiting list will be established by the date of their first slip application.

Section 2. Use of Slip

1. The Darien Boat Club Inc. shall not be held liable for any damages resulting from, personal injury to, or loss, or damage to any property of any member, his/her family, or his/her guest, while on the facilities and property of this Club.
2. Members must have their boats in their slip by June 15th each boating season. Members are encouraged to PLAN AHEAD to insure they can make the deadline. If a member is unable to make the deadline they must notify the Mooring Chairman in writing in advance of the deadline. The Mooring Committee will discuss the issue and may grant an extension. All extensions will be granted in writing.
3. Members must submit a current copy of their Connecticut DMV Vessel Registration and proof of insurance to the club each boating season prior to May 1st. Proof of insurance will be in the form of the "Declaration Page" from the member's insurance policy indicating at least \$300,000 of "Liability" insurance. It is strongly recommended that the liability insurance include pollution liability as part of the liability coverage.
4. With an extensive waiting list, it is necessary for the club to mandate the use of your slip. If you plan to berth your boat elsewhere during any part of the season, you must give up your slip. Taking your boat on vacation with you is acceptable, however if your boat is going to be absent for more than three weeks during the season, you need to notify the Dock Master in writing with your departure date, expected return date, and an explanation for the long absence.
5. The boating season "Closing Day" will vary from year to year based on weather conditions. The date will be announced prior to October 15th of each year. Any boat not removed from the floats prior to the announced closing date will be fined \$50 for the period of one to five days after which loss of slip space will occur and membership may be terminated.
6. Members must wholly own the boat in their slip unless they are in a club recognized "Partnership" (see rules pertaining to Partnerships below). Children of members may not be included on ownership documentation (Connecticut DMV Vessel Registration).
7. Members may not rent, transfer or allow others to use the space assigned to them or allow any non-member to use his boat more than three times per year without the Mooring Committee's written permission.
8. Members may permit non-member guests to use their boats or equipment without personally being present provided:
 - a) Such use is authorized in writing by the member and such authorization is filed with the Dock Master.
 - b) Such use is not extended to the same non-member guest more than 3 times during any season.
 - c) Non-member guests are subject to and must abide by all Club rules and regulations.
9. Members who had a space at the end of the previous season will be assigned a space providing they still own the same boat and have paid the required fee on or before February 1st. The Club does not guarantee the same berth from year to year.
10. If your boat is larger than the parameters permit, you will not be allowed to berth your boat at the Club.
11. A slip holder may not berth a new boat in their current slip without written approval from the Mooring Committee. To obtain this approval, a "New Boat in Existing Slip" application must be filled out and submitted to the Mooring Chairman. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PLACE A BOAT IN YOUR SLIP THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN YOUR BOAT OF RECORD."**
12. If the new boat is larger than the "Maximum Size Boat" specification on the "Class Specifications" sheet, you will be placed on the waiting list using the date that your first slip application was received as your position on the list. If no prior application is available, the chairman will go back to the date of your membership.
13. Every attempt will be made to honor requests for upgrades/downgrades, but they must be registered with the Mooring Chairman before February 15 of any boating season. Requests after that date will be listed for the following year. Upgrades/Downgrades will be placed on the waiting list. Your priority on the waiting list will be established by the date of your first original slip application.
14. In an emergency (illness or major malfunction with your boat) you may petition the Mooring Committee to "furlough" your slip for up to one season. Except in the cases of extreme emergency, all requests to furlough must be submitted in writing to the Mooring Chairman prior to the season Opening Day of the Club. You will be charged for the slip, but someone else will be allowed to use it for the time you are away. A slip will again be yours for the following boating season. Any fees collected for the use of the slip will be refunded to you, up to the amount you were charged. You will only be allowed to furlough once in any 5 year period.

15. Generally the boat club does not have temporary space available. However, from time to time the club does have “Furloughed” slips that will be offered to members on the waiting list in chronological order. If you are offered a “Furloughed” slip, you may refuse it with no penalty. If you accept a “Furloughed” slip, you will be charged a prorated fee for the balance of the boating season. At the end of the boating season, you will relinquish the slip and go back on the waiting list in your original position.

Section 3. Use of the Dock Facilities

1. All members are required to sign the registration book immediately upon arrival at this clubhouse before making use of any Club facilities, listing time-in, time-out and the names of any guests.
2. Members are to observe harbor rules at all times and exercise caution when approaching or leaving the dock area. Members are responsible for damage caused by their boats, whether anchored or underway in the dock area. Members causing damage to, or suffering damage from boats in the dock area will report the damage to the Dock Staff or Mooring Committee immediately.
3. The dock area is a no wake zone. Members are hereby warned that violation of this regulation is considered a serious offense.
4. The stern of each boat must be secured to the floats by means of approved brackets, except for boats berthed on the front line, which will be secured by bow lines to the pilings and stern lines to the floats. The boat shall be made fast so that the bow cannot swing into, damage, or obstruct the adjacent boats. Brackets should be hinged at the dock without extensions, in order to prevent damage to the docks.
5. Each boat must place two fenders on each side in order to prevent damage to adjacent boats.
6. Boats are not to be left unattended on the beach or tied to the float, gangway railing, pilings, or club building or other than properly designated areas and assigned facilities. Boats found in any such place may be impounded and the member fined.
7. Porta-Potties may not be emptied in the bathrooms at the Boat Club. The Boat Club is on a septic system that was designed for the limited facilities that we have. Please take your waste home or to an approved pump-out facility. A list of facilities is available on the Connecticut DEP web site: www.ct.gov/dep

Section 4. Partnerships

1. If you want to form a partnership, you must petition the Mooring Committee. This can only be done at the time of initial slip space assignment. Any transfer or partnership arrangement made after the slip space has been assigned will result in forfeiture of that slip space.
2. Partners must wait through the wait list for an equivalent slip size or “Class” before they can take over the partnership.
3. Once a partner has waited through the list for an equivalent slip size or “Class”, the Mooring Chairman will offer the partner their own slip. They may accept their own slip, and the partnership will be dissolved, or they may continue the partnership and become a “Primary Partner.” Primary Partners can take over the slip assignment if the partner who was originally assigned the slip leaves the Club or wishes to dissolve the partnership.
4. The Darien Boat Club is not responsible for disputes between partners. If disputes become irreconcilable, the slip will go to the member that it was originally assigned and the partnership will be dissolved.
5. To dissolve a partnership, all the partners need to notify the Mooring Chairman in writing. If the member who was originally assigned the slip leaves the club and the other partner(s) are not “Primary Partners” as defined above, the slip will be forfeited. The partners will remain on the wait list.

Section 5. Membership

1. Dockside slip space is available only to members in good standing of the Darien Boat Club Inc. and only upon assignment by the Mooring Committee. A member who fails to maintain a legal residence (domicile) in the town of Darien for a period of more than six months and a day per year shall not be entitled to membership in this club or an assignment or reassignment of a

dockside slip space by the Mooring Committee. Proof of domicile may be requested of any member at any time by the Executive Committee and must be furnished upon request. Each member must furnish a street address (mail drops and/or business addresses are not acceptable), and a telephone number where the member can be reached (Unpublished telephone numbers will be kept confidential upon request). Simple property ownership does not qualify; the member must reside at the Darien address. The burden of providing residency to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee rests with the member whose residency is in question. The Executive Committee may require the member to provide such documentation as the committee in its sole discretion deems sufficient to establish that member meets and continues to meet the residency requirement. In addition to such documentation, the Executive Committee may require a member to provide affidavits to support this claim of residency.

2. With the enormous cost of time and money to prepare mailings, all members should provide the club with an electronic email address. It is the member's responsibility to keep the address current.

3. Children of members may not inherit their parent's slip. The children must join the club and wait for a slip on the waiting list.

4. Children of members must join the club after their 21st birthday or upon their marriage which ever comes first, as per our Bylaws. Married children or children over the age of 21, who are non-members, will be treated as guests, even if they live with their parents.

Section 6. Boat Maintenance

1. Members must maintain a motor able to safely maneuver the vessel in good working order. Rowing dinghies in Classes 15/16 are exempt.

2. All sail boats must be powered and can only use power in the dock areas.

3. Members must maintain their boats in good working order. The Dock Master may from time to time request that a member demonstrate his or her boat is operational and in seaworthy condition. The practice of paddling a boat into the slip in the Spring and out in the Fall in order to keep the slip, will not be tolerated and will result in forfeiture of that slip.

4. If at the discretion of the Dock Master or members of the Executive Committee it is determined that any boat might sink and it is therefore necessary for the Boat Club to pump the boat, there will be a \$25 fee, and if a second or subsequent pumpings are required, a \$50 fee will be charged for each. The Darien Boat Club is not responsible for the maintenance and care of your boat.

Section 7. Gasoline and Oil

1. Gasoline and oil is only available to members in good standing, and during periods of short supply, only in quantities as specified by the Dock Master. It must be paid for immediately upon receipt with a credit card approved by the Club. Cash and checks will not be accepted.

2. Gasoline obtained from the club's gasoline pump must be used only in members' boats.

3. Pouring of gasoline or oil on the floats is prohibited since spillage will destroy the flotation supporting the floats.

4. Transferring gas or oil into your boat in quantities greater than 2 Gallons is prohibited. The potential for an environmental spill is too great to allow such transfers.

5. Portable gasoline tanks will be filled only in the area adjacent to the gasoline pump.

6. Only "built in" gasoline tanks may be filled in boats.

7. No smoking will be permitted on the gas dock, on the gangway or on the deck in the area adjacent to the gas pump.