

**CLUB RULES  
LONG BEACH YACHT  
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**I. General:**

1. These club rules have been prepared for your guidance as to conduct, issue of identification cards, reciprocity, guest privileges, club operations, pool policy, fiscal policies, and administration of the club committees.

**II. General Conduct:**

1. All persons on club property are expected to observe all club rules and regulations. Members are expected to help in maintaining a clean club appearance. Adult members are responsible for the conduct of their children and guests. Members must reimburse the club for any damages caused by themselves, their children, or their guests. Members should always observe general safety rules.

2. The Governing Board can suspend club privileges of anyone as deemed necessary. Either the Commodore, Vice Commodore, or Rear Commodore are authorized to place an immediate temporary suspension in effect pending action by the Governing Board.

3. The Fleet Captain (with respect to use and care of boats and conduct of participants and members on the racecourse) and the Pool Chairman (with respect to pool activities) and the House Chairman (with respect to House Activities) are authorized to place immediate temporary suspension in effect pending action by the Board.

4. Acts which could result in suspension include but are not limited to:
  - a. Theft while on club property
  - b. Vandalism or destruction of club or private property such as boats, etc., which are rightfully on club property.
  - c. Speeding or reckless driving on club property.
  - d. Acts endangering the safety of others.
  - e. Littering of club property.
  - f. Violation of club rules.
  - g. Fighting.
  - h. Inappropriate conduct or obscene language.
  - i. Violation of club fiscal policies.
  - j. Violation of club rules relative to use of club boats.

5. Membership privileges may be suspended by action of the Governing Board under current bylaws.

6. Membership privileges may be revoked by action of the Governing Board under current bylaws.

7. Any member suspended under the above listed rules shall have the right to a timely hearing to adjudicate his case pursuant to the provisions of the current bylaws.

### **III. Liability:**

1. Neither the Long Beach Yacht Club nor any employee shall be liable for the loss or destruction of or damage to a boat or vehicle or anything therein or thereon from any cause whatsoever, or for injuries to a member, or any person, or any property that be sustained by the member's use of the Long Beach Yacht Club facilities, boats, and/or equipment. Members shall indemnify and hold harmless the Long Beach Yacht Club, Board Members, and its employees from such liability.

### **IV. Identification Cards:**

1. Long Beach Yacht Club members and their spouses are issued WHITE plastic membership credit cards with an account number. Upon written request from a parent or legal guardian, JUNIOR recognition cards with the members account number will be issued to dependent children ages 10 through 20, and to children 21 and 22 who are attending college as full-time students. Each card shall have the birth date of the dependent child imprinted on it. Regular JUNIOR members are issued a JUNIOR plastic membership credit card with an account number, and each card shall have the birth date of the Junior member imprinted on the card.

- a. No alcoholic beverages shall be charged to dependent children with a JUNIOR membership card unless the dependent child is age 21 or over, even if it is stated that the beverage is to be consumed by an adult.
- b. No alcoholic beverages shall be charged to a Junior membership card unless that member is age 21 or over, even if it is stated that the beverage is to be consumed by an adult.

2. Any person requesting service from the Long Beach Yacht Club such as food, beverages, etc. will be required to present a valid membership or recognition card. No person will be allowed to charge on another family's account number.

## **V. Reciprocity:**

1. Membership in the Long Beach Yacht Club entitles members to guest privileges in all the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) member clubs and most other yacht clubs in the United States.

2. Most clubs in the Gulf Yachting Association operate on a cash basis. However, some clubs use a charge system and/or coupons or chit cards. Each club has its own restrictions, limitations and guest privileges. Members should be aware of and abide by the host club regulations.

3. The Long Beach Yacht Club has reciprocal privileges with certain GYA clubs whereby charges may be made by our members at those clubs. Charges will be billed to our club and subsequently billed to our members. A list of clubs recognizing reciprocal privileges is available.

4. Reciprocity with Gulf Yachting Association Member Clubs.

a. The Long Beach Yacht Club has written reciprocal agreements with other GYA member clubs listed in the current United States Sailing Association yearbook or U.S. Register of Yacht Clubs. Such agreements permit members from other clubs to charge purchases at our club and payment will be made by their club or pay cash.

b. The Long Beach Yacht Club reserves the right NOT to recognize clubs which do not have full club facilities to extend to our membership.

## **VI. Guest Privileges**

1. Definitions:

a. Non-Resident Guest: A person who does not belong to a recognized yacht club and whose residence is located outside Harrison County, and who is temporarily visiting the Gulf Coast Area.

b. Resident Guest: A person who does not belong to a recognized yacht club and whose residence is located inside Harrison County.

2. Food and Beverage service.

a. Adult LBYC members may bring guests, either resident or non-resident, to the Long Beach Yacht Club for Food and Beverage service at any time during normal club operations.

b. LBYC members must be present at the club at all times with their guests. When the member leaves, the guest shall also leave.

3. Club Bar:

a. NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21) IS TO BE SERVED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR IS TO HAVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THEIR POSSESSION ANYWHERE ON CLUB PROPERTY. NO ONE UNDER 21 MAY STAND OR SIT AT THE BAR OTHER THAN TO COMPLETE A PURCHASE. AN ADULT MEMBER OTHER THAN A CLUB EMPLOYEE MUST BE ON THE PREMISES AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE UNDERAGE PERSON.

4. Club Parties: Resident or non-resident guests will be permitted to attend club sponsored parties so long as they are accompanied by a Long Beach Yacht Club member who has invited them. This policy is subject to change by special approval of the Governing Board.

5. Swimming Pool: Only members of the Long Beach Yacht Club and their invited guests are entitled to use of the swimming pool. The inviting member must be present for use of the pool by their invited guest. No person under the age of thirteen (13) will be permitted inside the pool enclosure unless accompanied by a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age. The club does not furnish lifeguards, and adult members of the club will be responsible for their own safety and for the safety of their children, grandchildren, and guests.

#### **VII. Visitor Recognition:**

1. Members of recognized Gulf Yachting Association member clubs or other approved yacht clubs shall be required to present their current membership card with proper identification of his/her YACHT CLUB affiliation.

2. Visiting members of recognized yacht clubs other than GYA member clubs shall be required to present their current membership card. They shall have no charge privileges unless reciprocal agreements are in effect. They may pay by check or cash.

#### **VIII. Club Operations.**

1. The hours of operation of the club facilities and pool shall be posted. The club may close earlier at the discretion of the House Chairman for lack of business, bad weather, etc.

2. The House Chairman has the responsibility for the operation for the food/beverage functions of the club. The House Chairman will be responsible to the Governing Board for effecting general club policies regarding food, beverage, and related functions.

#### **IX. Club Rental – Catering.**

1. Club members may rent certain club facilities, excluding the pool, for personal parties. Rental fees depend upon the amount of club facilities being utilized. The rental fee will be quoted by the House Chairman. The Club Bar, rest rooms, and pool shall be accessible to all members when the club is used for any rental activity during normal operating hours.

2. Functions sponsored by the yacht club or any of its activities (Ladies Auxiliary, Junior Activities, etc.) take priority over any private party in the club, PROVIDED, that such activity is scheduled with the House Chairman in advance of a rental agreement with the private party.

3. The House Chairman may authorize rentals to non-members of the club if such rental is in the best interest of the club.

4. Parties not specifically covered by these rules will be referred to the House Committee for approval or disapproval.

5. Request for rental must be submitted in sufficient time to the rental chairperson.

6. Private parties by individual members may be charged to the member's account or be paid with a check or cash at the conclusion of the event unless other arrangements are made with the House Chairman.

7. No food or beverages purchased elsewhere may be brought into the club without the permission of the House Chairman.

8. All alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the club.

9. Club members may use the deck without charge for private parties, if the party does not exceed twenty persons for each member present. Under current rules, if more than twenty persons per member are present, there will be a rental charge. Members are allowed to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages onto the deck for private parties.

## **X. Charge Sales**

1. Members requesting food and beverage services will be required to present their plastic membership cards in order to have their name and account number recorded on their service invoice. Members shall sign their invoice before departing the club for the day. Failure to sign an invoice does not alleviate a member from being responsible for the payment of their bill. Failure to sign will incur an automatic 18% gratuity.

2. In no event will charges be billed directly to a visiting member. Visiting members of clubs having reciprocal agreements with the Long Beach Yacht Club may charge food, beverages, etc. to their yacht club.

## **XI. Credit System:**

1. Purchases: All purchases made at the Long Beach Yacht Club shall be made by charge to the individual member's account. Cash, checks or credit cards will be accepted from members and bona fide resident and non-resident guests at the discretion of the House Chairman.

2. Account Number (or Membership Number): Each member will be assigned an account number.

3. Billing: Each member will be billed monthly for purchases made during the preceding month and payment will be due upon receipt of statement. If any indebtedness is not paid and received by the LBYC by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month in which the bill becomes due, the member owing same will be delinquent and shall be subject to penalty as hereinafter provided.

### **4. Penalties and Suspension:**

**a.** Posting of Member's Names (31-60 days): If the member's indebtedness has not been paid by the end of the FIRST month following the month of purchase, the delinquent member's name and account will be red-lined in the computer and that member shall not be allowed to charge at the Long Beach Yacht Club or any other GYA yacht club until the account is paid in full.

**b.** Suspension of club privileges (over 61 days). If any portion of a member's indebtedness is not paid in full by the end of the SECOND month following the month of purchase, the delinquent member's club privileges, including guest privileges, shall be suspended and a notice will be sent to

GYA clubs with whom we have reciprocal agreements that charges made by the delinquent member will not be honored by the Long Beach Yacht Club. Only payment of the account in full shall reinstate the privileges of the member.

**c.** Dropped from membership rolls (over 91 days): If any portion of a member's indebtedness has not been paid by the end of the THIRD month following month of purchase, the delinquent member may by action of the Governing Board, be dropped from the membership of the club and all privileges thereof denied to them. The said member may only be reinstated by payment of all obligations, or upon request of the delinquent member, by other such agreement as may be approved by the Governing Board. Repeated suspensions of club privileges may also be cause for a member to be dropped from the rolls at the discretion of the Governing Board.

**d.** Any member temporarily leaving the area who, before departure, notifies the club office in WRITING that he will be absent from the area for a period of time not to exceed thirty days, shall be exempt from penalties and delinquent notice, with the understanding that his or her account becomes due and payable upon their return. Any member who will be absent from the area for more than thirty days shall make other arrangements to have his account paid before it becomes delinquent.

**e.** Bad Checks: Members will be assessed \$40.00 for any check returned to the club unpaid by the member's bank and will be liable for any late charges applicable to their LBYC account. NOTE: Payment by check which is subsequently returned by a bank for insufficient funds will not be considered a timely payment of a member's indebtedness.

**f.** Members under suspension or dropped from the rolls shall not be permitted to use the club facilities under their previous membership or as a guest of another member.

## **XII. Swimming Pool**

**1.** Period of operation: Circumstances permitting, the pool will be open from April 1 through October 30 each year. During the period November 1 through March 31, the pool gates will be locked, except that the pool may be opened by the House Committee Chairman if he/she deems it appropriate.

**2.** Hours of operation: The pool will be available to members from 8 AM until closing time during days that the club is open, and from 8AM until 10 PM on days that the club is closed. The combination to the gate may be obtained from the House Chairman or one of the bar personnel.

**3.** Lifeguards: No lifeguards will be on duty at the pool. It is recommended for safe swimming that the BUDDY SYSTEM be used whenever entering the pool. Members, children, and guests shall use the pool at their own risk.

**4.** Safety: Children under the age of thirteen (13) shall not be allowed inside the pool or the pool enclosure unless accompanied by a person who is at least age eighteen (18) years of age.

**5.** Reciprocity: Members of other GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION member clubs may use the pool provided their club has pool facilities and extends similar privileges to LBYC members.

**6. Special Rules:**

- a.** Swim attire will be worn when using the pool.
- b.** No pets are allowed in pool area.
- c.** No toys except those designated for use in pools will be permitted.
- d.** Trash, paper cups or cans must be disposed of in the proper containers placed near the pool enclosure.
- e.** No running or horse play will be permitted in the pool area.
- f.** For insurance purposes, there shall be no diving into the pool.
- g.** ABSOLUTELY NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND SHALL BE TAKEN INTO THE POOL ENCLOSURE.
- h.** The pool will be closed for safety reasons during electrical storms.
- i.** Persons wearing suntan oil or lotions that will discolor the sides of the pool should shower before entering the pool.
- j.** Persons refusing to leave pool at closing time or attempting to use the pool during officially closed periods are subject to provisions of Rule II, (General Conduct).

**XIII. Flying Scot Rules:**

**1. Certification:** All members in good standing of the Long Beach Yacht Club and their dependent children who have club privileges by virtue of membership are eligible to skipper LBYC owned Flying Scots. In order to be authorized to skipper, a person must be certified by the Fleet Captain or his designated representative. The One Design chairman is a designated representative. Application forms shall be available in the club office or at the bar.

**2. Non-members** shall not be allowed to use the club Flying Scots or other boats, except as the guest crew of a club member who is a certified skipper and is acting in that capacity.

**3. Flying Scots** are used at the discretion of the Fleet Captain or the designated chairperson.

**4. Races:**

- a.** The Fleet Captain or his designated representative shall determine who may enter regattas and which Flying Scot(s) may be used.
- b.** Skippers shall observe the rules of the regatta and shall be responsible for the conduct of their crew at the regatta.
- c.** Skippers are urged to use other certified skippers as crew.

**5. Unsupervised pleasure sailing:**

**a. Sail Lockers:**

**(1)** Members shall not use the sails that are designated for racing except with the permission of the Fleet Captain or his designated representative. These are normally reserved for use during regattas.

**(2)** Keys to the sail locker are available at the bar.

**(3)** Each equipment bin in the sail locker contains a mainsail, jib, paddle, battens, anchor and line, SOS flag, a "throwable" flotation device, and six (6) life jackets.

**b. Specific Rules:**

- (1)** At least one certified skipper must be aboard the Flying Scot(s).
- (2)** The number of people sailing aboard a Flying Scot shall not be more than six (6).
- (3)** A minimum age of FIFTEEN (15) years shall be required for certification of a skipper for the use of a Flying Scot for racing or for unsupervised pleasure sailing.
- (4)** The Flying Scot(s) shall not be sailed more than two (2) miles from the Long Beach harbor without approval from the Fleet Captain or his designated representative.
- (5)** Flying Scot(s) shall not be sailed in winds exceeding fifteen (15) knots, in threatening or inclement weather, or when Small Craft Warnings are in effect.
- (6)** Flying Scot(s) shall not be sailed in the Long Beach Harbor except for exit or entry.
- (7)** Flying Scot(s) checked out for sailing shall be returned to club not later than one-half (½) hour before sunset.
- (8)** No person shall fish or swim from a Flying Scot.
- (9)** Except in case of an emergency, Flying Scot(s) shall not be anchored or moored other than in the water adjacent to the beach south of the Long Beach Yacht Club.
- (10)** Flying Scot(s) shall not be used for PLEASURE sailing during scheduled sailing lessons or races or regattas.

**c. The certified skipper who signs out a Flying Scot shall have the following duties and responsibilities:**

- (1)** To ensure that all rules are observed by crew members.
- (2)** To ensure that his conduct and the conduct of his crew are courteous.
- (3)** To see that the boat, equipment, gear, sails, etc. are properly cared for and neatly stored after use. The Flying Scot(s) shall be properly secured on trailers, properly parked and tilted to ensure drainage.

**6. Penalties:**

- a.** Certified skippers who violate these rules shall be subject to reprimand or suspension of use of the Flying Scot(s) for not more than one year by the Sailing Committee. For serious or repeated violations, the Sailing Committee may recommend to the Governing Board of the Long Beach Yacht Club that more severe penalties be imposed.

**XIV: Docks and Piers**

1. (This space reserved)

**XV: Boat and Trailer Parking**

1. Boats and boat trailers that belong to members of the Long Beach Yacht Club may be beached or parked on club property in the areas designated by the Beachmaster. The fee for placing a boat or boat trailer on Club property is determined by the Board of Governors. The fee is billed to the member's account at the time the boat or boat trailer is first parked on club property and is billed monthly unless other arrangements are made. The fee is not pro-rated or refunded if the boat or boat trailer is removed.

2. On a space available basis, members of GYA yacht clubs other than LBYC



members may park a boat or boat trailer on Club property. The parking fee will be paid in advance each year for the amount of time desired and will be billed to the GYA member's yacht club. In the event that all parking spaces become filled and a Long Beach Yacht Club member desires to park a boat on club property, the most recent GYA member who has legally parked his boat or boat trailer on club property will be notified to remove his boat and/or boat trailer within 14 days, and any unused fees remaining will be refunded to him by mail.

3. Members of LBYC or members of other GYA clubs who desire to leave their boats and/or boat trailers on club property must contact the Beachmaster prior to parking.

4. LBYC members may not occupy more than one beach space and one boat trailer space at any given time. Other GYA members may not occupy more than one total space at any time.

5. Persons who have a boat or boat trailer parked on Long Beach Yacht Club property must have their account number and yacht club affiliation permanently affixed to the boat or boat trailer so that the Beachmaster can determine who to bill for the parking fees.

#### **XVI. Vehicle Parking:**

1. Parking space is limited. Members and their dependents shall park vehicles in a manner which will not impede the flow of traffic.

2. Mobile motor homes and camper trailers are not allowed on club premises, except to unload boats, sails, etc. for regattas hosted by the Long Beach Yacht Club. Special permission must be obtained from the Governing Board to accommodate such vehicles during regattas such as National/International events, LBYC special events, or as otherwise granted by the board of governors.

#### **XVII. Use of Club Facilities:**

1. The club facilities (buildings, grounds, pool, boats, etc.) will be used only for club sponsored functions. Special permission must be obtained from the Governing Board to promote non-profit functions. Members must coordinate with the House Chairman to use outdoor cooking facilities and/or the deck for private gatherings.

2. Club property shall not be removed from the premises without the approval of the House Chairman. Club rules and/or bylaws govern the use of club owned boats. The Fleet Captain or the One Design Chairman shall authorize the use of boats/trailers for regattas.

#### **XVIII. Flag Etiquette:**

1. The Governing Board shall adopt a standard policy for displaying the National Colors, the Long Beach Yacht Club Burgee, State and/or Foreign Flags, other Yacht Club Burgees, and Code Flags. The policy shall be in conformance with established precedents, as referenced in "Chapman's Handbook".

2. The Long Beach Yacht Club flag display is illuminated and the flags may be flown day or night. However, they should be lowered prior to hurricane or storm warnings, and they should be checked weekly for torn flags, tangled halyards, etc.

3. The flagpole and flag halyards should be inspected at least ANNUALLY by the Building and Grounds Chairman and repainted or repaired as needed.

**XIX. Trophies – Photographs:**

1. Trophies, plaques, and framed photographs will be appropriately displayed and maintained as prescribed by club bylaws. The trophies will be kept in the trophy case. Photographs will be limited to those portraying the history of the club and regatta participation.

2. The House Chairman is responsible for proper display and maintenance of trophies and framed photographs.

**XX: Complaints:**

1. Complaints by members must be directed to the Long Beach Yacht Club Governing Board through the Commodore.

2. Complaints must be in writing and state names, dates, facts, circumstances of the complaint. The Commodore will act in accordance with club bylaws.

**XXI. Miscellaneous:**

1. Attire: All persons using the club facilities shall be appropriately attired while in the club. Members and guests must wear shirts and shoes while in the building and should be casually attired (in good taste) while dining.

2. Pets: No pets shall be permitted in the club except for service animals.

**XXII. Amendments:**

1. Any changes to the club rules must be submitted in writing to the Board of Governors and with specific reference to the current rule(s) which the remitter wishes to be amended, deleted, or changed.

2. These club rules shall be updated as needed by the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors may appoint a Rules Committee who shall recommend and draft changes. All changes must be approved by the Board of Governors, and copies of the amended rules made available to all members.