

GEORGE LAKES YACHT CLUB BYE-LAWS

ARE BINDING ON ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS WHILE ON OR OPERATING FROM CLUB PREMISES. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THESE BYE-LAWS, ANY VESSEL INTENDED TO CARRY ONE OR MORE PERSONS. AND TO BE USED ON WATER SHALL BE CONSIDERED A BOAT.

1. All Club Members and their guests shall be bound by the rules and regulations of the National Parks Board as applied to Island Lake.
2. Persons applying for membership of the Club may be considered as probationary members, and may enjoy Club facilities and functions for the period between submitting their application forms and receiving the results of their application from the General Committee.
3. Dogs are not allowed on Club premises at any time under any conditions save for animals assisting disabled persons..
4. Open fires shall not be made at places other than the approved Club braai areas.
5. Camping shall require Committee approval.
6. Children under the age of 16 years shall wear adequate personal buoyancy whenever on the water, in a boat, at all times
7. Only sailing dinghies, canoes, sailboards and catamarans under 6m may be operated from the premises of George Lakes Yacht Club. The club does not cater for keelboats and large multihulls.
8. Powerboats shall not be launched or retrieved from Club premises without the prior permission of the Committee. The Club Committee boat, Service boat, and Rescue boats are exempt from this Bylaw.
9. Any boat that is used on the water shall be in a SEAWORTHY condition and shall carry adequate personal buoyancy for each person on board at all times while on the water. If the "Y" code flag is flown from the Bridge, life jackets shall be worn by all while on the water. The Sailing Committee on duty on the day shall be the sole arbiters of "Seaworthy" of any boat to be used from the Club premises.
10. If Code flag "Q" is flown from the Bridge. This signal flag shall mean "NO CRAFT SHALL LEAVE THE SHORE".
11. The safety of the persons on board a boat is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of the boat and it should be made clear to all on board, before leaving the shore.
12. No alcohol shall be consumed on club committee, service or rescue boats.
13. Fishing is not permitted from any part of the club shoreline.
14. Persons under the age of sixteen shall not be in charge of any power boat operating from the Club premises and shall not drive any power boat unless under the direct charge of a competent adult who shall be on board the power boat.
15. Launching dollies shall not be left in the water or on the slipway. They shall be pulled at least two meters clear of the waters edge after the launching of the parent boat.
16. Members of the Club shall notify the Committee of any change in ownership status of boats or yachts. If they purchase a boat or yacht, they shall make known its class, name and sail number and from whom obtained. If they dispose of a boat or yacht they shall make known its class, name, sail number and to whom it was disposed.
17. All members shall render reasonable assistance to the disciplinary subcommittee in investigating and deciding on disciplinary matters.
18. **BOAT SHED ALLOCATION**
The allocation and control of boat shed hire is a function of the General Committee, with due regard to existing hire agreements, historical and traditional arrangements, and the need to promote both active sailing of all seaworthy boats, and member participation in club activities. Boats, which are regularly sailed, will always take precedence over those, which are merely stored at the club gathering dust.
- 18.1 "Regularly sailed" is defined as being sailed at the club at least ten times during a season, unless approved by the committee prior to absence.

- 18.2 Preference in shed allocation shall also be given to club members who are active on committee or who assist with club affairs and racing.
- 18.3 Any member wishing to hire a boat shed shall apply to the Committee on the prescribed form.
- 18.4 The Committee shall keep a strict chronological register of all such applications.
- 18.5 Once a shed has been allocated to a member, an occupation agreement will be drawn up, signed by both parties, and will be placed on record.
- 18.6 Intention to evict an occupier by the committee will be given in writing with 30 days' notice.
- 18.7 Intention to vacate a shed, by the member, shall be given in writing to the Committee.
- 18.8 In the case of a boat shed or it's contents apparently being abandoned by the occupier without his having given notice, it shall not be re-allocated unless every effort has been made to contact the member to establish the facts.
- 18.9 Voting members will be given preference. Allocations will be made to qualifying members in strict order of receipt of application.
- 18.10 Boat shed occupiers will be allowed to permit other craft to be housed alongside their own boats.
- 18.11 A member may not transfer his right to a boat shed to another member. This applies equally to the case where an occupier sells his boat to another member or intended member. The new owner may apply for a shed. A boat shed may then be allocated when it becomes available.
- 18.12 A boat owner, who for any reason is unable to sail his boat on a regular basis, may allow another member to sail it, without having to give up his right to his allocated boat shed.
- 18.13 The Committee has the right to reallocate boat sheds on the grounds of inactivity, or other good reason. The occupier has the right to appeal the decision.
- 18.14 Both Club annual subscription and boat shed fee must be fully paid up on due date (see clause 9.5): Failure to comply with this provision will result in summary eviction without 30 days' notice.
19. No boat may be launched from club premises without it being in possession of a valid National Parks Board license.
20. All bye- laws in force shall be posted on a notice board, duly dated, and shall remain posted and visible until revised.
21. All previous bye -laws are repealed, and are replaced by these bye -laws.