

Watkins Glen Yacht Club, Inc.

House and Grounds Rules and Regulations

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**Statement of Policy**

The Watkins Glen Yacht Club, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization. The club property, facilities, docks, slips and RV sites are not for public use. All members, visitors, and guests are subject to the rules of the Watkins Glen Yacht Club and its Board of Directors. Members, visitors and their guests assume all risks and responsibilities inherent with being on club grounds as well as members' private docks/slips/sites and their boats/RVs and furthermore, release Watkins Glen Yacht Club of any liability.

**A. Members and Guests**

1. All visitors and guests must follow all Club rules.
2. The Club member being visited is required to inform guests of the rules and in doing so acknowledge that in consideration of the permission being granted to them for use of the Club and its facilities, they assume all risks and release the Watkins Glen Yacht Club as stated above, under "A". Furthermore, visitors and guests accept full responsibility for the safe operation of their boats/RVs, as well as all risk related to docking. Members are responsible for the conduct of, and any debts incurred by, their visitors and guests.
3. No members or guests shall cause inconvenience to or infringe on the rights of others.
4. No member's children or grandchildren under the age of 21 may operate or remove any boat/RV from its mooring/site without the owner being present and assuming responsibility for the operation of the boat/RV.
5. Member's children under the age of 21 yrs may not occupy any boat/RV unless parents or responsible adults are present.
6. Member's children and guests over the age of 21 yrs may occupy a member's boat/RV providing the Dockmaster is notified in advance and that they are made aware of the rules of the Club and follow them.
7. No person under the age of 21 shall consume any alcoholic beverage while on Club property or while on any vessel/RV tied to or using docks/sites under Club jurisdiction.

**B. Facilities**

**1. Club Facilities**

- a. The WGYC facilities are for the use of Club members and it is the responsibility of those using the facilities to clean up after use.
- b. Rest rooms and showers are for the convenience of all members and guests. Please limit your time and **clean up** after yourself. **DO NOT** inconvenience others. The refrigerator in the Clubhouse is for the use of the Entertainment Committee **only** – there is a refrigerator in the Tiki Bar for members'/guests' use. **Club functions will be given priority for cooking and refrigeration facilities in the Clubhouse and Tiki Bar.**

c. The pumper is furnished by the Club for the convenience of its members and is only to be used and operated by members over 21 years of age. It is the responsibility of the person using the pumper to see that it is emptied after each use and that there is gas in the tractor. The Club furnishes gas. If for any reason you cannot operate the equipment, please advise the Dockmaster and you will be provided with assistance.

**NOTE:** it is not only illegal but also unethical to discharge raw sewage into any waters of New York State.

## 2. Docks/Slips/Sites

### a. Dockmaster

1. No owner shall use the docks, slips, sites, Club property or facilities of the Watkins Glen Yacht Club unless said owner is a **member in good standing**.
2. The Dockmaster maintains the responsibility for keeping records of dock/site ownership and reservations for guests.
3. All transfers of docks and RV sites must go through the Dockmaster **PRIOR** to any transfer to another member.

### b. Dock owners

1. All dock/site owners are responsible for the maintenance of their docks/sites. All docks/sites will be maintained to the standards as set by the Board of Directors. All members should read and understand the provisions set forth in the **Watkins Glen Yacht Club By Laws Chapter 1 Section 7-d**.
2. There will be no commercial boat/RV repair on the Watkins Glen Yacht Club premises other than between 8AM-5PM Monday through Friday on boats/RVs owned by members and in their slips/sites only. It is requested that the owner notify the Dockmaster if work will be performed on a boat/RV when the owner is absent.

### c. Guest dock

1. No boat shall use the docks, slips, club property or facilities of the Watkins Glen Yacht Club unless the owner of said boat is a member in good standing of the Watkins Glen Yacht Club or is a member of another recognized, registered Yacht Club. However, a member in good standing of the Watkins Glen Yacht Club may request guest boat privileges on behalf of a boat owner who is not a member of a recognized registered Yacht Club. Such member, in doing so, assumes responsibility for the conduct, action and behavior of such guest(s). Members of registered Yacht Clubs shall have preference regarding available docking facilities.
2. Visiting boats that qualify, upon registration by their owners, will be granted docking privileges for 48 hours, provided that they comply with all rules of the Watkins Glen Yacht Club and the House & Grounds rules. This may be extended subject to availability and approval of the Dockmaster.
3. The Board of Directors shall set dock fees and the Dockmaster or his/her duly appointed assistant shall be responsible for the collection of these fees. The Dockmaster, or his/her duly appointed assistant, shall have sole authority for the allocation of the club docking facilities. A guest

without the written consent of a member shall use no dock or slip assignment of a member, except in case of an emergency.

d. Grounds

1. Parking/traffic

- a. Vehicles belonging to members or guests will not be parked in front of other member's docks or at their RV park site without their permission. Parking for additional vehicles shall be in the guest parking area. All vehicles will be parked on the dockside of the roadway in such a way as to allow ample room for the other vehicles to enter and exit. All trailers, with or without boats, will be parked either in one of the dock owners' designated parking spots or in the designated boat trailer parking area. **WGYC assumes no responsibility for damage or loss to any trailers.**
- b. **All vehicular traffic on Club grounds shall not exceed 10 miles per hour.**
- c. No unlicensed person is to operate a motorized vehicle on Club property unless they are an outside contractor who carries their own liability insurance and are under the supervision of an agent of said outside contractor.

2. Pets

- a. Pets owned by members and guests shall be allowed on Club grounds only as long as they are **on a leash**, under the control of the owners and the owners shall be responsible for the actions and behavior of such pets. The area east of the road, between the Wastewater Treatment Plant access road and the WGYC road shall be considered a pet walking and exercise area. All pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets in any area.
- b. Any member having a complaint about or objecting to a pet of another member shall make such objection or complaint known to the pet owner and to any Officer. If a satisfactory solution to such problem cannot be reached, it shall be referred to the Board of Directors and both parties shall accept the decision of the Board.

C. Safety

1. **There will be no gasoline or diesel refueling at the docks or on any Club property.**
2. No open fires allowed on any dock. LP grills will not be allowed on the dock behind the boats. Grills must be on the roadside of the walkway and tanks turned off when not in use.
3. Dispose of smoking material, beverage containers and trash in the containers provided.
4. Dock lights are required to be in working order. Notify the Dockmaster if repairs are needed.
5. **Air conditioners/heaters in boats/RVs are not to be left running for an extended period of time (more than 1 day) without the owner present.**

**REMEMBER:** These rules are in place for the convenience, safety and security of all members, guests, boats, RVs and personal belongings located on the Club property. **Our club's security is the responsibility of each and every member.** The Club is monitored by members at all times, and people wandering about on Club property should be approached by any member to see if we can be of assistance.