

Bendigo Yacht Club Inc.

By-Laws

Pursuant to Rule 55 of the Bendigo Yacht Clubs Rules of Incorporation the General Committee of the Bendigo Yacht Club resolved the following By-Laws on the 3rd day of June 2021.

These By-Laws come into operation on the 1 August 2021 and replace all preceding By-Laws.

Within these By-Laws terms such as Club, General Committee, Member/s and similar terms shall have the same meaning as described in the Bendigo Yacht Club Rules of Incorporation.

Preamble

These By-Laws have been developed to promote inclusivity and the enjoyment of all members and visitors to Bendigo Yacht Club.

They are also in support of the Club's purpose, being:

- a) To promote and encourage the sport of sailing.
- b) To provide for and conduct yacht races, regattas and seasonal programs of races and to provide for non-competitive sailing.
- c) To provide training and tuition in the art of sailing and any other related disciplines.
- d) To provide for the wellbeing, comfort, entertainment, social contact and accommodation of its members, guests and visitors.

1. Committee responsibilities

The General Committee as soon as practical after the Annual General Meeting shall:

- 1.1. Appoint a Caravan and Camping Officer.
- 1.2. Appoint a Boat Storage Officer.
- 1.3. Appoint other positions of responsibility the General Committee feels are required.
- 1.4. Set the following fees:
 - 1.4.1. Annual boat storage.
 - 1.4.2. Annual caravan site.
 - 1.4.3. Annual camping.
 - 1.4.4. Casual camping
 - 1.4.5. Club joining
 - 1.4.6. Annual racing.
 - 1.4.7. Casual racing.
 - 1.4.8. Boat hire.
 - 1.4.9. Other fees deemed to be required by the General Committee.

2. Caravan Site Management

- 2.1. Caravan sites are only available to financial sailing members
- 2.2. On 1st September of each membership year all caravan sites become vacant and are reallocated for the following membership year.
- 2.3. Sites will be allocated by the General Committee upon completion of the Caravan Site Agreement and payment of the site fees.
- 2.4. Priority will be given to ongoing site holders who will be allocated the same site whenever possible.
- 2.5. Late or non-payment of annual subscriptions will render the occupied site to be deemed vacant.
- 2.6. When a site becomes vacant it will be allocated in order of the applications received.
- 2.7. Any breach of the Caravan Site Agreement must be reported to the Secretary. The Site holder will be informed, in writing, of the breach and given an opportunity to address the issue. If the breach is not rectified the General Committee may request, in writing, for the immediate removal of the caravan and the site will be deemed vacant.
- 2.8. Caravans occupying a site deemed vacant
 - 2.8.1. The caravan will be towed to a storage area within the leasehold
 - 2.8.2. The owner will be formally requested by the General Committee to remove the caravan from the Club grounds.
 - 2.8.3. Where the request has not been acted upon within three months of the formal request, another request will be sent via registered post to the address provided by the member requesting the removal of the caravan by a specified date.
 - 2.8.4. The caravan will be considered to be abandoned if it is not removed by the date specified in the second request (2.8.3)
 - 2.8.5. Abandoned caravans will become the property of the Bendigo Yacht Club.

3. Camping Site Management

- 3.1. Camping sites are available to financial members and guests
- 3.2. Long term camping sites will be allocated on application the General Committee through the Caravan and Camping officer.
- 3.3. Short term camping sites will be allocated on application to the Caravan and Camping Officer.

4. Boat Storage

- 4.1. Boat storage is only available to financial members
- 4.2. At the end of each membership year all sites storage sites become vacant and are reallocated for the following membership year.
- 4.3. Sites will be reallocated by the General Committee once the Boat Storage Agreement is received.

- 4.4. Priority will be given to members who frequently sail and ongoing site holders will be allocated the same site whenever possible.
- 4.5. Late or non-payment of annual subscriptions will render the occupied site to be deemed vacant.
- 4.6. When a site becomes vacant it will be allocated in order of the applications received.
- 4.7. Any breach of the Boat Storage Agreement must be reported to the Secretary. The site holder will be informed, in writing, of the breach and given an opportunity to address the issue. If the breach is not rectified the General Committee may request, in writing, for the immediate removal of the boat and the site will be deemed vacant.
- 4.8. Boats occupying a site deemed vacant
 - 4.8.1. The boat will be towed to a storage area within the leasehold
 - 4.8.2. The owner will be formally requested by the General Committee to remove the boat from the Club grounds.
 - 4.8.3. Where the request has not been acted upon within three months of the formal request, another request will be sent via registered post to the address provided by the member requesting the removal of the boat by a specified date.
 - 4.8.4. The boat will be considered to be abandoned if it is not removed by the date specified in the second request (4.8.3)
- 4.9. Abandoned boats will become the property of the Bendigo Yacht Club

5. Powerboat Management

- 5.1. Member owned power boats shall not be stored, launched or retrieved from within the leasehold without prior approval from a Flag Officer of the General Committee or their nominated representative.
- 5.2. No public access to the leasehold is allowed for powerboat storage, launching or retrieval without prior permission from the General Committee.
- 5.3. No member of any management committee or any general member has any authority over members or non-members powerboat operations outside of the leasehold as this is governed by Goulburn-Murray Water By-Laws.

6. Club Owned Vessel Management

6.1. Power Boats

- 6.1.1. All members operating power boats must hold a current marine licence
- 6.1.2. There shall be no powerboat hire unless approved in advance by a Flag Officer in writing

6.2. Sail Boats

- 6.2.1. The Training School has priority for use of the training boats when training is scheduled.

- 6.2.2. A hire fee may be set by the general committee for any casual use of the Club's Sail boats
- 6.2.3. The hire fee shall either be paid directly to the Treasurer or where this is not possible it can be placed in the box adjacent to the control room with the name and date of the hire and the amount paid.
- 6.3. Each boat must be cleaned, packed and returned to its storage location at the end of each session.
- 6.4. Any damage that occurs to a boat must be reported to the secretary as soon as practical by the last user.

7. Animal Management

7.1. The keeping of animals within the leasehold is permitted subject to the following conditions:

- 7.1.1. All Goulburn-Murray Water By-Laws are adhered to at all times including no animal access to the water
- 7.1.2. Animals must be under the full control of their owners or representative at all times.
- 7.1.3. Any animal that causes a nuisance within the confines of the leasehold can be asked to be removed by a Flag Officer of the General Committee or one of their nominated representatives.
- 7.1.4. Any incident related to an animal's behaviour must be recorded on an incident report form and forwarded to the Secretary for further investigation by the General Committee.
- 7.1.5. No animals are allowed access to the Clubhouse, with the exception of a recognised service support animal in the company of their carer.

8. Fire Pit Management

- 8.1. All Country Fire Authority rules and regulations must be obeyed.
- 8.2. All children must be under constant supervision while in the vicinity of the fire pit.
- 8.3. The fire pit is not to be used during a declared fire danger period.
- 8.4. The safe use of the fire pit must be given the highest priority. This is the responsibility of the person who ignites fire in the pit and must be passed onto another club member when he/she leaves.
- 8.5. The fire pit must not be used to burn rubbish.
- 8.6. The last member to exit the fire pit area must ensure the fire is extinguished.

9. Trailer Management:

- 9.1. Yachts stored within the leasehold either must be stored on their trailers or a dolly.

- 9.1.1. Trailers can be left on site with the prior approval of the Boat Storage Officer. Such trailers need to clearly labelled indicating the boat it is used transport, its owners and their contact details.
- 9.2. Trailers must not be moved by a vehicle without the safety chains securely attached.