



# Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Inc.

## Club Rules



### 1. Purpose of these Rules

The purpose of these Club Rules is to provide Members, visitors, guests and staff with a safe and enjoyable environment, to ensure all are treated with respect and consideration, and that assets of the Club are properly and safety managed. A person on agreeing to become a Member of the Club accepts responsibility for complying with the Club Rules and any consequences of non-compliance.

### 2. Visitors, Guests and Children

A Member who brings or introduces a visitor, guest or child to any premises or marina owned or occupied by the Club, must ensure that such person complies with these Club Rules in the same manner as if that person was a Member of the Club.

### 3. General Conduct

A Member, while present on or about any premises or marina owned or occupied by the Club or while participating in an event organised by the Club (including any time on-water during such an event), must:

- (a) conduct themselves in an orderly and peaceable manner,
- (b) treat all people with **respect, dignity and with awareness and proper regard to their rights, emotions, opinions and beliefs** and will refrain from any form of harassment<sup>1</sup>,
- (c) refrain from any conduct which is likely to injure annoy or offend any reasonable person, cause the loss of or damage to any property owned by the Club or any of its Members, or bring themselves or the Club into disrepute or censure.

### 4. No Hostile, Aggressive or Intimidating Behaviour

Expanding upon Rule 3 above, the Club will not tolerate any form of hostile aggressive or intimidating behavior being shown to another Member, a guest or a visitor, nor to a paid employee or volunteer while performing or in connection with their duties.

### 5. Dissemination of Information

Members shall not pass on, exchange or publish (including on any social media platform) any information related to the Club, its Members and employees that may be of a confidential, offensive, scandalous, unsubstantiated or derisive character or breaches any privacy which a Member or employee may reasonably be entitled to.

### 6. Condition of the Clubhouse

All Members using the Clubhouse, or any part thereof must leave the same in a clean, orderly and secure condition.

### 7. Clothing Standards

A Member, while present in any part of the Clubhouse where alcoholic beverages are commonly sold or consumed, must be attired in clothing of not less than a neat casual standard and must wear footwear.

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<sup>1</sup> Harassment is any unwelcome conduct, verbal or physical, that intimidates, offends or humiliates another person and which happens because a person has a certain personal characteristic protected by State or Federal antidiscrimination legislation such as gender, sexual orientation or religious belief. The offensive behaviour does not have to take place a number of times, a single incident can constitute harassment. Sexual harassment is one type of harassment. Sexual harassment is unwelcome or uninvited conduct, physical contact, remarks or innuendo of a sexual nature. It covers a wide range of behaviours and can be verbal, written, visual or physical. Sexual harassment is not limited to behavior shown to members of the opposite sex.

## **8. Alcoholic Beverages**

- (a) A Member is expected to manage their alcohol consumption so as not to become a public nuisance or create a public disturbance and shall follow an order of a person authorised under the Liquor Licencing Law to decline service or ask that a patron leave the licenced area.
- (b) A Member must not, at any time when alcoholic beverages are available for purchase from the Clubhouse, consume within the Clubhouse or external licenced areas any alcoholic beverage which has not been purchased from the Club.
- (c) A Member under the age of 18 shall not be permitted to be served or receive alcohol nor shall a Member supply alcohol to a person under the age of 18.

## **9. Smoke-free Policy**

All club facilities are to be completely smoke-free. Smoking including the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices will not occur within a (5) five metre radius of entry/exit points to seated areas, toilets, change rooms, food outlets, bars and thoroughfares.

## **10. Drug Use**

The possession, use or encouragement of illegal drugs or improper use of therapeutic pharmaceuticals within the Club premises or at an event organised by the Club is prohibited. A Member will be directed to leave the premises or event immediately if reasonably believed to have been engaged in such activity or be under the influence of drugs.

## **11. Safety of Children and Vulnerable Persons**

The Club is committed to providing a safe environment for children and for persons who are vulnerable as a consequence of a disability. Members who observe an improper act or have reasonable suspicion of improper behaviour around children or a vulnerable person shall promptly report the same to a Flag Officer or the Club Manager. At events organised by the Club at which neither a Flag Officer or the Club Manager are present and the child or vulnerable person is at immediate risk, report such acts or concern to the senior event coordinator.

## **12. Animals**

- (a) A Member must not cause or allow any animal (other than a certified assistance animal) to enter or be brought into or to remain in any part of the Clubhouse.
- (b) Any Member who brings onto or allows any animal to remain on any premises or marina owned or occupied by the Club must ensure that such animal does not behave in a manner which is likely to injure or annoy any reasonable person or cause the loss of/or damage to any property owned by the Club or its Members.
- (c) Members are also reminded that Alexandrina Council regulations impose controls on dogs that may be applicable to the reserves and other public places immediately surrounding the Club premises. Members are referred to dog control information published on the Alexandrina Council website.

## **13. Cooking**

A Member who uses cooking or eating equipment, appliances or utensils owned by the Club, must properly clean them, and return them to the place where they are normally stored as soon as possible after use.

## **14. Speed Limit for Vessels**

A Member must not operate a vessel at a speed of more than (4) four knots within the Club marina or within (40) forty metres of the Club boat ramp and marina area. Members are also reminded that outside of the marina area the State's boating laws require all vessels within 30 metres of a jetty, wharf or other place at which a boat is being launched or retrieved to observe a (4) four knot speed limit.

## **15. Use of Boat Ramp**

A Member must not use or occupy the Club boat ramp or any part thereof:

- (a) for any purpose other than the launching or retrieving of a vessel, or
- (b) for any period of time longer than is reasonably necessary for the purpose of or in connection with the efficient launching or retrieving of a vessel.

## **16. Speed Limit for Motor Vehicles**

A Member must not drive a motor vehicle at a speed more than (10) ten kilometres per hour on any part of any premises owned or occupied by the club.

## **17. Fishing**

A Member must not, while on any marina or jetty owned or occupied by the Club, or any vessel moored at any such marina or jetty, use any apparatus or device for the purpose of catching or obtaining fish.

## **18. Electrical Appliances**

An electrical appliance is not to be connected to a mains power supply on the GRYC's Carless Marina (the Marina) unless that appliance has waterproof joints and is connected in such a way that neither it nor any associated power cord causes any obstruction or hazard to any person using the Marina. If the Club Manager or, in their absence, any member of the General Committee forms the opinion that an electrical appliance is connected to a mains power supply on the Marina contrary to this then they may disconnect that appliance, and neither them nor the Club shall be liable for any loss of or damage to any property resulting from that disconnection.

## **19. Overnight Accommodation in the Clubhouse**

A Member must not use the Clubhouse or any part thereof for the purpose of overnight accommodation unless that Member has previously obtained the consent of a member of the General Committee.

## **20. Keys and Items Provided to the Member**

All keys issued by the Club to any part of any premises or marina owned or occupied by the Club, remain the property of the Club at all times and must be returned to the Club forthwith upon demand by the General Committee, or after a person in possession of such a key ceases to be a Member of the Club. Items owned by the Club that are provided to a person for purposes of carrying out duties as a volunteer of the Club shall be promptly returned upon demand by the General Committee, after that person ceases to perform the relevant volunteer duty, or ceases to be a Member of the Club.

## **21. Dealings on behalf of the Club**

A Member shall not represent the Club in any dealings unless authorised by the General Committee.

## **22. Compliance with Directions**

All Members, while present on or about any premises or marina owned or occupied by the Club, must comply with any lawful and reasonable directions:

- (a) given to them by a member of the General Committee or the Club Manager,
- (b) by a person authorised under the Liquor Licencing Law,
- (c) a Covid Marshall or other person acting to enforce a public health directive, or
- (d) displayed on any sign or notice located on or about any such premises or marina.

## **23. Policy & Procedure**

Compliance with all Policy and Procedures put into place by the GRYC General Committee.

## **24. Dealing with Non-Compliance**

- (a) A Member who observes or is adversely affected by another Member acting contrary to these Club Rules is encouraged to report such incidences to the Flag Officers or the Club Manager.
- (b) Concerns regarding the safety of a child or vulnerable person must be promptly reported in accordance with Rule 11.
- (c) In relation to sensitive matters such as discrimination or sexual harassment, the General Committee shall develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidential and sensitive reporting and handling of complaints. Such procedure shall have regard for the wishes of the complainant in how the matter may be addressed and will be published on the Club website.

## **25. Consequences of Non-Compliance**

A Member who is non-compliant with Club Rules may be subject to disciplinary action by the General Committee acting within the disciplinary powers provided to it by the Club Constitution. Such powers include the ability to reprimand, suspend or expel the Member. Certain acts may be referred to the Police or other law enforcement agency either at the discretion of the General Committee or as a consequence of mandatory reporting obligations.

**BY RESOLUTION of the General Committee** Dated 15th January 1993

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