

## House Rules

### **The following House Rules are promulgated for the enjoyment of boating and use of Club Facilities.**

Changes to these House Rules can be proposed by any member. The proposed change must be made in writing to the Board of Directors and include an explanation for the change. The By-Law Committee will review the proposal during the annual review of By-Laws and House Rules and make their recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval.

Section 1: Every boating member is to register his/her vessel with the Recording Secretary. Any changes shall be reported in writing to the Recording Secretary. All members should fly the Club Burgee while engaging in Club cruises.

Section 2: All notices will be sent by E-Mail. Any change of address, phone numbers or E-mail addresses must be promptly sent to the Recording Secretary.

Section 3: Each member is responsible for the actions of their guests at all times.

Section 4: The Senior Flag Officer shall act as mediator on any question that should arise between members or officers during the interim between meetings. Should a problem arise between a senior officer and member, the next senior officer present shall act as mediator and attempt an amicable solution.

Section 5: To preserve harmony, and for the good and welfare of the Club, each member shall treat other members, guests and staff with dignity and respect at all times. The Southwest Florida Yacht Club shall have a **Zero Tolerance Policy**. **Zero Tolerance** means that infractions the Board of Directors deem detrimental to the unity, good and welfare of SFYC and its membership will **absolutely not be tolerated** and may result in loss of membership.

Section 6: All visitors or guests, boating or non-boating, shall be treated with dignity and respect by members of the Club at all times.

Section 7: There shall be NO SMOKING in Club buildings, smoking allowed in designated areas only.

Section 8: Most Clubs and Marinas have dress codes. Please dress appropriately.

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Section 9: The SFYC Membership roster is strictly for Members only. It may NOT be used for personal or business solicitation, or that which is outside the boundaries of the SFYC.

Section 10: Pet Policy while cruising:

- A. Most Marinas have rules regarding pets, please follow them.
- B. The State of Florida prohibits pets on pool decks and in pools.
- C. Please use designated waste areas. Pick up all waste and dispose of properly.
- D. At Docktail meals, parties, etc, please do not allow your pet by the food, grills, or on tables and chairs.
- E. Keep the noise level of your pet to a minimum.
- F. It is your responsibility to keep your pet on a leash and under control. Do not tie them up to trees or other devices and leave.
- G. Certain individuals have good reason for not wanting to interact with your pet, (allergies, fear etc.) please respect their wishes.
- H. Many do not understand the companionship owners have with their pets. Don't assume that they are welcomed at every social event.
- I. A Service Dog, as defined by The Americans With Disabilities Act as "Any guard dog, signal dog or other animal trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability", has access to anywhere their handler goes.