

**IDLE HOUR TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

**RULES GOVERNING USE OF ASSOCIATION PROPERTY BY MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

**2025 SEASON**

1. The Clubhouse will be open from the last day of school (Connetquot School District) through Labor Day from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday, Saturday, and Sunday preceding a Monday holiday.

**Club Schedule Overview**

**Memorial Day Weekend until Club Opening**

Saturday, Sunday, and Memorial Day:

Clubhouse 12pm-8pm

Grounds 12pm-9pm Pool

12pm-6pm

**Club Opening Day (Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>) through July**

**Clubhouse**

Sunday through Thursday 10am-9pm

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday preceding a Holiday 10am-10pm

Grounds 10am-11pm

**Pool Hours June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday-Thursday 12pm-8pm

Friday-Saturday 12pm-8:30pm

**Pool Hours July**

Monday-Thursday 12:30pm-8pm Friday 12:30pm-8:30pm

Saturday 12pm-8:30pm Sunday 12pm-8pm

**August through Labor Day**

Clubhouse

Sunday through Thursday 10am-9pm

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday preceding a Holiday 10am-10pm

Pool Hours

Monday-Sunday 12pm-8pm

\*August 1<sup>st</sup> Remainder of swim lessons Pool opens at 12:30pm

**September**

Saturday-Sunday

Clubhouse 12pm-6pm

Grounds 12pm-10pm

**THE POOL IS CLOSED AFTER LABOR DAY**

**POOL HOURS MAY VARY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE POOL DIRECTOR.**

2. The pool may be closed at the discretion of the Pool Manager and/ or Lifeguard according to the weather, for safety concerns, etc. At the Lifeguards discretion, misconduct jeopardizing the safety of members and guests will result in removal from the pool area.
3. The Clubhouse will be closed at 7:00 p.m. for two evenings per month during the months of July and August for the purpose of conducting the Board's General Meetings. Meeting Dates will be posted.
4. NO PERSON will be admitted if not listed on the current "PAID" Membership List.
5. All members are required to show identification if requested by front desk personnel upon entering the facility to validate current membership status.

**ALL GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO FRONT DESK PERSONNEL UPON ENTERING THE FACILITY.**

6. Guest fees will be \$7.00 per person for anyone two (2) years of age and older. The fee is payable upon **ENTERING ASSOCIATION PROPERTY.** Guest books containing Ten (10) tickets for the current season may be purchased for \$60.00 by an adult member of the club.

**MEMBERS MAY BRING THE SAME GUEST TO THE CLUB A MAXIMUM OF TEN (10) TIMES PER SEASON.**

**AN ADULT RESIDENT OF IDLE HOUR MAY BE ADMITTED AS A GUEST TWICE PER SEASON WHEN ACCOMPANYING A PAID MEMBER FOR \$7.00.**

**THERE SHALL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. THIS RESTRICTION MAY BE SUSPENDED FOR CERTAIN ADULT EVENTS AND PARTIES.**

**\*Unused guest book tickets from previous seasons will be honored.**

7. Each family may bring a maximum of eight (8) guests on a given day.  
A teenaged member (13 – 18 yrs. old) may bring a maximum of two (2) guests on a given day.  
Payment MUST be made at the time of admittance. Individual exceptions to this rule for out-of-town guests can be made via a timely request to the board by the member seeking the exception.

7A.

Any gathering in the clubhouse with members that can be assumed to be exclusive or restrictive to other members constitutes a private party or private event and is prohibited without consent from the board of directors during the season.

7B.

Any guests attending the beach club specifically for special events will pay a cash special event fee. Guest passes will not be accepted.

8. Vendors privately hired by members—except for delivery persons—are not permitted during operating hours, except for special Board-approved events.

9. Children under the age of eight (8) may be in the Pool area ONLY under the CONSTANT AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION of an adult or babysitter, who must be sixteen (16) years old or older and who is to remain the supervisor of that member's children. The Kiddie Pool is only for use by children aged seven (7) years and younger, who must be under the CONSTANT AND DIRECT SUPERVISION of an adult member or a babysitter.
10. Children aged eleven (11) years old and older are permitted on the grounds without an adult member or babysitter until 6 p.m. on a conditional basis. Any child who has displayed inappropriate behavior (as determined by the Caretakers or Members of the Board) may have this privilege revoked and his or her parents will be contacted.
11. For an additional fee, one "Mother's Helper" or live-in employee per family (aged sixteen (16) years old or older) shall be permitted to perform their respective duties and responsibilities of child care at the Association's facilities. It is specifically noted that the employees may use all Club facilities. Further, children under the care of the employee shall be the exclusive responsibility of said employee at all times. The designated employee must inform the Caretaker of his or her presence each time he or she enters the Club premises. THIS PERMISSION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.
12. There shall be no running on the Boardwalk, Dock, or in the Pool Area. Children under ten (10) are not permitted on the dock without an adult.
13. The President and the Board of Directors will issue letters to members whose conduct (i.e., excessive loud music) is deemed unbecoming of a member and, if necessary, ask the violator to come before the Board to discuss the matter (refer to Article III of the IHTA Constitution). If the violation is determined to be serious, membership may be revoked. Any member who received 3 reprimand letters issued from the Board at any time while a member is subject to membership revocation. Based on the seriousness of the violations, dismissal will be at the discretion of the Board. Any member complaints that the Board is unaware of must be submitted to and reviewed by the Board to see if further action is required.

Members are responsible to sign in all guests, in addition to paying guest fees upon entry into the Club. All guests must abide by Club Rules, with members accepting full responsibility for the conduct of their guests.

ALL GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO FRONT DESK PERSONNEL UPON ENTERING THE FACILITY.

Members shall be responsible for any damage to Club property by their children, guests, or themselves. Members must be present while their guests are on Club property.

14. Members must not reprimand the Caretakers, Lifeguards, or Members of the Board executing their duties. Any cause for complaint should be brought to the attention of a Board Member. The Caretakers are prohibited from any discussion of violations with members in question other than pointing out infractions of these by-laws. These violations will be brought to the attention of the Board.
15. No Association Property shall be removed from the premises or put to any other use than that for which it was intended. This includes furniture and all equipment.
16. The Association will not be responsible for the loss or damage from any cause to property left or kept by members or guests in the Clubhouse, on the beach, or elsewhere on the Club premises. The Association will in no way be responsible for the custody of lost and found articles.
17. All bicycles must be stored in bike racks. Riding of bicycles, motorized vehicles, or skateboards is permitted only in the parking lot.

18. Pets of any size or nature are prohibited from the Club Premises at any time of the year.
19. Only notices pertaining to the Club and its functions may be posted on the premises. The Clubhouse Bulletin Board is to be used for the general information of the membership; any postings there must be approved by the Board.
20. Picnic tables and chairs are available on a first come, first served basis. Picnic tables and chairs CANNOT be reserved.
21. No person is permitted in the Clubhouse in wet bathing attire.
22. Restrooms are not to be used as dressing rooms. Dressing rooms are located behind the Snack Shack.
23. No clothing is to be left in the Clubhouse. Items left in the lost and found may be discarded after one week. The Club is not responsible for personal items left behind.
24. Food is prohibited in the Pool area. Beverages may be consumed there only out of clear plastic water bottles and plastic cups. Beverages are never permitted IN the Pool. No glass cups or bottles are allowed in the Pool area. Coolers not permitted in pool area. Cut-off clothing is not considered swimming attire and will not be permitted in the Pool. No Diapers are permitted in the Pool with the exception of specially designed swimming diapers. Shoes are prohibited in the Pool, with the exception of swimming shoes. Other restrictions on the Pool area may be placed by the County Board of Health.
25. Recreational equipment shall not be abused. Misuse or damage of equipment will result in restriction of the use of facilities and in a charge to the member(s) responsible. Equipment borrowed from the Club will be returned to the Caretaker at the end of play. Only children aged eight (8) years old and younger are permitted on the playground. Ball playing—except for activities approved by the Board—and other projectiles, except for reasonable ball playing with NERF foam type equipment, will be permitted on the grass area ONLY. This activity may be suspended at the discretion of the Caretaker or the Board.
26. Open fires (campfires) will be allowed only for special events and with Board approval.

Gas Firepits are to be used with adult supervision and members initiating use shall be responsible for safe operation.

If firepit operation poses a safety hazard to members or guests the caretaker will remove them from operation.

No fireworks are permitted on Club Property.
27. Members will be held responsible for disposing of their own garbage in appropriate containers, and for cleaning any kitchen equipment used.
28. Parking is only permitted in designated areas. Each paid family will receive two parking permits. Permits are not transferable. Daily guest permits are available through the Caretaker.
29. Swimming/ Diving is NOT permitted in the Boat Basin or the area immediately surrounding the Club Dock.

30. Due to insurance issues, only one (1) IHTA member in good standing may be permitted to execute any rental agreement including but not limited to rental agreements relative to the Clubhouse, grounds, or any other IHTA premises. Such member must be present for the duration of the rental.
31. Associate Members will be charged the same price as Full Members for all programs offered by the club.
32. Use of illicit or illegal drugs anywhere on the club grounds will result in expulsion from the club grounds, and revocation of membership or permanent ban of guest access.

#### RULES FOR USE OF THE MARINA, AND FOR DOCKING OF BOATS AND OTHER CRAFTS

1. The IHTA Marina is for exclusive use of its PAID-UP Members in Good Standing.

2. A Dockage Fee of \$55/ foot, with a minimum of \$825, will be assessed for all members renting a slip in the Club Marina. The maximum boat length of any boat to rent a slip will be 22 feet.

3. Members may also rent spots for beached craft at the discretion of the Kayak Slip Director according to the fee structure listed on the application. Kayaks or other beached craft must be secured/ locked by Members. The Association is not responsible for crafts or items left in them.

All docked boats must be removed by December 1st. The financial penalty Starting December 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$100.00 per day. The financial penalty will be assessed to the members next year's membership.

All hoses and ropes must also be removed by Dec. 1st to avoid being discarded.

4. Kayak Slip Registration forms must be returned with membership. Registration deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

5. Docking slips are available for rental by Members according to an interest list maintained by the Marina Chairperson. Rented docking slips are non-transferable.

6. Full payment for slips are due by March 1st. NO applications will be accepted without a photo-copy of boat registration and a certificate of insurance for minimum liability. Only single-owner boats may be docked; no corporate or business owned boats shall be permitted.

7. Fees shall be made payable to "Idle-Hour Taxpayers Association."

8. Full Members in good standing who had slips during the prior season shall be given right of first refusal for their existing slip. In the event a current Full Member wishes to give up a slip, the Marina Chairperson shall offer the slip to the next Full Member on an interest list maintained from season to season. If there are no other Full Members on the list, the Marina Chairperson shall then proceed to Associate Members on the list in descending order, however, Associate Members shall not retain the right of first refusal for that slip the following year. In the event that a Full Member wishes to retain the slip but does not wish to use the slip him/ herself, that Member must pay the year's dockage, but may allow the Club to sublet the slip, in which case the dockage fee will be reimbursed minus a \$120 sublet fee.

The Marina Chairperson shall offer the subletted slip using the same list and method described above.

A Full Member can sublet a slip for one (1) year during the entire time s/he has rights to the slip.

A sub-lessee has no right to a slip after the current season, but shall retain his/ her place on the waiting list.

9. The Marina Chairperson reserves the right to reassign docking if s/he determines it to be necessary. In the event of an emergency (to be determined by the Board)—such as a predicted severe weather event—Members may be asked to remove their boats from the Marina. An order to evacuate the Dock is MANDATORY; Members failing to comply with a MANDATORY evacuation order will forfeit their slip for the remainder of the year and will be deemed liable for any damage done to Association property by their boat during the emergency.

10. Members failing to remove boats and beached craft from the dock or docking area may face financial penalty and will assume full liability for costs associated with having their boats removed if necessary. The financial penalty Starting December 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$100.00 per day. The financial penalty will be assessed to the members next year's membership.

11. No transient docking. There is a 15-minute maximum for purposes of loading and unloading only.

12. Members can accompany one (1) boat with a maximum of eight (8) guests on a given day.

13. No children under the age of ten (10) are permitted on the docks unless accompanied by an adult.

14. All debris and or garbage pertaining to boats must be deposited in the receptacle provided for this purpose.

15. Dock walkways must be kept clear at all times.

16. Boats shall be securely tied, making allowances for tide variations.

17. The IHTA assumes no liability with respect to those docking in or around the Marina, their boats, or their guests.

Any and all damage to boats is owners' responsibility.

18. Any fishing equipment and or debris is to be removed at the end of each day.

\*Highlighted items are amendments or new rules from previous season.

***VIOLATIONS OF THESE BY-LAWS WILL BE  
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MAY RESULT IN  
REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP***