



EAGLE CREEK
SAILING CLUB

General Rules

Eagle Creek Sailing Club

General Rules

Updated 10/15/24 by approval by the Board of Directors

These rules are intended to promote a safe and enjoyable experience for all members, affiliated persons, and guests of the Club, and to help ensure the Club's facilities are maintained for their enjoyment. All members are expected to review and apply the General Rules.

I. GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- A. Each member, affiliated person, and their guest are expected to use a reasonable amount of prudence and care in every activity in or around the Club and water. All Safety Rules are subject to the general principle that accidents MUST be avoided at all costs.
- B. Except in cases of emergency, no safety or committee boat shall be operated without the prior approval or duty assignment of the Safety Committee Chair, Race Committee Chair, Harbor Master, or Commodore.
- C. All unsupervised children unaccompanied by parents or responsible guardian shall be kept away from the waterfront and out of club boats and other member's boats.
- D. Small children shall not be left unattended on the Club grounds.
- E. Each Club member, affiliated person and guest is responsible for the safety of their own children.
- F. Neither the Eagle Creek Sailing Club nor any agent or official thereof assumes, in any manner, any liability whatsoever for the boats and equipment participating in any event at the Club, or any liability for the personal effects or personal injury of participants or spectators.

II. PERSONAL BEHAVIOR AND GUESTS Eagle Creek Sailing Club in providing and promoting family-oriented sailing activities and facilities, is committed to ensuring and encouraging a safe and healthy environment for its members, affiliated persons, and guests. The Club expects everybody using the Club's facilities to behave in a manner which allows others to be safe and enjoy sailing activities. Adult members shall demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility recognizing that their words and actions are an example to the Club's youth members.

- A. Use of Club facilities for a private party requires prior approval of the Commodore.
- B. Non-family guests shall be limited to six (6) persons per membership except for private parties approved by the Social Committee Chair. Use this link to submit a request:
 - a. [ECSC Facilities Reservation Request](#)
- C. Members or affiliated persons are responsible for the conduct of each of their guests. Each guest shall be required to abide by all Club rules.
- D. Each member or affiliated person is required to keep guests and family members off the boats and property of other Club members.
- E. Each member or affiliated person must always accompany their guests while on Club premises.
- F. Discrimination of any member, affiliated person or guest based on age, race, religion, sex, national origin, or disability will not be tolerated.
- G. Any person who is a member or an affiliated person and who bullies, makes any verbal threat or physical attack against another member, affiliated person, or guest, will be subject to immediate disciplinary action by the Board, up to and possibly including immediate suspension or termination of membership. This changes the application of Section V. Enforcement to allow for possible immediate termination of membership

following a review by the Board of Directors to be completed within 30 days.

III. GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

- A. During the period April 1st through December 1st, members, and affiliated persons entering the Club grounds on Saturday, Sunday and holidays may leave the gates unlocked during daylight hours. However, the gates are always locked from dusk to dawn.
- B. Every member, affiliated persons, their family, and guests are charged with the general responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the Club grounds. Members and affiliated persons shall pay special attention to the following:
 - 1) Deposit refuse in the containers provided.
 - 2) Refrain from cutting trees or bushes.
 - 3) Small children are the responsibility of their parents.
 - 4) No fishing from docks or slips is permitted.
 - 5) Hunting is not permitted.
 - 6) Swimming is not allowed in the Club area. This is a legal requirement imposed by the Parks Department and subject to a fine for the Club and for the member. Any liability to the Club incurred because of a member or affiliated person will be assessed to the member or affiliated person.
 - 7) Friendly dogs are permitted on Club property, on a leash under owner's control, but shall not be allowed in an area where a food event is taking place.
 - 8) Do not block ramp or beach area with trailer or car after launching.
 - 9) Do not tamper with the night security lights. The lights are connected to a timing device and are to remain on during the evening hours.
 - 10) Each member is responsible for locking and securing their own property. The Club assumes no liability for any loss.
 - 11) No member or affiliated person shall use the hoist without proper instruction from the Harbormaster or their designee.
 - 12) Race Committee boats are for official club use to support races, regattas, and other club events. The club's Race Committee boats may be used by members to render emergency assistance to individuals or boats on the reservoir.
- C. **Wet Slip, Dry Slip Parking, Trailer Parking and Sail Lofts.** Members and affiliated persons shall pay special attention to the following:
 - 1) All wet slip and dry slip parking of boats and/or trailers are by assignment from the Harbor Master. No member shall park a boat and/or trailer in a space not assigned to that member. Trailer parking in the upper trailer lot ("The Meadows") is not assigned.
 - 2) Wet slip and dry slip parking assignments cannot be changed by a member without prior approval of the Harbor Master.
 - 3) Membership decals are distributed by the Membership Committee to new and renewing Regular Members and Family Members for the purpose of identifying boat, trailer, and watercraft owners and to support the Mid-Year and Winter Storage audits. Members are required to affix a current membership decal on their boat, trailer, and other watercraft on club property. Each boat shall display a current membership decal on the port bow. Each trailer shall display a current membership decal on or near its port-side tongue. Other watercraft must display a current membership decal on or near its forward port side. Due to the additional work of tracking down owners of boats, trailers, and watercraft without a membership decal, two audits are performed each season to check for

placement of the current year's membership decal.

- 4) Mid-Year Audit - members with boats, trailers and other watercraft must display a current membership decal no later than June 1, or within 30 days of acceptance of new membership. An audit of all boats, trailers and watercraft on club property will be performed in June. Failure to properly display a current membership decal by the deadline shall result in a fine, per violation, equivalent to the current year's winter storage fee assessed on the following year's annual dues and fees.
- 5) December Winter Storage Audit - in early December, an audit is performed of all boats, trailers, and watercraft on club property. Members with boats, trailers and other watercraft on club property must display a current membership decal by December 1 if they have not done so already. Failure to properly display a current membership decal by the December deadline shall result in a fine, per violation, equivalent to the current year's winter storage fee assessed on the following year's annual dues and fees. To further clarify, if a boat, trailer or watercraft was also missing the membership decal in June, then a member will have at least two fines applied to their next year's dues (June fine and December fine).
- 6) No boat and/or trailer may be parked inside or immediately adjacent to the Corral Parking Area, along the Beach, or immediately adjacent to the Captain's Corner, between 1:00 AM on Mother's Day and 3:00 PM on the Sunday of the Hornback Regatta/Chili Cook-Off, unless otherwise communicated by the Harbor Master. Trailers and boats identified in violation of this rule are subject to a fine equivalent to the current year's winter storage fee and assessed on the following year's annual dues and fees.
- 7) The upper trailer lot known as "The Meadow" is to be used only for trailers between May 1 and October 15. Trailers or boats identified in "The Meadows" after November 1 are subject to a fine, per violation, equivalent to the current year's winter storage fee and assessed on the following year's annual dues and fees.
- 8) No boat shall be tied to the 48-Hour Dock for more than 48 hours in a 7-day period without permission from the Harbormaster.
- 9) The sail lofts are to be locked by the Club member after each use.
- 10) Violations of this section are not subject to Section V. Enforcement unless violations are repeated, and the member has demonstrated repeated failure to take prompt corrective action as reported by the Harbor Master Committee or Membership Committee.

D. **Boat Co-Ownership.** All co-owners of a boat must hold a current Regular or Family Membership in the club. The boat must follow the primary or first-named owner on the title. Proof of boat ownership and current registration may be requested at any time by a club officer or chair. A co-owned boat will count as a full watercraft towards the member listed as primary or first named on title. The member number affixed to the boat, by way of annual stickers, and name in club records must correspond to the member who is on the title as primary. All slip assignments, and incurred fees will be the responsibility of the member listed as primary; all known co-owners will be notified when a boat falls under derelict boat policy. Co-owning a boat and co-owning a slip does not permit a slip-owner to sublease or allow any of their co-owned boats to regularly dock without appropriate approvals as outlined in other sections of the rules.

- E. **Wet Slip Wait List.** New Regular Members and new Family Members may be added to the wet slip wait list upon receipt of initial payment of Initiation Fees and Annual Dues. Existing Regular Members and Family Members who do not meet the membership renewal deadline (last day of February), will have their names purged from the wet slip wait list. Re-instatement to the wet slip waiting list will occur at the time that full remittance for outstanding fees is received. Re-instatement to the wet slip waiting list means that you forfeited your prior position and will be put on the bottom of the slip waiting list based on the date your full remittance is received in full.
- F. **Slip Assignment.** Members meeting the annual dues renewal deadline (last day of February) will be assigned to the same wet or dry space for their boat previously held, unless changed by the Harbormaster for just cause (in which case notification will be given). If a change has been requested by the member, it will not be considered until after annual dues deadline has passed and all no-change assignments have been made. If a request cannot be honored, the member will be given his/her prior space. New wet and dry slip assignments by the Harbormaster will be based on seniority of membership and wait list status.

Members with slip assignments must either:

1. Have used their assigned slip by June 1st of that season and relocated their trailer to the upper trailer field, or
2. Submitted an email request to the harbormaster for a late launch date (such requests will not be unreasonably denied), or
3. Request that their assigned slip be subleased for the current season per paragraph G below.

If the member's boat and trailer remain in the dry parking after June 1, the Harbormaster may sublease the member's slip for the remainder of the season per section G. of these rules.

- G. **Sub-leasing of Wet Slips.** To avoid confusion regarding the sub-leasing of Wet slips, a member must first be a current slip lessee for the current sailing year, having first met both membership and any financial terms associated with the leasing of such slip. The sub-leasing of slips is strictly prohibited except as indicated herein. If a member leases a slip in any current calendar year but then determines that neither he nor she can use the slip, then that member shall promptly notify the Club's Harbor Master. The Harbor Master shall then promptly attempt to sub-lease the slip with another member from the Club's official waiting list for either the remainder or the entire current sailing season. Furthermore, providing the slip can be sublet for part or all the season, the original lessee of said slip shall be reimbursed by the Club for the "unused" slip. The original lessee/member shall retain the right of first refusal for that slip for next year's sailing season. Furthermore, if two slip lessees mutually agree to trade slips, then they are both required to notify the Harbor Master or Membership Chair in order that the Club's records be changed to reflect the actual use of the slips.
- H. **Number of Boats per Membership.** Each membership entitles a member to store no more than two (2) sailing craft on the Club's grounds during the normal sailing season. Off-season storage is subject to additional fees or charges for all affected members. However, sailing craft owned by current members and stored on the Club grounds as of 7/1/2019 shall be "grandfathered" until such time as the Club's Board of Directors determines that the "capacity" for allowing any new member to join the Club and to keep

one sailing craft on the Club's grounds is "hampered." At such time when any new member joins the Club and available space on the Club's grounds would not allow the new member to keep his or her sailing craft on the Club's grounds, then an owner of any prior "grandfathered" sailing crafts [priority given to oldest membership number] shall have the right to acquire an additional membership for additional watercraft or, in the alternative, any such affected member may either apply for an additional membership for an additional fee, to be determined by the Board of Directors. This fee would be paid to the Club to keep the additional watercraft located on the Club grounds. However, any such affected member has the right to immediately remove any such watercraft. It is understood that any such members are not automatically entitled to additional membership from the Club but rather any such additional membership and additional fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors at such time.

- I. **Abandoned Watercraft.** All Family Members of Regular Members of the Club are entitled to have sailing craft kept on the Club grounds. However, such members are also required to pay annual dues and fees for this privilege. Furthermore, if such member fails to renew either his or her membership in the Club and/or either he or she has failed to execute a current storage agreement and remove their boat, trailer or watercraft from club property by April 30, then said member hereby consents, in advance, to the Club's, by and through its officers, agents, servants or employees, contacting any and all appropriate authorities including, but not limited to, the State of Indiana's Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division, or the Marion County Sheriff's Department, for the purpose of removing any and all sailing craft or watercraft as "abandoned vehicles" consistent with any applicable Indiana Code Sections and/or other provisions and/or Indiana case law in general. Furthermore, to the extent possible, the Club will attempt to notify all persons who may be owners of any such abandoned watercraft. If said member or former member fails to remove the abandoned watercraft as required, then the Club reserves its right to sue any such current member or former member or owner for any storage charges or any other charges in addition to the Club's having contacted any law enforcement officials for the purpose of having any abandoned watercraft removed from the Club's grounds. Furthermore, any affected current or former member or owner[s] of any such abandoned watercraft hereby agree[s] to both indemnify and hold the Club harmless for any acts or omissions of the Club for having such abandoned watercraft removed from the Club's premises or for having commenced an action against any such member or owner[s] of any such abandoned watercraft for failing to pay any fees or charges either paid or to be received by the Club or assessed against the Club regarding any such abandoned watercraft.
- J. **Derelict Boats and Trailers.** A boat and/or trailer at Eagle Creek Sailing Club is considered derelict if any three of the following six criteria are observed and documented:
- A current membership decal is not displayed on a boat, trailer, or other watercraft on club property.
 - Existing State of Indiana boat registration decal on the boat is out of date.
 - At least one trailer tire is flat or missing.
 - Water has accumulated within the interior of the sailboat.
 - An excessive amount of mold (approximately 50% covered) is present on the sailboat.
 - Trash is on or beneath the sailboat and/or trailer.

A member shall be notified in writing by the Harbormaster Committee if their boat has met at least three of the above six criteria. The member shall have 30 days to correct the situation or respond to the Harbormaster Committee with an acceptable reason why corrective action cannot be promptly taken.

On the 31st day after the first written notice has been provided to the member, if the member has not taken corrective action, then the member shall be fined at a rate of \$100 per month. The member shall receive two additional written notices from the Harbormaster Committee on approximately the 60th and 90th day if corrective action has not been taken.

Any outstanding fees, including the derelict boat/trailer fine (\$100 per month), must be paid by the member before their membership will be accepted for renewal. A member who has dropped their membership, then later renews, must pay all outstanding fees associated with a prior violation of this policy.

A member who is not renewing their membership shall remove their sailboat, trailer, and other watercraft property from the club before May 1. Effective May 1, an inactive member's sailboat, trailer, and other watercraft property are considered abandoned and further action may be taken by the Club to dispose of the abandoned property.

IV. MEMBERSHIP DUES & FEES

- A. The club's membership period is defined as March 1 through the last day of February of the following year.
- B. Membership renewal dues and fees should be paid in full by the last day of February. Failure to meet this deadline shall result in membership status becoming inactive and the loss of wet-slip assignment and/or wet-slip wait list position. Full payment of fees also includes all fines that may have been applied in accordance with these General Rules. A member who has lost their wet-slip assignment may be added to the wet-slip wait list upon full payment of past due membership dues and fees.
- C. New membership applications received on or after September 1 shall be entitled to have the current year's annual membership dues and fees waived except for winter storage fees. The initiation fee must be paid as outlined in the Bylaws. Members returning after this date from "Inactive" status shall pay half of the current year's annual fee.
- D. Regular Members and Family Members are provided with current year membership decals that shall be applied to their boats, trailer, and other watercraft on club property in accordance with Section III.C. of these General Rules. Social Members, Lake Associates, and Honorary Members are not provided with membership decals.
- E. Individuals or families not renewing their membership must have their boats, trailers and other watercraft removed from Club property no later than April 30, after which time they are considered abandoned and subject to disposal by the club as outlined in the "Abandoned Watercraft" section of these General Rules.
- F. Boats purchased before June 1 with intention to be stored or sailed at the club must pay for wet slip, beach parking, or dry slip parking fees. Beach parking and dry slip parking fees cannot be prorated.

- G. Boats purchased on or after June 1, there is no dry slip parking fee for the current season. However, kayak storage, wet slips, and beach parking fees must be paid.

V. ENFORCEMENT

- A. A member who violates the Bylaws or General Rules of the Club shall be sanctioned in accordance with this section. In addition, a member or affiliated person shall be personally responsible for any damage arising from a violation by the member or affiliated person or their guest.
- B. Upon the first violation, any officer or committee chair may orally inform the member or affiliated person of the violation and request compliance with the Bylaws or General Rules. The officer or committee chair, in the officer's or chair's discretion, may confirm this notice in writing to the member or affiliated person with a copy to the Club Secretary. If the affiliated person is a member of an Affiliate Organization, then a copy of such notice shall be sent to the Affiliate Organization.
- C. Upon a second violation or second notice of a previously uncured violation, any officer or committee chair may request the Commodore to inform the member or affiliated person, in writing, of the violation. Such notice shall include a copy of this provision of the General Rules and a copy of this notice shall be given to the Club Secretary. If the person is a member of an Affiliate Organization, then a copy of such notice shall be sent to the Affiliate Organization.
- D. Upon a third violation or third notice of a previously uncured violation, any officer or committee chair may request the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to consider and levy a fine against the member in an amount of up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The member shall be given written notice by the Commodore of the request, which notice shall include the time and date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee. At such meeting, the member shall have a right to appear in person, without counsel, to attend the proceedings and present a brief statement on his or her own behalf. If the Executive Committee imposes a fine against the member, all rights and privileges of membership shall be suspended until the fine is paid in full.
- E. If a member persists in a violation of the Bylaws or regulations after a fine has been levied and paid, then any officer or committee chair may request the Board of Directors to consider other sanctions against the member, including, but not limited to, loss of seniority rights, suspension, or removal from membership. The member shall be given written notice of such request by the commodore, which notice shall include the time and date of the next meeting of the Board of Directors. At such meeting, the member shall have a right to appear in person, without counsel, examine witnesses, and present a brief statement on his or her behalf. Any decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

- F. An exception to the above sanctions in this section will apply to any member or affiliated person who makes a verbal threat or physical attack against another member, affiliated person, or guest while on club grounds. In response to hearing about a verbal threat or physical attack made by a member or affiliated person, the member or affiliated person shall be given written notice by the Commodore to appear in-person, without counsel, before the Board of Directors, and present a brief statement on his or her behalf. Any decision of the Board of Directors shall be final, including suspension or termination of membership.

VI. WATERCRAFT

Members and affiliated persons in the Club are restricted to the following types of watercraft:

- 1) Sailing craft,
- 2) Self-powered (non-motorized) watercraft, including kayaks and canoes.

VII. WORK CREDITS

The Eagle Creek Sailing Club relies on members to volunteer their time to support its programs and operation. To recognize volunteer work at the club by members, the Board of Directors has established this work credit policy to help offset some of the club's annual dues and fees. This policy is not intended to be a substitute for the volunteerism that has built and supported this club for over 50 years.

Work credits may be earned by Family Members, Regular Members, Lake Associates, Social Members, Race Fellows, and Student Members and applied to the club's annual membership dues and fees. Honorary members and inactive members are not eligible to receive work credits.

Standard work credits are available for general work around the club at a rate of \$15/hour to a maximum of \$300 per year to be applied to the members' annual dues and fees for the following year.

Enhanced work credits are also available for long-term projects and professional services and require pre-approval by the sponsoring Committee Chair or Officer and the Commodore or Vice Commodore. Enhanced work credits are capped at \$500 and applied to the members' annual dues and fees for the following year.

Leadership work credits are available to individual club members who serve in an official capacity as Officer, Committee Chair, or Committee Assistant as defined in the Bylaws. Leadership work credits are equivalent to the annual membership dues and applied to the current year of service.

There is no reimbursement by the Club if the value of work credits earned is greater than the total value of a member's annual dues plus fees. There is no deferment (carry-over) of work credits from year to year.

A copy of the complete Work Credit Policy is available, upon request, from the Secretary.

VIII. PUBLIC USE OF CLUB RAMP

No member shall deny a non-member from launching or retrieving their boat if the non-member provides proof of payment to Indy Parks for launching fees at Eagle Creek Reservoir. Short-term parking is permitted as necessary to allow for the prompt and safe launching and retrieval of the boat, including time for securing the boat and trailer for transportation.

IX. SOCIAL MEDIA

The Eagle Creek Sailing Club's Facebook group is for the positive exchange of club and sailing information. It is not about politics, sexual harassment, bullying, name-calling, or anything else that is deemed offensive and not in the spirit of the group. Violation of this policy will result in:

- a. First-time offense – content is removed, and a written warning is sent to the member.
- b. Second-time offense – content is removed, and the member is permanently removed from the group.

This policy will be enforced by Administrators of the social media groups.