

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF
THE OCONEE SAILING AND YACHT CLUB, INC.
(Revised February 1, 2025)**

The following standing rules and regulations were designed to make the Oconee Sailing and Yacht Club a pleasant place for every member to spend their leisure hours. Consideration for others is key to our mutual enjoyment of the OSYC facility.

I. RULES FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

A. GROUNDS

1. Empty bottles, cans, paper, and other litter are either to be placed in the containers provided or removed from the Club property. Place all litter in a plastic trash bag prior to putting into any trash can provided. There is a recycle container for aluminum cans and another for plastic bottles located in the foyer of the club house for your use.

2. No personal effects are to be left on or around the Club property unless space is provided and approved by the Board of Trustees for this purpose.

3. Dogs shall be allowed on the premises under the following conditions:

- Member is responsible for any dog allowed on the premises by member or member's guests.
- Dogs shall be on a leash at all times.
- Dogs shall be attended to by the member or the members party at all times.
- Dogs are not allowed in the clubhouse at any time.
- Member or member's guests shall pick up and bag all dog waste and carry such waste from the property upon departure. Disposal in the club trash receptacles is not allowed.
- Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior at any time on the premises shall be removed.
- Violations of the provisions of this section 3 shall result in the dog being banned from returning to the property without the approval of the board."

4. Guests are permitted on Club premises only when accompanied by a member or upon presenting evidence of membership in another recognized Yacht Club. Members of other yacht clubs shall be permitted the privilege of the Club for a maximum of two (2) weeks when approved by the Board of Trustees.

5. No member may bring more than four (4) guests to the Club at any one time without permission of an individual board member. A member who desires to bring more than 10 guests must have permission of the Board of Trustees.

6. Permission to use the club grounds and facilities by non-member groups including but not limited to the Boy Scouts, church groups, and regattas, can be granted by the Board of Trustees provided that one or more members in good standing agree to sponsor the group and the sponsoring member(s) agree(s) to the following:

(a) There shall be at least one club member sponsor present at the club for every 10 guests unless approved otherwise by the Board of Trustees.

(b) The sponsoring member(s) is responsible for ensuring that those present follow club rules (such as no pets allowed on the grounds and use of the club barge) and that the club house and grounds are cleaned up after the group has left.

(c) The sponsoring member(s) ensures that the club is reimbursed for supplies such as paper products and fuel used by the group. For regattas, the board will set a per boat fee for non-member owned boats to cover these expenses. For other groups, the sponsoring member(s) may choose to replace paper, plastic and toilet products used or to make a donation to the club to cover the cost of the supplies used.

7. No persons under the age of 18 are allowed on the grounds or in the facilities of the Oconee Sailing and Yacht Club unless accompanied by an adult member of the Oconee Sailing and Yacht Club.

8. The Club assumes no responsibility for safety of boats, vehicles or other personal property on the Club premises.

9. Parking of automobiles and boat trailers, camping and picnicking equipment, shall, be confined to the areas allotted for these purposes.

10. The Grounds Committee shall have the authority to assign or reassign parking spaces in order to provide for the orderly control of traffic and the most effective use of club property.

11. When parking vehicles and trailers, care must be taken to not block access to other members' boats, even for a short time. If a vehicle must be left blocking any boats, keys to said vehicle should be left in the vehicle or in the club house. Unattended vehicles left blocking access to any boats may be towed at the owner's expense.

12. No open fires shall be made for any purpose without the permission of an individual board member. Picnic grills, that completely contain the fire, may be used on the premises by a member only if that member takes full responsibility for extinguishing the fire and for any damage that may be done to Club property as a result of its use.

13. (a) The basement storage area under the clubhouse shall not be used for storage of boats, gasoline motors, batteries, gasoline tanks, or solvents. Any such items found in the basement must be removed immediately by the member making discovery if possible.

(b) Personal items stored in the basement are limited to sails and portable air conditioners. In addition members may store one plastic storage box, maximum size 2 ft by 3 ft by 20 inches

tall, containing personal items other than those items banned above. In addition, all items must have the owners name clearly marked on the items.

(c) The Building and Grounds committee may allow, with specific approval, certain personal items (such as air compressors, vacuum cleaners, and pressure washers) to be stored in the basement and or shed with the condition that they be made available for all club members to use at their own risk.

14. Camping trailers must be parked in designated camper trailer places only. Because of limited space and electrical, a total of 4 campers may be plugged into the electricity at one time. Camper trailers, tents and non-slip holders will be charged \$5.00 per night if plugged into the electricity. There will be no charge for tents unless pitched in the areas designated for trailers.

Camper trailers and tents may stay no longer than two weeks continually and must not be left unattended on the grounds overnight. The Building and Grounds Committee will set procedures for making reservations for use of designated trailer campsites.

15. Tents may be pitched anywhere on the point (past the swimming area). During special events tents may be pitched in other areas pending approval by an individual board member. The clubhouse, including the deck and basement, shall not be used for overnight camping without approval of the Board of Directors.

16. The electrical receptacles may not be altered in any way to bypass the ground fault circuit or fit a different type of plug, no exceptions. An adapter may be used to match a trailer plug to the provided receptacle. Caution, available power is limited due to wire size.

B. CLUB BOATS

The club boats are to be used only for scheduled club events or as otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees except in an emergency situation such as when another boat is in distress and needs assistance.

C. SAFETY

1. Children under the age of 13 must wear a coast guard approved PFD (PFD) life jacket when aboard a boat or on any club dock.
2. Everyone, regardless of age, who is not a proficient swimmer, should wear a PFD when aboard a boat or on any club dock. Children under age 18, who are not proficient swimmers, must wear a PFD when aboard a boat or on any club dock.
3. All minor children must be supervised by a parent or guardian while on club grounds.
4. Swimming is prohibited from any boat dock at any time.
5. Landing or mooring a boat is strictly prohibited at the swimming dock at any time.
6. No boat shall be operated inside the swimming area, except for life boats.

7. The maximum speed permitted for power boats inside the club cove and in waters near the club property is five miles per hour.
8. Water skiing is not permitted inside the Club cove nor to or from any Club dock.
9. The Oconee Sailing and Yacht Club requires the following:
 - (a) That every boat shall be provided with adequate personal flotation devices (life preservers) for each occupant and shall be operated according to the requirements of the Georgia Boat Safety Act and the regulations adopted under the authority of that act.
 - (b) That firearms and explosive devices shall not be brought onto the lake or Club premises.
 - (c) That no bottles, cans, rubbish, garbage, or other refuse of any kind shall be thrown on Club grounds or otherwise placed in the lake.
10. Children must not be left unattended at the swimming area even if a lifeguard is on duty or other parents are present.
11. Any person exhibiting disorderly conduct, failure to comply with club rules, horseplay (including but not limited to wrestling or fisticuffs) is subject to immediate expulsion from the club property. This may be enforced by any member.

II. ADDITIONAL RULES FOR OSYC MEMBERS AND YACHT CLUB MEMBERS

D. DOCKS

1. The Club maintains docks for boating and a float for swimming AT THE RISK ONLY OF THE USER.
2. The outer Section of the boating docks is reserved solely for embarking and disembarking passengers and for landing. Under no circumstances shall boats be tied up to this Section of the dock any longer than necessary.
3. Sailboats left unattended at docks shall have sails lowered.
4. All boats should have fenders out on both sides while tied up at the dock.
5. Fishing from any dock shall yield to and not interfere with any boating activity and swimming from the boating docks is not permitted at any time. No children under eight (8) years of age are permitted on the docks unless attended by an adult.
6. All docks, platforms, moorings or haul-out apparatus shall be built, located, regulated and anchored only as authorized by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall have the

authority to relocate or remove any permanent or temporary dock, platform, mooring or haul-out apparatus.

E. BERTHING OF BOATS

1. Locations for the berthing of all craft ashore shall be assigned by the Grounds Committee which has the right to change assigned locations as necessary.
2. Locations for the berthing of all craft afloat shall be assigned by the Docks/Slips Committee subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.
3. The mooring area (dock slips), has been laid out for the most efficient use of space and the greatest safety of the boats. It is absolutely essential, therefore, that the assignment of all wet slip locations be approved by the Board of Trustees. Assignment of wet slips shall be limited to boats weighing less than 4,000 lbs and under 24 feet in length, without the approval of the board.
4. Wet slip assignments are intended for actively sailed sail boats that are not easily trailered.
5. All vessels moored in wet slips are required to have a serviceable trailer on site, except by approval of the board
6. Each member shall provide his own mooring gear and shall pay any specified charges for wet slip storage.
7. (a) Because an improperly docked boat is a hazard to all other boats in the mooring area, it is the duty of the Docks/Slips Committee to establish certain requirements and limitations relating to mooring gear for all boats. These requirements must be ascertained from that committee and complied with before berthing boats overnight. All moorings are subject to inspection by the Docks/Slips Committee that has the authority to remove any improperly docked boat from the dock area until the docking requirements are met. In every case the committee shall be the sole judge of the adequacy or acceptability of a mooring or a docked boat.

(b) Rules for tying up boats on club docks adopted by the Docks/Slips Committee:

It is the responsibility of the boat owner to tie up his or her boat so that it does not damage its dock or any other vessel.

In case of predicted damaging storms, the Docks/Slips Committee with the concurrence of Commodore may require all boats to be removed from the docks. The owner has the options of putting the boat on a trailer or anchoring somewhere on the lake. Owners without trailers are required to have sufficient anchors on board at all times.

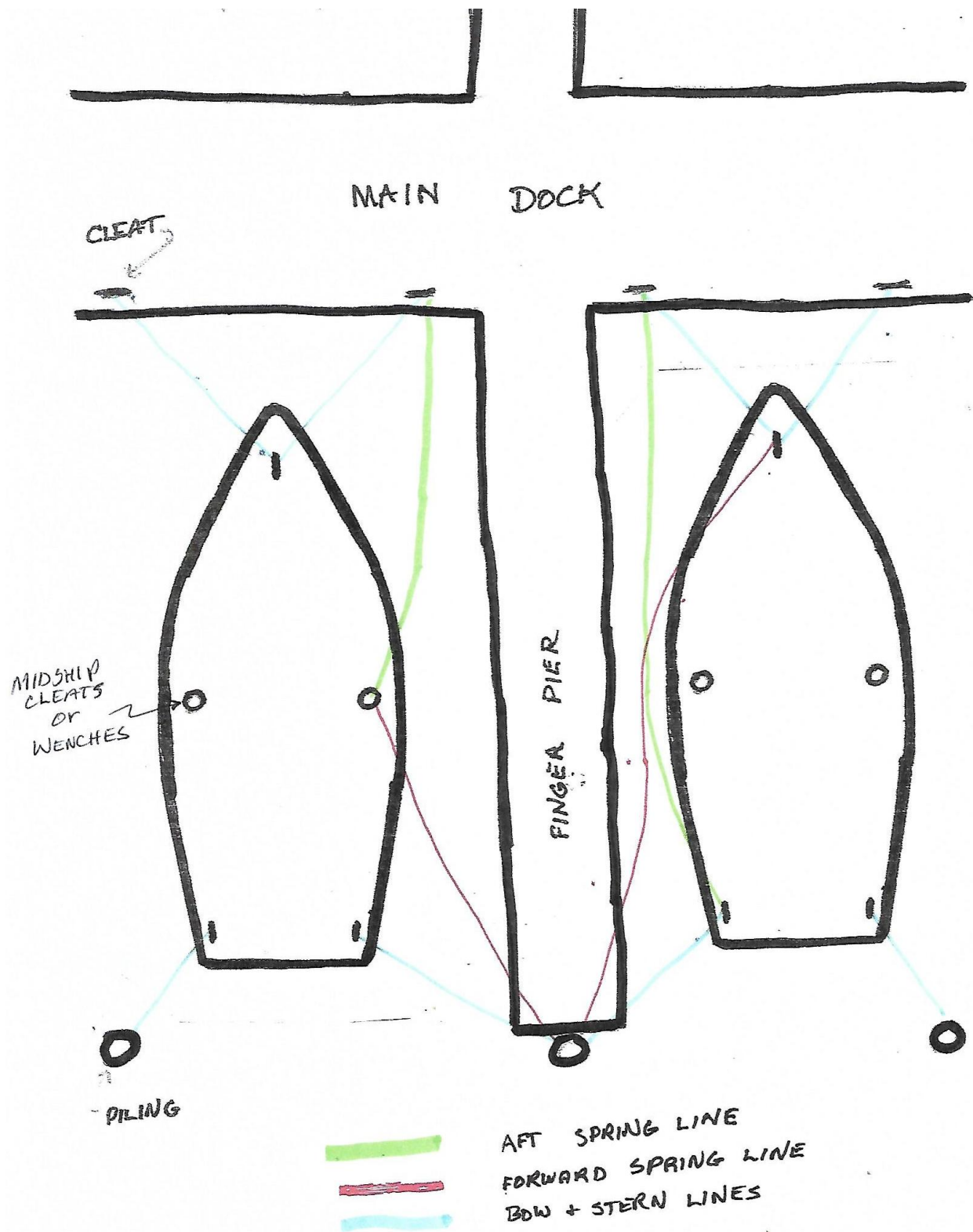
Listed below are the club recommendations for average weather conditions. Additional lines may be needed depending on the boat and which slip it is in and any expected inclement weather. It is the owner's responsibility to adequately secure his/her boat.

Use only nylon or other lines designated as dock lines no less than 7/16 inches in diameter. The line used must be of a type that stretches so as to minimize shock load on the docks. Low stretch lines, such as that used for running rigging, and polypropylene (also referred to as poly rope) shall not be used as dock lines.

Lines which show signs of fraying shall be replaced immediately. Lines must be inspected regularly to ensure soundness.

To minimize shock loads, the end of the boat tied nearest the main part of a dock must have enough slack to accommodate two-foot waves, allowing the boat to rise and fall a total of 4 feet. The lines, especially the bow and stern lines must be tied loosely enough to accommodate the normal rise and fall of the lake.

Any boat in a slip must have at least two spring lines, one run aft and one run forward. (See the diagram below which are suggested methods of securing spring lines.)



7. Boat storage on club grounds is primarily intended for mast-up storage of actively dry-sailed sailboats.
8. The Grounds Committee will endeavor to arrange for one parking space per member, with parking for additional sailboats and empty sailboat trailers available on a strictly "space-available" basis. Pontoon boats and other motor boats may not be stored on club grounds. (Exceptions are granted for motor boats stored before October 28, 2011.)
9. The fee for non-member storage of boats on club grounds shall be \$100 per month and non-member storage must be approved by the Board of Trustees.
10. Parking shall be restricted as follows:
 - (a) The area between the ramp and the club house is reserved for day-use and short-term temporary use only.
 - (b) The parking area between the hoist and the front gate is reserved exclusively for actively dry-sailed, mast-up sail boats.
 - (c) No boats or trailers shall be parked in the swimming beach area between the sunfish racks and the swing sets.
 - (d) All motorboats must be parked in the areas beyond the swimming beach.
 - (e) Empty sailboat trailers must be parked in areas not suitable for mast up boat storage due to tree clearance or slope.
11. Boats berthed on trailers must be secured in accordance with the standards set by the Grounds Committee. This committee shall be the sole judge of the adequacy or acceptability of trailers or other haul-out gear.
12. Boat owners are to provide adequate rain covers for their boats, as the Club cannot assume responsibility for keeping boats bailed out.
13. All members, whether their boats are berthed ashore or at a dock slip, are obliged to attend to the safety of their craft at all times. Under no circumstances does the Club assume responsibility for the loss or damage to any boat or vehicle.
14. Private house rafts may not be anchored in the Club cove.
15. Any moorings in the vicinity of the Club, docks or water spaces for time duration longer than one week must be approved by the Board of Trustees.
16. Unattended boats shall not be left plugged into electrical power either onshore or on the water.