

2011 Rules and Regulations for GHYC Docks, Piers and Boat Slips

It is the intent of GHYC to provide berths to its Members for recreational use and the promotion of boating activities. All the docks, piers and boat slips in the GHYC basin are owned, operated and under the direct control of Great Harbor Yacht Club. A subset of these are leased seasonally while others will be available for transient use and can be reserved on an hourly/daily basis and available for wash down and loading/unloading. Slips are available to eligible GHYC Members in accordance with the following rules and regulations, which are periodically updated by the House Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. All such assignments are considered non-permanent in the interest of maximizing the limited space available in the basin.

The 2011 season for the docks and piers will begin May 28, 2011 (Memorial Day Weekend) and end Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 (Sunday after Labor Day) with limited staffing May 28 to June 15. The application process for the 2010 season will begin in October 2010 and the lottery held in November 2010. Once deposits are collected from those successful in the lottery, all remaining non-committed seasonal slips will be made available to the Members on the waitlist in December 2010.

A. General Guidelines

1. The GHYC docks and piers should not be considered a safe harbor in and during any foul weather, including but not limited to tropical depressions, tropical storms, hurricanes, or any storms with winds in excess of 30 mph. If a member fails to remove their boat from the basin in these instances, it is the member that is responsible for any loss or damage caused by the Member's boat.
2. In the event of a possible encounter with foul weather, the Club may evacuate any boat at the sole risk and expense of the Member. The Club may also take any precautions necessary to protect Club property from damage by the boat at the Member's expense.
3. In the event of discrepancy in interpretation of these rules and policies, final determination of intent and meaning shall reside with the Board of Governors. If the Rules and Regulations are not complied with, the Board of Governors may deny assignment, slip access and/or may cancel the rental of any slip of the offending Member without refund.
4. The House Committee oversees the management of the GHYC's docks and boat basin. The House Committee allocates slips for transient and seasonal use. The House Committee approves the assignments of the seasonal lottery and reserves the right to reassign slips to suit conditions as set forth in these rules. Reassignment shall be binding and not subject to refusal.
5. The Waterfront Director has full authority over the basin, docks, piers and boat slips.

6. The Dock Master has the responsibility to see that rules are enforced, policies followed, adequate services provided and that the basin is properly maintained.
7. The cooperation of all Members is essential for the efficient use of the Club's docks and floats. All yacht owners should be considerate of fellow Members by adhering to the guidelines and policies set within this document.
8. All children 12 years of age and under must wear USCG approved PFDs as required by Massachusetts State Law whenever they are on the Club's floats and docks and while in Club launches

B. Eligibility for a Berth

1. Any active Member in good standing is eligible to apply for a berth at GHYC. Only Members will have use of Club facilities and the docks.

C. Occupancy Conditions

1. All Member boats must comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the ownership, operation, or use of such boats. Such compliance to include, but not limited to: registration, equipment, operation, discharge of oil, discharge of waste and noise levels.
2. Boat owners shall carry their own insurance coverage for loss, property damage and liability. A certificate of insurance for liability, naming GHYC as additionally insured is also required every year the boat is berthed at GHYC. The Club shall not be liable for any loss or damage to vessels and equipment occasioned by fire, theft, wind, floods, strikes, riots, acts of God, or the public enemy.
3. No alterations to a slip facility shall be made by a Member without first obtaining concurrence from the Dock Master.
4. Boats berthed at GHYC shall not be used for commercial purposes.
5. Overnight stay and living aboard boats at GHYC is not permitted.
6. Open fires and charcoal grills are not allowed on the docks.
7. Dock boxes must be purchased through the Dock Master.

D. Guests of Members

1. Members shall advise the Dock Master in advance of giving permission for persons, including family members, to visit their boat. Note House Rules regarding the Club's Guest Policy apply. These House Rules also apply to parking on Club grounds.
2. Consistent with the Club's Guest Policy, family members (as defined in the Club's Guest Policy) with permission to use a Member's boat may use the Member's boat without the Member present. Non-family guests will not have access to Club facilities and docks unless accompanied by the Member.
3. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests and crewmembers. All individuals on Club premises must comply with Dock Master's direction and all applicable Club By-Laws and Protocols concerning Guest Privileges and House Rules.
4. Members using the services of licensed captains for their boats must provide the name of the captain and the job description to the Dock Master at the beginning of the season. Any changes in the job responsibilities or personnel changes must be updated with the Dock Master throughout the boating season.

E. Seasonal Rentals

1. Boat Slips:
 - Boats are assigned by an annual lottery system with no special accommodation for any individual Member.
 - Slips are assigned with due regard to the size and maneuverability of the boat and the size of the available slips.
 - If a Member is not picked in the lottery, they are put on a wait list using a lottery system.
 - If a seasonal slip holder is unable to keep their slip commitment prior to the beginning of the season or vacates their slip during the season, and the slip is filled by a waitlisted boat, the new slip holder will be charged a prorated or full season fee depending on the new date of commitment. The original slip holder will receive a credit.
2. Seasonal slips will be assigned only with the approval of the House Committee and only to Members in good standing. The slip assigned to a Member is for his or her personal use and may not be loaned, subleased, exchanged, or transferred in any manner by the Member. Slips assigned to a Member are for use only with boats which are under the Member's effective custody and control, and principally used by the Member.
3. Eligible Members must complete a written application form provided by the House Committee along with proof of insurance. The certificate of insurance for liability must list GHYC as an additional insured. If requested by the House Committee the applicant shall submit proof of ownership, i.e. USCG documentation, State Registration, State Title, Bill of Sale, or appropriate tax receipts.

4. Applications are valid for one season; it is the responsibility of the owner to renew applications each year.
5. Occupancy of slips is based on the conditions set forth in the Rental Agreement and as further specified in Sections C and K.
8. The Dock Master has the right to assign a boat to a Member's seasonal slip should the member temporarily remove his/her boat for more than 3 days. The Member must inform the Dock Master in advance if they are vacating the slip for more than 3 days. If a seasonal slip holder vacates their slip permanently before the season is over, the Club will attempt to fill the slip from the wait list. The original slip holder will receive a credit and new slip holder will be charged a prorated fee.

F. Transient Use-

1. The House Committee designates a specific number of slips to be Member transient slips and reserves the right to alter the number throughout the season to adjust to Members' needs.
2. While reservations for daily/hourly slips are not required, Members are encouraged to reserve a slip with the Dock Master. Daily transient space may be reserved up to 24 hours in advance from 8:00AM to 8:00PM daily.
3. To reserve a daily slip call the designated Dock Master phone or raise the GHYC Dock Master on VHF Channel #69. Daily space is available in three (3) hour increments (8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.).
4. Members may **reserve overnight or weekly transient space with the Dock Master beginning May 15, 2011**. Overnight reservations may not exceed two weeks in length. Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance or there is a cancellation fee. Due to the limited number of berths above 30', larger boats may not be accommodated.
5. Members may reserve a transient slip for their non-member guest's boat 24-hours in advance of the date(s) requested. Overnight reservations may not exceed 1 week in length and are billed to the member's account. Due to the limited number of berths above 30', larger boats may not be accommodated. There is a 20% non-member fee added to the charge.
6. If a Member is delayed, they must contact the Dock Master to ensure the reservation is held. There is a 30-minute grace period for reserved slips.
7. Boats arriving before or after dock hours (Dock hours 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) must register with the GHYC receptionist in the Main Club House.

8. Note that any dockside, unattended yacht, boat or tender left at the dock or in a service area without prior arrangements with the Dock Master is subject to towing. Members will be billed for this service.
9. Since space is limited and to ensure that all Members have access to slips, the House Committee reserves the right to limit the frequency of any individual Members' reservations if necessary.

G. Use of Club Docks

1. The floating dock designated for the launch service is for the sole use of the GHYC launch service. No other boats are permitted to tie up to the launch dock.
2. The designated load/unload docks are intended only for loading and unloading of passengers and provisions. In order to facilitate available dock space, there is a 15 minute maximum use for these docks. Yachts should stand off as soon as possible to permit usage by others. Boats may not be left unattended at the loading/unloading docks. If more time is needed, please see the Dock Master about transferring to an available transient slip or reserve space in advance. Please note that the load/unload floating dock next to the launch service dock is 32'. Load/Unload space for boats greater than 32' is located at the end of both piers.
3. The designated wash down dock is located on B Dock just in front of the designated GLM travel lift area and may be used by Members for no longer than 30 minutes to hose down their boat. Boats may not be left unattended at the wash down dock. If more time is needed, members should call in advance and reserve a transient slip. See rules K4 & K9 for regulations on use of water hoses and cleaning products.
4. The dinghy dock (east side of B Dock at the end) is intended for Members' temporary use. Reservations are not required; however, dinghies should not stay tied up for any longer than necessary and should stand off as soon as possible to permit the use of the facilities by others. Dinghy owners/Members will be responsible for all persons operating their dinghies within the harbor. The Dock Master reserves the right to move any dinghy located anywhere within the basin to accommodate transient boat dockage. All operation of dinghies within GHYC basin must be in compliance with Massachusetts State Laws.
5. The load/unload/transient slips at the end of A & B Docks are reserved for boats greater than 30'. Please be considerate of fellow Members with larger boats and do not tie up or use this space without prior permission of the Dock Master.
6. Grey Lady Marine operates a travel lift end of B Dock. This space along with the open dock space along the inside of B Dock is for use of GLM customers only.

7. All boats must be checked in with the Dock Master. Any dockside, unattended yacht, boat or tender left at the dock or in a service area without prior arrangements with the Dock Master is subject to towing. Members will be billed for this service.

H. Repair Work

1. Members shall advise the Dock Master in advance of giving permission for workers to work on their boat while berthed at the Club.
2. Minor repairs taking no longer than 1 hour may be conducted on Members' boats while berthed at GHYC. Permission from the Dock Master is required for more extensive work.
3. All work must be concluded before 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Work may not be conducted during holidays and weekends.
4. Any worker must have proper insurance, including worker's compensation insurance, to be permitted access to Club property. A copy of their insurance certificate must be on file with the Dock Master.
5. Outside contractors and Member-paid hands must comply with the Dock Master's direction and all applicable Club By-Laws and Protocols concerning Guest Privileges and House Rules.

I. Visiting Yachts

1. Boats making use of the Grey Lady Marine Valet service may utilize the GLM service dock for 15 minutes of loading and unloading only. If more time is needed, they must move to a GLM mooring.

J. Entering and Leaving the Basin

1. Boats underway within the basin must operate at idle speed. Wake law is enforced.
2. Boats leaving the basin have the right of way over boats entering.
3. Auxiliary power, if available, must be used in the basin. Sailing or maneuvering in the basin in such a way as to create a hazard to navigation is prohibited. Boat owners and/or operators will be held jointly and severally responsible for any damage to Club property and/or other boats.

K. Berthing and Docking Guidelines

1. Each slip is limited to one 30 amp circuit of electric power. The unattended use of electrical heaters of the radiant type with fans and glowing elements is not permitted.
2. All Members' boats at the GHYC piers and their dock lines and equipment shall be maintained in a safe and operable condition so as not to present a hazard to piers or other boats.
3. All engines must be turned off as soon as the boat is tied up. When backing into a slip, the stern must remain at least five feet from the seawall/dock.
4. Water hoses must be turned off and properly stowed with ends out of the water. Excessive use of water is prohibited.
5. Power lines connected shall be kept out of the water with enough slack to prevent breakage. Power lines shall be belayed to a cleat or piling, not around the electric pedestal itself, before passing to the boat.
6. Sailboats must secure their halyards so they will not create a disturbance.
7. Mooring lines, fenders, electrical connections, and other items related to the use of the slip will be inspected by the Dock Master from time to time and if found to be worn, undersized or otherwise unsuitable for their application, the Member shall be notified and have 7 days to make appropriate corrections. Failure to make such corrections shall be reason for cancellation of the berth rental and slip assignment. This provision does not oblige GHYC or the House Committee to make any inspections or release the Member from their obligation.
8. Overboard discharge of black or gray water is strictly prohibited. Nantucket waters have been designated NO DISCHARGE ZONE (NDZ). Do not discharge any treated or untreated sewage (black water) or shower/dishwasher water (gray water) overboard.
9. When washing boats it is required by law to use only environmentally safe biodegradable cleaning products. It is illegal to use onboard dishwashers and washing machines that discharge overboard into Nantucket waters.
10. Trash must be disposed of properly in the designated trash and recycle bins located on GHYC property.