

# Wabamun Sailing Club

## Rules and Best Practices

The positive collaboration of members increases enjoyment, facilitates fair and efficient use of the Club, and minimizes misunderstandings. It is the responsibility of members to be familiar with and follow the Club Rules and Etiquette and ensure that guests and family members do the same. Thank you for always being considerate of the membership.

### Volunteer Duties

Wabamun Sailing Club is a non-profit club run by volunteers and the contribution of time and energy helps to keep member fees affordable, is a great way to meet people and build a sense of community.

- All active members are required to participate in a minimum of 4 volunteer duties per season. If you are unable to fulfill the duties you have signed up for, please email [volunteer@wabamunsailingclub.com](mailto:volunteer@wabamunsailingclub.com) as soon as possible to be rescheduled.

### Boats

- All members are required to carry adequate third-party bodily injury and property damage liability insurance. All boats operated from the club premises must comply with Department of Transport regulations.
- Powerboats are used only for race management, race operations, training, coaching, safety, and rescue and may not be used for recreational purposes.
- The Club Optimists may be used by members at the Club if they are not needed for club activities. Members use the Optimists at their own risk and must ensure the safety and supervision of anyone using the boat. Optimists must be properly rigged, launched, and cared for while sailing. The boat must be de-rigged, dried, and properly stored within a reasonable period after use. Normal wear and tear is inevitable, however, members are responsible for any damage caused by neglect or carelessness. The Executive reserves the right to decline the loan of a boat if deemed appropriate.
- All boats must be properly secured. Members are responsible for any damage their boat causes to other boats or property if it breaks loose either on land or water.
- Boats, dollies, or equipment may not be borrowed without the consent of the owner. Dollies must be kept clear of the launching ramps and boat stalls.
- Boats may be moored temporarily at the pier between the shore and the power boat hoists.
- Boats are quite fragile, do not sit, stand, or lean on any boat that does not belong to you.
- Members must store their boats in their assigned stall and are responsible for mowing the grass under their boat and for the general maintenance and tidiness of the stall.
- If the Shore Captain finds it necessary to move a member's boat to a new stall, the boat will be secured in the new stall in the same manner as it was found.
- Members provide their own floats and should not tie up to other floats without permission from the owner.
- The float anchor system must not pose a danger or inconvenience to people walking or boats maneuvering in the area. Floats and anchors must be removed at the end of each sailing season.

### Grounds

- The area near the lake on the west side of the property is the designated smoking/vaping area. Please use the receptacle to dispose of butts.
- Use of Cannabis, except medicinal, is not allowed on the Club Property.
- No living tree or bush may be cut except for pruning purposes. Members may not remove chopped or other wood from the grounds.
- No fertilizers or herbicides may be used without permission of the Executive.
- Open fires are only permitted in designated fire pits.
- Club property is for use by all members and may not be monopolized by one person or group.
- Boat trailers may not be stored on club property other than in an assigned boat stall. Short term exceptions to this policy require the approval of the Shore Captain.
- Any boat trailer on Club property not in an assigned boat stall or without special approval from the Shore Captain may be moved to the nearest storage facility at the owner's expense.
- Extraneous objects, whether for club or personal use, may not be stored on club property without Executive approval.
- When a membership expires, all personal belongings including boats, boat trailers and RVs must be removed from Club property. Any unremoved belongings will be disposed of at the discretion of the Executive.
- Members share the responsibility of keeping the Club litter free and in an attractive condition.



## Vehicles

- The maximum speed on Club property is 5 km/hr.
- Space is limited, all vehicles, including RVs, should be parked with care.
- Vehicles are to be operated and parked on gravel surfaces only.
- Vehicles are not to be driven across the lawn nor in boat storage areas.

## Kitchen

- The kitchen is for the use of all members except during events and regattas.
- Members must clean up after using the kitchen and may not leave dishes to soak in the sink or to dry on a draining rack.
- The sinks are for the purpose of food preparation and clean-up only. Please use the washrooms for everything else.
- Members must remove all food from the refrigerator and freezer at the end of each visit. Food may not be stored in the refrigerator or freezer during Club functions.
- No garbage may be left in the kitchen, please take trash to the dumpster.

## Washrooms

- When leaving personal property in the washroom, confine belongings to a bag or a clothes hook.
- Please leave the washrooms clean and tidy.

## Pets

- Pets are welcome at the Club and must always be under the control of an adult. Owners must clean up after their pets immediately. Pets are not allowed in the Clubhouse.
- Repeated complaints about any pet may result in that pet's prohibition from the Club.

## Fishing

- Fishing from the Club property, including the pier, is prohibited.

## Water Safety

On-the-water safety of all members is extremely important to the Wabamun Sailing Club. All members racing or sailing for recreation are obligated to follow the water safety regulations established by the Club to ensure member safety.

Member activities that do not to comply with Club water safety regulations are not sanctioned or approved by the Club. The Wabamun Sailing Club is not responsible for any personal injury, loss of life or property damage.

- It is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or to continue to sail.
- It is required by law that all boats are equipped with one approved lifejacket or personal flotation device per person, a paddle, a bailer, and a sound signaling device. All boats must have an approved life jacket or personal flotation device for each person at any time when launching from Club property. Wetsuits alone are not sufficient.
- All skippers and crew members are required to wear life jackets during scheduled club races.
- The Club recommends that no more non-swimmers or small children be on board than there are swimmers on board.
- The skipper is responsible for the safety of the crew, guests, and boat.
- If any of the Club Flag Officers or Officer of the Day deems that sailing conditions are hazardous, a black flag will be hoisted on the yardarm advising sailors to remain ashore. This flag is hoisted only as a service to club members. The Club does not acknowledge that the failure to fly the black flag indicates that conditions are safe for sailing. The Club accepts no liability for the safety of sailors or for ensuring that the flag is hoisted. The decision to sail rests solely on each skipper.
- A power boat dedicated strictly for rescue must be ready for use anytime a member launches from the Club (keys in, a battery, gas and equipment on board). This boat is intended to respond to an emergency and may be left on the hoist.
- New members and novice sailors are encouraged to consult more experienced sailors or any member of the Executive when in doubt about conditions.
- Any sailor wishing to sail from Club property during storm conditions must inform the Officer of the Day or the Fleet Captain of their intentions.
- If anyone aboard is seriously injured or otherwise imperiled, try to get onto the hull and use the Marine Distress Signal (Arm Signal: slowly and repeatedly raise and lower outstretched arms to the sides). If a member observes anyone else signaling, the member will offer assistance as soon as possible.