Club Rules

Club Rules, whether written here or posted elsewhere within Club facilities, shall be adhered to by all members. Changes or amendments may be made to these Club rules by the Commodore at any time, and will take effect when posted on the Club website.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Members and their guests are expected to conduct themselves respectfully and courteously towards others, including but not limited to fellow members, guests, and Club staff while at any Club facility, Club function, or while representing the Club elsewhere.

Being Good Neighbors

Our Jersey City Clubhouse is in a residential area and we want to be good neighbors. After dusk, a half hour after sunset, members and Club guests must be mindful of keeping outdoor noise to a minimum. Anyone making excessive noise after dusk may be asked to vacate the premise by Club staff.

Jersey City Clubhouse

- Hours of Operation:
  - Sailing Season: Daily 8:45AM to 10:00PM
  - Off Season the Clubhouse Office is open M-F, 9:00AM to 5:00PM
- The Club is not responsible for items left behind, lost or stolen.
  - A Lost and Found box is located inside the Clubhouse. At the end of the sailing season, all items will be discarded.
- There is no smoking on Club property. Smokers may utilize the walkway outside the gate, overlooking the sailboats.
- Pets must be on a leash, and actively discouraged from urinating or defecating on Club property. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet thoroughly.
- Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, and skates are not allowed to be ridden on Club property. Bicycles may be locked to the iron railing outside of the Clubhouse property.
- Community Cooler
  - Members are welcome to utilize the large community cooler on the deck for beverages. By using this cooler, members are aware that it is an honor system: If you didn’t bring it, it is not yours to take.
  - Food items should be placed in Clubhouse refrigerator or a separate cooler to lessen possibility of food contamination.
- All members are responsible for cleaning up after themselves – trash in cans, washing and taking home their own dishes after a BBQ, etc.
- Lockers are rented for a 12-month period (May thru April) and can be renewed or relinquished.
Honorable William Wall Clubhouse

- Seasonal Hours of Operation:
  - Tues to Fri 5:15PM to 9:30PM
  - Saturday has two sessions: 12:45PM to 4:15PM and 5:15PM to 9PM

- Everyone, including members, buys tickets online at willywall.com.
- Members receive a 50% discount on drinks.
  - Members must make bartenders aware that they are members upon ordering by giving their full name that can be cross checked against active member list.
  - Members may share their discount if the member is present and all drinks are purchased on member’s credit card. Other than this, members’ drink discount is non-transferable.
- Smoking is permitted only outside on downstairs level by rear staircase.

Visiting a Reciprocal Yacht Club

- To visit one of our reciprocal yacht clubs around the world, members request a letter of introduction from the Commodore or MYC Membership Services.
- Visits are meant to be occasional; not regular occurrences.

SAILING

Members reserve time on Club J/24s via the online reservation system. Any member is allowed only one confirmed reservation in the system at any given time. Members are responsible for making their own reservations as well as managing their reservations. The Dockmaster is not responsible for moving/changing/deleting a Member’s reservation.

Members who have Crew or Skipper privileges have access to the Club’s fleet of J/24 sailboats.

- Only Club Skippers may reserve a J/24, and it is mandatory that he/she be onboard.
- Members may not alter anything on Club boats, boat equipment, sails, or sheets without prior permission.
- PFDs are required to be worn at all times by anyone sailing on a club boat, including when motoring.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed aboard J/24 sailboats.
- All boats, no exceptions, must be securely back at the dock no later than one-half hour after sunset, as published in the Eldridge Tide and Pilot Book.

Weather

All sailors, especially Skippers, are responsible for being aware of the weather forecast and conditions, and knowing when it is safe or not safe to sail.

- All Club boats must be safely back at the docks 30 minutes before a thunderstorm strikes.
- Club boats do not leave the docks if winds are sustained at 25 knots or higher.

Cancelation/No-Show Fee
No-shows and cancelations with less than 24-hour notice will result in a fine of $10. The only exception is when weather conditions arise and prevent sailing after the 24-hour deadline has passed.

Fleet Captain Sails
- Members who are crewing on Fleet Captain sails are expected to arrive 30 minutes prior to sailing time. There is an informative “How to be a Great Fleet Captain Crew” link on our website.
- Members who have not arrived 15 minutes prior to sailing time, may lose their reservation and incur a $10 Cancellation/No Show Fee
  - This fee is donated to the New York Harbor Sailing Foundation
- Fleet Captain Program is for members only. Crew may not bring guest(s).

Specific to Club Skippers
Club Skippers agree to, and are expected to, abide by both the Skipper Agreement and the Club’s Safety Protocol. Every sail must have a Float Plan filled out before the sail, and signed off upon return. Failure to do this may result in a $5 fine.

GUEST POLICY
We love guests! Please bring your friends to the Club and encourage them to join. We are a friendly, inviting bunch and would love to meet them. With that in mind please observe the following: All Club rules apply to guests, and a member who brings a guest to any Club property or event is solely responsible for the actions of said guest, including but not limited to any loss or damage to Club property, or a fellow member’s property.

Any one person can be a guest a total of three times per calendar year.

Aboard Hon. William Wall
- Member’s guest(s) are welcome aboard. Tickets are bought at www.willywall.com.

Fleet Captain Program
- Guests are not permitted in the Fleet Captain program by Crew members. With prior arrangement (for reservation system purposes) the Fleet Captain may bring a guest.

J/24 Cruising
- Skipper members may bring guests sailing with them. There is a $10 fee per guest that will be charged to the Skipper’s account.
- Family members who do not have Crew Privileges are considered guests.

J/24 Racing
- Skipper members may bring guests racing with them. There is a $25 fee per guest that will be charged to Skipper’s account.
MEMBERSHIP
The Club offers three types of membership (Skipper, Crew, or Social-Only) that are defined on the Club website. All members who choose sailing privileges start as a Crew Member. Skipper privileges are earned via the Club Skipper’s Test.

It is a member’s responsibility to keep an up-to-date credit card in the Club’s accounting system to pay quarterly dues and other charges/fees. The Club’s quarterly billing cycle is the 1st of January, April, July, and October.

- Racing fees and other miscellaneous charges will be processed as they accumulate.
- Member accounts that are past due will have their Club privileges curtailed until their account is made current.
- Member accounts that are over 2 quarters past due are subject to termination from the Club after the Club makes every effort to reach out by the email and telephone on record.

Membership Status
- MYC does not offer a “leave of absence” or placing membership “on hold."
- Any change of membership status will be for a minimum period of 12 months (a full year) from requested date.

As per a member’s signed agreement resignation from the Club is accepted in written format, including email to office@myc.org. Upon resignation, no future billing shall take place. A resigning member is responsible for any unpaid invoices up to date of resignation however.

Rejoining the Club -- please note that doing so within 12-months of resignation, requires payment of missed dues since resignation.