



CHARTER POLICIES (DAY SAILS & OVERNIGHTS)

Please be mindful of the below rules and restrictions when using Club boats. For some folks, these are reminders after not sailing for a while, for others, these might be new. All-in-all, the purpose of these rules are to keep you, your crew, and the boats safe. Failure to comply with the below may result in termination of membership.

BOAT RESERVATION POLICIES (ALL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS)

- 1 future day sail reservation + 1 future overnight charter in the books at a time.
- Unlimited same-day reservations (booked day-of).
- **Half day sails** are any 4-hour block of time
- **Full day sails** are any reservations that are more than 4 hours of sailing
- **NW Club members, certified at up to the ASA 104 level**, are welcome to use the 30'+ fleet for overnights at the Olympic Club Rate (see current rate sheet for pricing).
- **Arriving Late to a Reservation:** The end-time of the reservation will remain the same regardless of the time the member picks up the boat.
- **Before/After-hours Reservations.** Members can use the Reservation Description field online to include the number of life jackets or any other requests for the reservation. Early reservation requests must be made before 5:00pm the day before the reservation.
- **Late Return of a Boat and/or Return after Sunset:** The Club must be notified immediately of a late return. Returns arriving 30 minutes or more after the end time will result in a \$100 Late Return Fee. All returns after sunset will result in the same fee.

CANCELLATION POLICIES

- **Day Sail Cancellations:** Cancel online using Club Manager or contact the Club. There is no fee for day sail cancellations, however please be sure to properly cancel your reservation so that the boat is available for another member's use.
- **Overnight Charter Cancellations:** Cancellations/Changes can be made up to 14 days before the charter for a full refund of the 25% deposit. Changes or cancellations made within 14 days of the charter are non-refundable. ***Cancellations must be made by calling or emailing the Club.***
- **Holiday Overnight Charter Cancellations (Memorial Day Weekend, 4th of July, & Labor Day Weekend)** Cancellations can be made up to 30 days before the charter for a full refund of the 25% deposit. Changes or cancellations made within 30 days of the charter are non-refundable. ***Cancellations must be made by calling or emailing the Club***

OVERNIGHT CHARTER POLICIES

- **Overnight Charters begin at 9:00am** the first day of the charter and are **required to return by 5:00pm the last day of the charter.**
- **Members are responsible for fueling up and pumping out after an overnight charter.** Failure to do so will result in a \$150 fee.

- 25% Deposit will be charged automatically to the card on file immediately following the reservation.
- The balance will be automatically charged 7-days prior to the first day of the charter.
- Completion of Overnight Contract (emailed to you).
- **Pre-boarding for Overnight Charters** (Any time after 5pm the evening before the first day of charter). Members are required to arrange this with the Club at least 48-hours before their departure and are not guaranteed the boat will be available.
 - Unlimited day sail Members - \$110 + tax
 - Olympic Club Members - \$230 + tax

Prepare yourself and your crew with the following before departing on your sail:

1. Always check the weather and tides before any sailing adventure. The Club uses the [National Buoy Data Center](#) for Hood Canal and Puget Sound weather forecasts (scroll the bottom of the page) and [West Point Buoy](#) for the current wind speed.
2. **Every person on board is required by law to have a personal flotation device.** Every boat is equipped with at least 4 orange Type II life jackets, but we recommend you have your own and extra for your crew. Children under the age of 12 are required to wear a life jacket on-board at all times (including on the docks).
3. Only members of the Club can maneuver in and out of slips/docks.
4. In **winds forecasted to be at or above 15kts, prepare your reef before departure.** Do not re-rig or remove reefing lines. Removing or re-rigging reef lines will result in a \$100 fee.

The following are **not allowed** while on Club boats.

- **Red wine is not recommended on Club boats** as it stains decks and interiors.
- **Spray sunscreen.** Chemicals within spray sunscreens stain the gelcoat on boats.
- **Smoking in the cabin.**
- **Alcohol & Drugs.** Anyone (skipper or guest) that is deemed intoxicated at the time of an accident will be fully responsible for all bodily injury or property damage as a result of that accident. This includes cannabis as it is illegal to use while on federally regulated waterways.
- **Pets & Animals.** If service animals are onboard the member is responsible for removing animal hair, foot prints, etc. after use. If the vessel is found to be dirty a \$100/hr cleaning fee will be charged.
- **Towing.** Do not tow other boats unless otherwise discussed with an official Club representative.

RESTRICTED SAILING/MOTORING CONDITIONS

- **High Winds (20-25 kts)**
- **Low Visibility (fog, smoke, heavy snow).** Boats remain docked in Shilshole until the outline of Bainbridge (from H-Dock to J-Dock) can be seen from the office.
- **Thunder or Lightning.**
- **Between Sunset and Sunrise.** Boats are to be docked/moored by sunset for day sail and overnight charters.

RESTRICTED SAILING AREAS. No Sailing/Motoring in the below locations.

- Ballard Locks - in Lake Union or Lake Washington
- Sailing further west than a line between Port Angeles, WA and Victoria, BC – and no further north than Port Hardy, BC (top of Vancouver Island).
- Club designated No-Go Zones. (see full Member Handbook for No-Go Zones)

SPINNAKERS, SINGLE HANDING, & ENTERING CANADA

- **Spinnakers.** Non-racing and racing spinnaker use is allowed after the below are completed.
 - Completion of Asymm. Spinnaker Lesson
 - Passing a spinnaker check-out with an instructor
 - Previous skippering (with spinnaker use) in Club Race Programs
 - Spinnaker Use Policies
 - Spinnaker use is prohibited in winds gusting 15kts+.
 - The Deductible Waiver does not cover damage to spinnakers or spinnaker sheets. Please inspect spinnaker and report any damage prior to using.
- **Single Handing.** Single handing is allowed after the below are completed.
 - 3 successful single-handed sails between the hours of 9am and 5pm (during business hours). Once this is completed, notify the Office Staff and we will assign the “Single Handing” rating to your Club Manager account.
 - Single Handing Policies:
 - No Single handing with a spinnaker.
 - No Single handing in winds gusting 15kts or more.
 - Members are required to notify the club before sailing alone and provide a float plan before departing from the dock.
- **Sailing into Canada.** If entering into Canada, it is the member’s responsibility to adhere to the current Canadian & U.S. policies and pay any necessary fees. The Club does not reimburse for these stickers.