



## THAMES YACHT CLUB

### HOUSE RULES

(Revised 6/10/25)

1. Members, beach pass members and guests shall abide by the House Rules and shall honor Bylaws.
2. The House Committee is responsible for the enforcement of all House Rules and will take such disciplinary action as may be required to effect compliance. The Commodore or his/her designee has the responsibility to act for the House Committee in interpreting and enforcing the House Rules.
3. Children of members are not allowed to have guests on Club property, except during organized Club functions. This rule does not pertain to crew members. Club and Club property are closed to children of members after sunset unless accompanied by parents, except during organized functions.
4. Guests must be accompanied by their host at all times while on club property; crew members are exempt. Guests of members and beach pass holders are encouraged to sign our guest book. No person shall be a guest at the Club for more than three times during the season. Exceptions may be made by the House Committee for out-of-town house guests on extended visits. Guests shall abide by all rules and regulations.
5. Children 12 years of age or younger:
  - a. are not permitted on the premises without supervision of a parent or designee.
  - b. must wear a life jacket when walking on the dock and riding in the launch.
  - c. are not permitted on the launch without supervision of a parent or designee.
  - d. are not permitted to play on the street side of the clubhouse fence.
  - e. are not permitted on the 2nd floor except for specific approved functions. Under no circumstances are they allowed on upper deck porch.
6. No article shall be exposed for sale, nor any subscription paper, petition or notice circulated or posted on Club property, except with the consent of the House Committee.
7. Club property removed, damaged or destroyed by any person shall be replaced or repaired at that person's expense, unless such obligation is remitted by the House Committee. In this regard, Club members are responsible for damage caused by their guests.
8. Personal property left or stored on Club premises shall be at the owner's risk. Personal property except for boats assigned a storage location shall be removed from the premises not later than November 1. Personal property is always the owner's responsibility.

9. The clubhouse will be secured when not in use. Members entering or leaving the Club are responsible for turning off lights and locking doors and windows when no other members or employees are around.
10. There shall be no dancing on the second floor.
11. The Upper Porch and Second Floor lounge area are reserved for the exclusive use of adults 18 and older. Under certain circumstances such as cruising, and when renting a TYC mooring or slip or emergency situation, children under 18 are permitted to use 2nd floor shower facilities when accompanied by an adult who is physically present on the 2nd floor.
12. Unauthorized use of personal property such as dinghies, oars, etc. is not permitted.
13. Animals are not allowed on Club property unless leashed and under control of adult, and under no circumstances will they be allowed inside the clubhouse or on the porch. Members are required to clean up after their animals.
14. Outboard motors, gasoline, oil, paint and other flammable materials create extreme fire hazards. Under no circumstances will such materials be stored or placed in or near the clubhouse. Flammable materials will be stored in outside storage boxes.
15. Sails, spars and rigging may only be stored under the clubhouse. The drying or storage of sails, towels, clothing or related gear in the clubhouse or on the porch is not permitted.
16. Members shall not reprimand Club employees. Complaints of any nature shall be made in writing to the Commodore or his/her designee, signed by the complainant with a copy to the House Committee Chairman.
17. Swimming and diving from the Club landing floats, dock or catwalks is extremely dangerous and not permitted.
18. Fishing is not permitted on Club property.
19. No person shall be allowed inside the clubhouse in a wet bathing suit, wet clothes or with sandy feet. Sandy feet and gear are not permitted on the porch.
20. Parking in front of the clubhouse is restricted to loading & unloading and other posted uses.
21. Dinghies and small boats must be stowed in assigned dinghy rack spaces or assigned beach spaces. Members who desire to "dry sail" small boats that cannot be stowed on dinghy racks may petition the Executive Committee for an assigned space on the beach. All boats stowed on the beach must be on a workable dolly so the boat may be temporarily relocated if necessary. Assigned dinghy racks and assigned beach spaces will be charged at their respective rates. Catamarans and trimarans are not to be stowed on the beach. Horizontally stowed masts that extend more than a total 2 feet from the vessel they are stowed on must be stowed in a designated area.
  - a. All boats on the beach must be on a working dolly that belongs to a TYC member for easy movement. Kayaks are stored on the racks. Both must have some form of identification on it and a TYC Small Boat Registration Form must be submitted,

along with proper payment, to store a boat on the beach. A TYC sticker will be affixed to identify boats in compliance. Non-compliance will be subject to boat removal.

22. Boats which are “wet sailed” are not to stay on the beach except for maintenance. The length of stay on the beach will be limited to that reasonable for the maintenance.
23. Only dinghies 12 feet or less in length will be tied in dinghy slips. Outboard motors if not removed when dinghies are not in use will be rigged so as not to cause damage to adjacent dinghies or the dock.
24. Subletting of wet slips is not allowed. Failure to use a space will free the space for reassignment.
25. Dock Regulations
  - a. Dock Use Mid-May – Mid November:
    - The outboard side of the launch float is limited to a tie-up time of 30 minutes for boats. No dinghies allowed.
    - The inboard side of the launch float is for launch service only. Under no circumstances will boats use inboard side of the float.
    - Boats may tie-up during the daytime (0900 - 2100) without charge. Tie-up time is limited by the need to be considerate of other Club members and so yachts must be ready to move on demand so other members are not deprived of dock usage. If necessary, the Club Steward, senior Club Officer present or the House Committee Chairman will ask the yacht tied up the longest to move to a mooring.
    - For boats tying-up overnight (2100 - 0900), members will be charged a fixed dockage rate per night and transients a dockage rate per ft. per night as posted.
    - The south side of the dock will be used for no more than 72 hours. Dockage over 72 hours must be assigned.
    - Wet slips may be used when needed for a maximum of seven consecutive days. Members having special problems may use wet slips for a maximum of 14 consecutive days when approved by the Commodore, Commodore’s designee or House Committee Chairman.
  - b. Dock Use Mid November – Mid May
    - The dock may be used for daytime tie-up.
    - The dock may not be used for winter storage. Members having special problems making permanent arrangements may use wet slips for a maximum of 14 consecutive days when approved by the Commodore or House Committee Chairman.
  - c. Dock electrical power shall not be used for air conditioning, heating, toasters, stoves, microwaves etc. Nozzles must be used on wash-down hoses to help conserve water.

- d. Under no circumstances shall Thames Yacht Club, Inc. be liable for any damages while members or guests use waterfront facilities or moorings.
  - e. Exemptions and/or waivers to these docking rules may be made at the discretion of the Commodore, House Committee Chairman or Commodore's designee for special events such as the Commodore's Trophy Race, Calvin Brouwer's Memorial Regatta, Club cruises, special ceremonies, and for vessels performing special functions for an official Thames Yacht Club event.
26. The Mooring Committee is responsible for control over the mooring area used by members. All members mooring their boats in the TYC mooring area shall comply with the current TYC Mooring Regulations.
- a. Non-members using a club mooring, or a member's mooring, will be charged \$1.75 per foot per day for the use of the facilities
  - b. Per State of Connecticut "General Permit for Harbor Moorings" members may not rent their moorings.
27. Rules for renting of Club premises:
- 1. The Clubhouse may be used for private social functions under sponsorship of a Club member; non-member and social organizations. A contract with the following conditions must be signed by the member, non-member or organization representative:
    - a. The member will assume complete responsibility for Club property and equipment, shall repair or replace damaged equipment, and will assume complete responsibility for the behavior of guests.
    - b. The non-member or social organization will assume complete responsibility for Club property and equipment, shall repair or replace damaged equipment, and will assume complete responsibility for the behavior of guests.
    - c. Non-members or social organizations renting the club will be limited to renting the second floor and upstairs deck only. No other use of the facility will be allowed by non-members or social organizations renting the club.
  - 2. Club member rental fees shall be as follows: First Floor \$110; Second Floor \$220.
  - 3. Non-member and social organization rental fees shall be as follows: Second Floor \$400.
  - 4. A refundable security deposits for any rental shall be: \$300
    - a. If the stove or fireplace is left on, \$50 will be withheld from Deposit.
  - 5. Cleaning fees shall be as follows: First Floor \$150.00; Second Floor \$150.00.
  - 6. Maximum Seating Capacity of each floor shall be as follows: First Floor 51; Second Floor 60
  - 7. All charges in connection with the use of the Clubhouse must be paid in advance.
  - 8. No dancing is permitted on the Second Floor, but may be done on the First Floor.

9. Clubhouse Decorating Policy

I. The following are **Not** prohibited:

- a. Use of confetti, sparkles, rice, birdseed, or sand.
- b. Attaching anything to the walls, windows, door frames, soffits, ceiling or ceiling arches by any method – this includes nails, screws, staples or tape of any kind.
- c. Items shall not be removed from walls.
- d. Attaching anything to the bar or mantle.

II. The following are permitted:

- a. Free-standing and table-top decorations.
- b. Weighted balloons

- 10. The individuals or groups renting the clubhouse acknowledges that Club members may use the clubhouse during a rental as follows:
  - i. Rental of the second floor will reserve it, and the second floor porch, exclusively for attendees at the event.
  - ii. Rental of the first floor will reserve the main floor, including the fireplace area, for attendees at the event, but Club members will still have access to the rest rooms, and to the first floor porch.
  - iii. Renters acknowledge that Club members will still have use of the club grill, the beach, and the dock.
- 11. All requests for use of the Clubhouse for private social functions shall be made in writing to the Vice Commodore at least 14 days prior to the date of use. Requests shall be honored in order of receipt.
- 12. The cleaning fees will be compensation for the extra cleaning required before and after private events.
- 13. The use of the Clubhouse by charitable, service organizations, and for meetings of sailing-related activities, and the charges for such use, shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 14. The Executive Committee shall decide any question as to the interpretation of these rules.
- 15. The Clubhouse cannot be rented during any major or club race, nor during any club sponsored social event, nor on “fireworks night”, nor during the period of the winter shutdown.
- 16. The individuals or groups renting the clubhouse will provide proof of insurance as follows:
  - i. Covered under Thames Yacht Club, Inc. insurance policies.

ii. Non-member and social organizations: A Special Event's Policy naming the Thames Yacht Club as an Additional Insured with respect to insured's use of yacht club premises for scheduled event being held on \_\_\_\_\_date. Liability limits to be \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate. Additionally, if alcohol is being served, this certificate needs to state that host liquor liability coverage is included. The liquor liability minimum limit to be \$1,000,000. An entity such as a caterer or bartender or disc jockey that comes onto the Club's premises, the Yacht Club requires this entity provide a certificate of insurance naming Thames Yacht Club as an additional insured on their general liability policy with respect to the event being held on the premises on \_\_\_\_\_. If the entity is serving the alcohol, they also need to name Thames Yacht Club as an additional insured on this certificate as well for liquor liability coverage. If the entity has employees, workers compensation coverage should be evidenced.

27. Smoking is prohibited on the premises.
28. Members are cautioned to be mindful of the fact that our facilities are located in a quiet residential area. Unless specifically approved by the Executive Committee social events, parties, outside gatherings and activities shall be terminated not later than 2200 hours (10 PM).
29. Starting May 31, 2012, members have 60 days to send in receipts for reimbursements.
30. Starting with the adoption of this Rule, club burgees will be awarded to new Members at the first General Membership meeting, or Commissioning Day, following their acceptance into the club, and the payment of their entrance fee, or the first portion thereof, and their first year dues. If the new member cannot be present for the award, they may obtain it by making a request to the Membership Chairman. The size of the burgee will be appropriate for the size of their boat for Senior Members, with the small size awarded to Small Boat Members.

*House Rules Revised June 10, 2025*



**THAMES YACHT CLUB**  
**MOORING REGULATIONS**  
**(Revised 2/24/2026)**

1. Mooring rules established by The Thames Yacht club will govern all Club Members. The Mooring Committee is responsible for control of the mooring area used by Thames Yacht Club Members to ensure compliance with Federal, State and Local Regulations.

2. All Thames Yacht Club mooring owners are required to submit an annual State of Connecticut "APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL, NON-COMMERCIAL MOORING SPACE PERMIT" which requires a physical inspection of the ground tackle every two years

To ensure that all TYC members annually register their mooring with the New London Harbor Master in a timely manner the following procedures must be followed:

All mooring applications must be processed through the Mooring Chair. There will be two options available to members to achieve this:

**Electronically**

Members must send via email their completed mooring application and copy of their current CT registration document via email. A blank mooring application will be posted on the club's website.

**Manually**

Members may leave a copy of their completed mooring application and copy of their current CT registration document at the club in the location provided by the launch desk. These will be collected on Fridays and delivered to the harbor masters office.

All completed applications will be available at the club once they are processed and members will be notified that they are available for collection.

We encourage all members to do this as soon as possible and no later than when they bring their boat to the Mooring Field.

Any member failing to have their application processed by the Mooring Chair by June 30 will incur a daily fine of \$1.00 until their completed application has been processed by the Harbor Masters office.

Any member failing to complete this process by the end of July may have access to their boat denied by the TYC launch.

3. Thames Yacht Club does not maintain moorings belonging to its members, nor does it assume any responsibility for them. All such member-owned moorings in the mooring area are to be established and maintained in accordance with the specifications herein

4. Ground Tackle Specifications:

- Boat length categories are for overall lengths. (See Table 1 for larger boats and Table 2 for smaller boats.) Variations in these specifications are not allowed without the approval of the Mooring Committee. However, larger size mushroom anchors may be substituted without specific approval. All boats are required to use chafing gear at their bow chock(s). All pennants must be nylon. Under severe wind conditions, the addition of a 10-foot length of pennant is advised. Chain sizes are given in wire size of the links. Scrap chain may be used for the heavy (ground) chain provided that each link is inspected and deemed sound. Floats are to bear legible markings indicating the owner's name, mushroom weight and boat name.

Note 1: The mooring area is open water and subject to storm surge and wave action during storm events. Members are advised to arrange for alternative locations for their boats prior to severe storm warnings.

Note 2: Mooring weight and chain size are the minimum recommended weights and size. Members may use larger weights and chain at their discretion.

5. The Mooring Committee must be notified prior to any change in ownership, boat size, anchor, or ground tackle.
6. The maximum boat length that TYC can accommodate in the mooring field is 50 feet or length approved by the Commodore.
7. The club launch and skiffs will not be used to install, remove, or swap mooring balls or winter marks.

***Rules are subject to change if directed by the Harbor Master.***