

W.S.A. RULES

GENERAL

- 1. No motor boats are allowed to be used or stored on WSA property unless approved by the Executive Committee.**
- 2. No guest will be allowed on W.S.A. property without the host W.S.A. member present. This rule also applies to the use of W.S.A. member's boat by a non-member when the boat is sailing from the W.S.A. docks.**
- 3. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult member while at W.S.A.**
- 4. Throwing anything which can injure people or cause property damage is not allowed (especially stones).**
- 5. The use or possession of any controlled substance by a member or guest is not allowed and will be grounds for immediate expulsion.**
- 6. Abuse or misuse of W.S.A. property will not be tolerated.**
- 7. No parties are allowed unless approved by the executive committee. None will be allowed on days when regattas are being held or when any major club functions are being held.**
- 8. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times while on W.S.A. property. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. No animals are allowed in the clubhouse.**

DUES, FEES AND FINES

- 1. Annual dues and fees are due on March 1st of each year.**
- 2. New members initiation fees, dues and other fees are payable when membership is granted.**
- 3. Members who do not perform weekend duty will be assessed an amount to be determined by the executive committee. Amount \$25.00 (date: 4/1/89)**

SECURITY

- 1. It is each members responsibility to secure the clubhouse, dinghies and equipment and to close and lock the gate if he/she is the last to leave. This includes while sailing on the lake and the property is left unattended.**
- 2. When leaving the club, lock doors, windows, gas locker and storage shed.**
- 3. Each member will be required to log-in and log-out on the daily log sheet.**
- 4. Any irregularities noted when using the club should be noted in the log and if serious enough, it should be reported to one of the people on the call list (next to the phone).**
- 5. When leaving the club, turn off all heaters, fans, stove and lights.**
- 6. Dispose of all smoking material properly. (avoid fires). Note: smoking not allowed in clubhouse or near gas bin.**

DOCK USE

- 1. It is every members responsibility to limit the use of docks and the launching ramp so that all boats can have easy access to and from the lake.**
- 2. Boats will not be allowed to be “parked” at the docks or on the ramp...this includes overnight tying up at the docks. If abused, appropriate action will be taken by the executive committee.**
- 3. Boat maintenance should be kept to a minimum at the docks and on the ramp, and is prohibited from 12 noon to 5:00pm on Sunday.**
- 4. Swimming is allowed, but swimmers must stay clear of boats.**
- 5. Fishing is allowed, but fishermen must stay clear of boats.**

6. All children who cannot swim or are under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult member while on the docks.
7. No horseplay will be tolerated on the docks.

COMMITTEE BOAT AND DINGHY USE

1. Only trained race committee or other authorized members are allowed to use the race committee boat and club dinghies when a motor is being used. This use is restricted to official club activities.
2. Dinghies may be used with oars by members to get to and from their moored boats. Other uses with oars is allowed within the dock and mooring area if there is no member needing the dinghy for mooring access.
3. All persons using club boats must have proper flotation devices on board.
4. No person unable to swim is allowed to use club boats.
5. No person under age 12 can use a club boat without proper adult supervision.
6. The last person using a club boat is responsible for securing it and returning all gear to the clubhouse (storage area).

MOORING AND DRY SAILING

1. All boat owners must register their boats using the current registration form by April 1st of each year. This must be done before a boat is moored or placed in the dry sailing area. Spots will be forfeited if dues and fees are not paid by March 1st.
2. Boat storage is allowed on W.S.A. property from April 1st to November 30th. Boat storage is allowed on W.S.A. property between December 1st and March 31st for winter storage (additional fee to be paid before November 30th).
3. Empty trailers may not be stored on W.S.A property.

4. **Mooring equipment must be approved by the grounds committee, but it is the responsibility of the individual member to supply, install and maintain it.**
5. **The storage of outboard motors with internal gas tanks is prohibited in the club house or storage area. All gas tanks must be stored in the gas bin with the owners name prominently displayed.**

HOUSEKEEPING

1. **All members are responsible for the cleanliness and upkeep of the W.S.A facility.**
2. **Each member will:**
 - **Empty trash barrels when full.**
 - **Sweep vacuum the clubhouse if needed.**
 - **Clean the restrooms when needed.**
 - **Clean the kitchen area when needed.**
 - **Wash the windows when needed.**
 - **Clean the beach when needed.**
3. **All members must clean-up after eating at the club. Any food spilled in or on the stove should be cleaned up immediately.**
4. **All members must clean-up after doing work on their boat.**
5. **All tools and equipment used by a member, will be returned to its proper place.**
6. **All gear will be stored neatly in the storage shed and clubhouse.**
7. **Food should not be left in the refrigerator or cupboard for more than one week.**
8. **Any food spilled in or on the stove should be cleaned up immediately.**
9. **Use ashtrays and dispose of all smoking material properly. (Don't throw butts)**

10. It is the responsibility of each member to maintain the area where his boat is kept. This includes cutting the grass and trimming the weeds.

11. Members will be assigned as hosts for one day to clean and maintain the club. These assignments will be by lottery. Any member unable to perform his or her duty on the assigned day will be responsible to arrange a switch with someone else. Failure to perform this duty will be subject to a fine.

BOATING SAFETY

1. Massachusetts Required Safety Equipment

Most of the state equipment carriage requirements are similar to federal laws. This primary list includes life preservers, fire extinguishers, signaling devices, visual distress signals, and navigation lights. In Massachusetts, life preservers are required to be worn by: (1) youth less than 12 years of age (2) personal watercraft users (3) water-skiers (4) canoeists/kayakers from September 15 - May 15. A boat owner or a boat's operator is responsible to ensure that passengers on-board wear life preservers as required. Additionally, the state requires that all motorboats (with the exception of personal watercraft) be equipped with an anchor, manual bailer, and line. A paddle or an oar is required on boats less than 16 feet in length. Motorboats towing skiers must also be equipped with a boarding ladder. Registration and numbering of all boats powered by machinery is required. (fire extinguishers not required on boats without motors)

2. Safety Guidelines at WSA

Youth less than 12 years of age must wear life preservers.

When WSA fly's the orange flag it's mandatory you wear life preservers.

When at WSA alone wear a life preserver.

When using dinghy to mooring and alone wear life preserver. If, sailing alone wear a life preserver. If, you don't like the bulk invest in one of the lightweight vests, they self inflate when you fall in the water. If, you slip getting into your boat and maybe render yourself unconscious who will save you?

When at WSA wear non-slip shoes on the docks, ramps and in the boats otherwise you're more prone to injury and falling into the water.

Sailors are more prone to head injury and possible falling into the water from the boom hitting the head and rendered unconscious in the water.

Boat Launching should be done in pairs as to take care not to run over bystanders and helpers.

Stepping your mast should be done in pairs as not to injure yourself or property around you. Members will be glad to help you.

Webster police patrol the lake. Please put their phone number 508-949-3898 on your cell phone for emergency. They have the right to inspect your boat for proper equipment and issue a citation. The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers free inspections of your boat and once inspected gives you decal to put on your boat. Decal will avoid police inspection of your boat.