



# ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

## Pond Usage Policy

### Overview.

- The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron is a private Members' Club. The Club's services are provided for Members or guests in the company of a Member. The wave attenuator forms a protected "Pond" area that enables the safe launching and retrieval of Hardstand yachts and the temporary mooring of Squadron Members' yachts.
- At all times the RSYS's nominated Dock Master will have the authority to determine the location and duration of a boat's stay alongside any of the Pontoons or Pond area. The Dock Master has the authority to move, or supervise the moving of, any boat in the Pond area to another part of the Pond, a temporary mooring or the boat's own mooring. In the absence of the Dock Master, the RSYS Club Secretary has the authority to supervise and enforce the Pond Usage Policy.

### Scope.

This policy document relates to the use of the Outer Pontoon, the Inner Pontoon, the Tender Pontoon and the Fuel Pontoon.

### Definitions.

- In this policy, the Outer Pontoon refers to the wave attenuator or curved pontoon that runs from the eastern end of the Hardstand in an outward curve to the north west
- In this policy, the Inner Pontoon refers to the largest of the three pontoons accessed from the north western end of the Hardstand.
- In this policy the Fuel Pontoon refers to the pontoon located immediately in front of the fuel bowser at the northern end of the Hardstand.
- In this policy the Tender Pontoon refers to the pontoon located at the base of the ramp next to the northern jib crane on the Hardstand.

## Policy.

- **Yacht Register.**

- All Members' boats using the Pond and Pontoons should be on the Squadron Yacht Register. (This gives the Dock Master all contact details).
- Members in control of boats not on the Squadron Yacht Register must advise the Dock Master of their contact details and Membership number.
- Boats on the Squadron Yacht Register should have "RSYS" on the stern.

- **Rafting up.**

Boats are encouraged to raft up in busy periods to increase the space available to Members. Boats wishing to raft up should seek permission from the inside boat (which should not unreasonably withhold permission) and ensure the boat is secured with bow and stern lines, and fore and aft springs taking slightly more weight than the bow and stern lines. A minimum of four fenders should be secured between each boat. Boats tied on the outside should be mindful of wiping their feet etc. before walking across the inside boat, and passage across the inside boat should be in front of the mast. Outside boats must be ready to move off at short notice. Overnight rafting is only permitted if the outside boat is manned with enough competent crew to move the boat off in adverse weather etc.

### Outer Pontoon Arm

- The first section of the outer Pontoon next to the gangway and marked by a solid yellow line is to be kept clear at all times for use by Hardstand yachts.
- On scheduled race days, the section of the outer Pontoon marked by a broken yellow line is to be kept clear for use by hardstand yachts.
- The remaining section of the outer Pontoon is for general use by Members and race entries during daylight hours. The Pontoon cannot be booked for use and may be used on a first-come first-served basis during daylight hours.
- Members are not permitted to leave their boats tied up to the Pontoon overnight without first requesting permission from the Dock Master or Club Secretary. Boats granted permission to be tied up to the Pontoon overnight must be removed from the pond by 10.00AM the following day unless being worked on or being prepared for a scheduled Club race the day following the overnight

stay. In all cases boats must be attended by 10.00AM otherwise twice the rate for an overnight stay will be billed to the Member's account and they may have their boat towed to their mooring or an RSYS temporary mooring and be charged for towing and mooring fees.

- Members who leave their boats moored to the Pontoon overnight without permission will be charged a Pontoon usage fee and may have their yacht towed to their mooring or an RSYS temporary mooring and be charged towing and mooring fees.
- Inner Pontoon Arm (inside or western side)
  - The section on the inside at the gangway end marked with a solid yellow line is for the storage of the RSYS Committee vessels: *Gitana* and *Mischief*. This section may be used by Club Members if the Club vessels are out, however boats must be attended at all times by someone capable of moving the boat as directed by the Dock Master and/or on return of the Committee vessels.
  - The berths at the northern end marked with an unbroken yellow line are reserved for the Club's Elliott Sevens. If these berths are not being used by the Elliotts they may only be used by Members following a request to the Dock Master who will advise the duration of stay allowed.
  - Members are not permitted to leave their boat tied to the Pontoon without first requesting permission from the Dock Master or Club Secretary.
  - Members who leave their boat moored at the Pontoon overnight without permission will be charged twice the overnight rate and may be towed to their mooring or an RSYS temporary mooring and charged towing and mooring fees.
- Inner Pontoon Arm (outside or eastern side)
  - The section of the outside at the gangway end marked with a solid yellow line is for the storage and operation of the Squadron Tender boats: *Marzeppa* and *Old Tom*.
  - The section at the non-gangway end of the arm marked with a solid yellow line is for the pick up and set down of crew/passengers only. The maximum stay is five minutes.
  - The remaining mid section of the Pontoon is reserved for the exclusive use of the Boatshed repair operation 7.30AM– 4.00PM Monday-Friday when the Yard is open for business. During the hours of 7.30AM-4.00PM the Dock Master may approve the use of this section of the dock for use by a Member and will nominate the duration of stay allowed. Outside these hours general use by Members and race entries is permitted during daylight hours and

may be used on a first-come first-served basis. If permission is granted for an overnight stay the dock must be vacated by 7.30AM Monday – Friday when the Yard is open for business, or by 10.00AM any day when the Yard is closed. Boats granted permission to be tied to the Pontoon overnight must be removed from the Pond by 10.00AM the following day unless being worked on or being prepared for a scheduled Club race the day following the overnight stay. In all cases boats must be attended by 10.00AM otherwise twice the rate for an overnight stay will be billed to the Member's account and they may have their boat towed to their mooring or an RSYS temporary mooring and be charged towing and mooring fees.

- Members are not permitted to leave their boats tied to the Pontoon overnight without first requesting permission from the Dock Master or Club Secretary.
- Members who leave their boats moored to the Pontoon overnight without permission will be charged a Pontoon usage fee and towed to their mooring or an RSYS temporary mooring and be charged towing and mooring fees.
- Contractors working on Members' yachts on a work pontoon.
  - A Member wishing to organize a contractor to work on his/her boat in the water must first contact the Yard Manager. A fee will be charged if the contractor is left unattended by the Member/owner.
  - On weekends no boat should have a contractor working on it where the boat is unattended by a Member, except in the case of serious damage.
  - All contractors attending the Squadron to work on a boat must complete WH&S registration and safety induction prior to commencing work.
- Fuel Pontoon
  - The purpose of the Fuel Pontoon is for Members to tie up temporarily whilst filling up their boats with diesel or unleaded fuel.
  - Water is also available from the Fuel Pontoon to fill boats' water tanks.
  - The Fuel Pontoon is not to be used for washing down boats or for any other maintenance purpose when the Pontoon is open for fuel sales.

- Members should vacate the Fuel Pontoon as soon as possible after refueling their boats.
- The Fuel Pontoon may be used for general use outside fuel selling hours but not for overnight stays.
- **Tender Pontoon**
  - The Squadron tender *Ida*, is operated from the Tender Pontoon.
  - The Tender Pontoon must be kept clear at all times.
  - On race days, the Tender Pontoon is also used to assist with the launching and retrieval of Hardstand yachts to and from the northern jib crane.