

Dock Rules

Detroit Yacht Club (As Amended November 2023)

ASSIGNMENT OF PERMANENT WELL HOLDERS AND FLOATERS

As general rule, empty wells are awarded to eligible bidders with the highest total number of well points.

I. Eligibility for Wells

As a general rule, members who are assigned a well or are given floater status must be the owner of the boat that is regularly kept in the well or at the Club. Where boats are jointly owned, at least one of the owners must be a full dues paying, boating, member such as active, intermediate, etc. Only the points of the member with the least points will be taken into account for the purpose of bidding on empty wells, but only the boating member may accrue future well points. In the case where all partners are boating members, the points of the member with the least points will be taken into account for the purpose of bidding on empty wells, but the future allocation of well points may be determined by the partnership with approval of the Dock Committee. Final decisions regarding which partnership points will be used are subject to approval of the Dock Committee or the Board of Directors. In no event will more than one well point be awarded for any year that a boat is in the harbor.

Where boats are owned by corporations or other business entities, the member claiming the boat may be asked to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Dock Committee that the vessel is in fact an entity controlled by the member. Vessels leased by members are the sole responsibility of the member and must be under his/her full control.

The Dock Committee may, at any reasonable time, require a member to demonstrate ownership of a boat by providing proper credentials.

Members selling or otherwise transferring ownership of their boats must notify the Harbormaster or the Dock Representative and vacate the slip within one week of sale. The sale of a boat does not include the well.

Members may retain the preference of their home well for the balance of the season during which the boat was sold plus the succeeding season. After that, if the member has not acquired a replacement boat, the well will be considered an empty well. In order to retain such preference, the member must pay for the well for the year that it is not occupied by that member.

II. Application for Wells

Members must submit well applications no later than September 30th, prior to the season for which a well is being requested. This applies to members with previously assigned wells along with floaters and other members. Applications received incomplete or after that date are not required to be considered. However, the Dock Committee may accept post-deadline applications depending on availability of wells.

The deposit as required by the Board of Directors must accompany applications. Members making application must be in good standing as of the date of the application and assignment.

All applications must be accompanied by proof of insurance and ownership. Members should not send originals of insurance policies or certificates of ownership, as the Committee cannot undertake responsibility of returning them.

III. Assignment and Transfers

A. Permanent Assignment

No individual or partnership may be assigned a well or floater status whom or which is not a full dues paying, boating member of the Club.

1. Wells are assigned based on two criteria:

- (a) First and foremost, the Dock Committee will consider whether the size of the requested well is appropriate in relation to the size of the member's boat.
- (b) The second criteria for a permanent well assignment, assuming the first criteria has been met, is the Seniority Point system.

2. Membership Seniority Points

- (a) Non-Boating Members (other than military/clergy or non-resident) receive one point for each year of regular Membership, commencing in the year joined, regardless of the month joined.
- (b) Boating Members receive two points for each year of Boating Membership, commencing in the year Boating Membership status begins, regardless of the month.

3. Well Holder Seniority Points

- (a) A Boating Member receives one additional point for each year the member has paid for a permanent or a floater well assignment.
- (b) Should two or more members have the same number of well points and desire the same well, prior contributions of time or effort to the Club or its committees may also be taken into consideration. Such action of the Committee shall require unanimous action of the members present at that meeting. Once a permanent well assignment is made, it will continue to be assigned as the member's home well provided the size of the vessel continues to conform to the size of the well and he or she complies with the rules of the Dock Committee, except in cases of extreme necessity as determined by the Board. Floater is defined as a boat that may be moved from well to well as needed to fit the Club's needs. Charges are on a "per foot" basis. Other non-floater assignments may be made after the bidding process for that season only and may not be moved to fit Club needs. At the next bidding cycle all members

may bid on such wells. Charges for assigned wells are based on the normal charges for the well except in cases of extreme necessity as determined by the Board.

4. Schedule

Upon completion of the final Open Well Bid process (Completed prior to the official harbor opening date of April 15th) the Dock Committee may continue to assign wells as necessary for the season under the following conditions. Wells may only be assigned that were listed on the Final Open Well Bid sheet that all current members had the opportunity to review and bid on. These assignments will be permanent seasonal assignments following current Harbor and Dock Rules. If a well were to become available (Member resignation, sold boat, etc.) that was not listed on the Final Open Well List for the season then that well may only be used as a floater well and must be listed on the 1st Open Well Bid list for the next season.

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B. Transfer of Wells

Well assignments and well points are transferable under two conditions:

- (1) A widow/widower, who continues his/her "boating/widow continuing" membership, may maintain the well assigned to the deceased spouse provided he/she retains a vessel appropriate to the well size.
- (2) In the event both of the remaining parents die, the son or daughter may succeed to the well, provided he or she is or becomes a boating member and provided he/she maintains a vessel appropriate to the well size. No widow or widower, or surviving son or daughter, may continue to maintain two wells under any circumstances after the date of the adoption of these Rules. A surviving spouse, as described above, retains the points acquired by the deceased member and may bid on other open wells.

C. Floaters

In addition to making permanent well assignments, the Dock Committee will designate, based upon the same well point system, the number of floaters for the season. The floater category is based upon the assumption that although all wells are assigned, they will not all be occupied at any given time and empty wells can be utilized while assigned members are away. By definition, it is implicit that floater boats must be moved from time to time so that assigned members will have access to their home wells when they return. Floaters therefore must be willing to move their boats upon 24-hour notice, which need not be in writing.

A floater, by signed application, has agreed to give Club personnel permission to move the boat by power or other method in the event the boat is not moved after issuance of the above notice. The Club will not be responsible for damage to such boat under such circumstance. At the time the boat enters the Club harbor for the season, the owner shall be required to give the Harbormaster access to the boat for this purpose. The positioning of floaters' boats will be at the discretion of the Harbormaster acting under authority of the Dock Committee.

Floaters must secure their boats with their own dock lines placed over the top of any dock lines found in the well. Floaters shall not be entitled to the use of dock boxes or telephone hook-ups.

D. Lagoon Dock

As of May 10, 2018, non-sailing vessels are not eligible to be permanently assigned to a Lagoon Well with the following exceptions:

1) Non-sailing vessels under 23 feet in length may be assigned to Lagoon Wells numbered 23 and lower.

2.) Any non-sailing vessel having a permanent well assignment as of September 21, 2016 may remain in its assigned well until the member who has that well assigned to him or her, elects not to renew said well assignment.

General Rules

Governing Well Holders and Floaters

Dock Committee - The Dock Committee shall be comprised of a chairman appointed by the Commodore, a Board representative, Fleet Measurer, Director of Harbor, Harbormaster and Fleet Captain. Decisions of the Dock Committee are subject to review by the full House Committee. Meetings of the Dock Committee will be closed and attendance shall be strictly limited to committee members, the Board of Director's representative and the Commodores.

Dock Assignments - DYC dock assignment privileges are limited to pleasure craft. No vessel shall use DYC as the base for commercial or charter business. Members who are assigned seasonal dock space on Club premises must use the well assigned to them by the Dock Committee. No other boat will be permitted in the member's assigned well without the permission of the Dock Committee, Harbormaster or General Manager.

24-Hour Rule - Members with permanent well assignments must notify the Harbormaster if the well is to be vacant for more than 24 hours and must give the Harbormaster at least 24 hours' notice of return. Failure to do so may result in not having immediate access to the member's home well and the Club shall have no responsibility for damage resulting there from or for reimbursing the member who is forced to dock away from the Club. The assignment of floaters and guests to vacant wells during a member's absence shall be at the discretion of the Harbormaster acting within the guidelines established by the Dock Committee.

Second Wells - Those members having more than one well for the use of a smaller boat as of the date these rules are adopted (August, 2006) may continue to keep such wells. Hereafter, members will be entitled to only one well. Members with second wells may not bid on a different second well (the second well being the well that normally contains the member's small boat). In the event that there are empty wells after all well assignments have been made, members may bid on empty wells for second wells provided there are no bids from anyone in the Club regardless of the number of previously assigned floaters. Second wells granted under this rule shall be occupied as floater wells and subject to all rules which apply to floaters. Such occupancy shall be for that season only and shall entitle the member to no additional dock points.

Designated Small Boat Wells - The Board of Directors shall determine which wells within the harbor are designated for small boats. Wells so designated will be exempt from the Second Well Rule. They will be assigned according to the normal harbor rules except that no small boat well may be initially assigned as a second well if there is a member who bids on it as a primary well. However, no member may bid on two small boat wells except under the Second Well Rule. No additional dock points will be granted for occupancy of a second well in the Designated Small

Boat Well area. Personal Watercraft space is considered boat storage, available to all members.

Second Boats - Boats must be kept within the perimeter of the well. When members are away from wells, dinghies and boats must be tied in such a manner and at such place so as not to interfere with the use of the Club facilities. No boats of any size are to be on the docks, dock boxes or finger docks.

Swapping of Wells - Individuals will not be permitted to trade wells unless approved by the Dock Committee and confirmed by the House Committee. All wells, which become empty for any reason, will be assigned in accordance with the well point system.

Maintenance of Docks - No tables, planters, fountains, line holders, platforms structures, antennae, boxes, chairs, benches may be constructed or placed on the docks or finger piers without permission of the House Committee. All dock boxes, decorations, painting schemes, etc., shall be done in a manner subject to the approval of the House Committee and shall contribute to a uniform appearance of the dock and be appropriate to the overall demeanor of the Club. No member may store equipment (e.g. pumps, tool chests, oil cans, et.) on any portion of the docks or finger piers. Any such item(s) may be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the House Committee. This section shall also apply to the grassy areas surrounding walk-in dock boxes on Lagoon dock during the summer boating season.

Steps and Platforms - Steps and platforms constructed to facilitate access to boats shall be permitted if agreed upon by both members sharing a finger dock and by the dock representative. The member must properly maintain steps and platforms. Steps and platforms, which are unsightly and/or unsafe, shall be removed at the discretion of the House Committee.

Mooring - All boats are to be docked bow-to.

Identification - All boats assigned permanent wells may be required to display a sticker furnished by the Dock Committee showing the assigned dock name and number. Stickers shall be affixed as follows: Sailboats - on the main mast one foot above the deck visible from the finger dock. Power Boats - in the window closest to the bow of the boat visible from the finger dock.

Condition of Boats - Club members are expected to keep their boats in good physical condition. Masts and rigging shall be in place on sailboats as soon as reasonably possible after launch. Rails and shrouds shall not be utilized as clotheslines for the purpose of drying laundry and/or cleaning rags. Should a concern be expressed regarding the condition or appearance of a particular boat in the Club harbor or on Club grounds, the Dock Committee with the Board of Directors will determine what course of action should be taken. If extreme conditions are not corrected to the satisfaction of all concerned, the owner will be asked to remove the boat from the Club harbor or premises.

Boat Maintenance - Minor repairs, varnishing, etc., are permitted, but major boat or engine work must be undertaken away from the Club. Permissible minor repairs shall be carried out during normal business hours and shall be completed in a manner that is not offensive to neighboring boat owners.

Halyards - Sailboats must have halyards tied to prevent banging. The Club House Rules permit the levying of fines for creating a nuisance.

Overboard Discharge - Any boat moored at the Detroit Yacht Club shall refrain from discharging organic material including (but not limited to) fuel, lubricant, garbage, sewage, organic or inorganic toxic substance into the waters in the vicinity of the Club. Trash and garbage from boats at the docks must be properly placed in containers provided. Persons living aboard boats at the docks may use the Club rest rooms and locker room facilities.

Generators - If electricity is provided, motor driven-generators are not to be used. Further, it is specifically forbidden to operate any generator between the hours of 8:00 pm and 8:00 am and such apparatus must be effectively muffled.

Motors on Boats - Every boat, including sail boats designed to be equipped with auxiliary engines, must enter and exit the harbor under its own motor power. In the case of an emergency where a vessel cannot enter the harbor by motor, the vessel in distress must first notify the Harbormaster to receive instructions regarding how to enter the harbor. All boat motors (e.g. propulsion, generators, etc.) must be effectively muffled.

Excessive Noise - Music shall not be played so as to be heard one boat away. At all times music shall be appropriate for a family club. Music containing crude, vulgar and/or obscene lyrics is not allowed at any time.

After 11:00 pm loud noise from sources such as (but not limited to) hailers, radios, stereos, musical instruments or televisions is not permitted on the docks without House Committee permission.

Open Fires - Open fires on boats, finger docks or other docks are prohibited by city ordinance and Club rules. No grills or electric burners with exposed hot coils of any type are permitted on finger docks, main docks, boats or any other docks. Grills and electric burners with exposed hot coils may be used only in designated picnic areas.

Fueling of Boats - Fueling of boats or storage of fuel for boats is prohibited on Club premises.

No Wake Area - To avoid a wake in the dock area, reduce speed to "no wake" from the last green buoy west of West End dock to the old water intake crib east of the Lagoon entrance. Excessive wakes made by vessel movement within the Club harbor is not permitted.

Dockside Water - Water will be turned on in the spring when vessels arrive in the harbor, weather permitting and turned off in the fall when the harbor is empty or when the risk of freezing exists.

Dockside Power - Electricity will be turned on when the first boat arrives in the spring and turned off at the end of November or when the harbor is empty. Additional 120 or 220-volt outlets may be installed at the member's expense, plus meter charges in some cases. The Harbormaster will supply details.

Dock Boxes - Dock boxes are for the exclusive use of the member assigned to the well, not floaters or guests.

Supervision of Children - Children 17 years of age and under are not allowed to remain on boats without parental or responsible adult personal supervision.

Dogs and Pets

- (a) Dogs or other pets may be walked on a leash on club grounds. All animals must be on short – no longer than 6 foot – leashes.
- (b) “Doggy Land” areas are designated as the only areas on Club Property authorized for pets to exercise or relieve themselves.
- (c) Pets are allowed on Member boats or in vehicles, but no animals are allowed in Club Buildings or on Club Property including Starlight Circle other than as provided in this House Rule.
- (d) At all times pet owners must accompany and maintain control of their pets while on club grounds and must avoid them jumping on or otherwise coming in contact with other persons or animals or barking or making other noise which disturbs other members. Members must immediately clean up pet waste whether in doggy land or elsewhere.
- (e) Members found violating these rules will receive a written reprimand from the club after their first violation which will be placed in their membership file. A second violation may subject the member to other restrictions including the obligation to transport their pets in carts in all areas on the club grounds, the prohibition of their pet from club grounds, or other disciplinary action.

Rafting of Boats - Rafting of boats off other boats or the docks will be allowed at such times as approved by the House Committee.

Mooring - Vessels (e.g. yachts, boats, launches) shall not be moored to the outside of the "T" of a dock by day or night without special permission from the House Committee or the Harbormaster.

Lights - After sunset any vessel, including (but not limited to) dinghies, small or large boats operated in the Club harbor shall display proper navigational lights.

Guest Wells - Any member, except one with a seasonally assigned well or floater status, shall be permitted the use of a guest well at the established rate for a period not to exceed two weeks. Check out time for guest wells is 11:00 am. Those yachts remaining in guest wells after 11:00 am shall be charged another day's dockage. A member desiring use of a guest well in excess of two (2) weeks during any season must obtain permission from the House Committee. Guest privileges shall not be used to circumvent the Club's assignment policies.

Tipping - Tipping of dock personnel is permitted and encouraged for services other than routine assistance in tying up of members' boats.

In-Water - Docking/storage of boats in any DYC well from the period starting December 1st through March 1st is prohibited.

Lines and Fenders - All lines and fenders, bumpers, etc., tied to or attached to the docks, finger piers or pilings must be removed when the vessel leaves the harbor for the winter. Any lines not removed by the well holder may be removed by the Club and disposed of. This shall include lines used by winter bubblers in the Lagoon.

For Sale Signs on Boats - No “For Sale” sign shall be placed in the harbor, either on a boat or elsewhere, or on any boat in dry storage on DYC Property.

Violations of the Rules - The Club's General Manager is required to notify a member(s) of any violations of the rules of the Club and to report same to the House Committee. Any member violating any of these rules or for any conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to reprimand, suspension or expulsion.

Notice - The dock rules and amendments to the rules will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby outside the Club office. Said posting satisfies all requirements of notice to members and well holders.

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