

General Waterfront Regulations

1. The Niantic Bay Yacht Club assumes no liability for any damage, theft, flooding, or other loss to a member's boat or vessel while in or out of the water at the NBYC facility.
2. Members and their guests using the waterfront facilities do so at their own risk and shall exercise due care to prevent accidents or damage to boats, docks and equipment.
3. Owners of stored boats, both dry sail and slips, shall have liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$300,000. Vessels shall maintain current Connecticut boating registration as required.
4. Slips and Dry Sail assignments are nontransferable and may not be sublet.
5. Electrical outlets on the docks and breakwater are for the temporary use of small appliances or tools only. The electrical service is not rated for shore power. Power cords are not to be left plugged in overnight and will be removed if found.
6. Open fires on boats or docks are prohibited.
7. Running, bike riding, skateboarding, rollerblading and horseplay are prohibited on the docks, breakwater, and other waterfront facilities.
8. Fishing is permitted only on the outside of the breakwater. Fishing is not permitted from the breakwater in the swimming area.
9. The end of the T-dock is to be used only for temporarily tie-ups to load or unload passengers and gear, or for short duration repairs or alterations. Such use should be kept to a minimum and the boat must be attended. During Club sponsored regattas the T-dock must be kept open for the use of regatta participants.
10. The crane and electric hoists are to be used only by personnel who have been instructed and qualified in the proper operation of the equipment.
11. Boarding any vessel without the owner's permission is prohibited except in the case of an emergency.
12. Employees and Club members may use the club power boats only if they are 16 or older, have a Connecticut Safe Boater Certificate and have been instructed in the safe operation of the boat. The Club Manager shall be notified if a Club boat is to travel beyond the immediate area of Niantic Bay out of site of the Club.
13. All slip holders shall submit a copy of their Connecticut Boat's Registration and proof of insurance with the Club Manager upon arrival at the Club.
14. Slip holders shall provide and use their own lines, chafing gear and fenders and shall properly maintain such equipment. In the event of storms, slip holder shall check on their vessels, applying chafing gear, doubling up or add extra mooring lines and making sure their boat is closed up with loose gear stowed. It is the responsibility of the slip holder to arrange for someone to perform these tasks if the slip holder cannot do so. Slip holders are responsible to prevent damage to their boat, neighboring boats and docks.
15. All boats are to be operated in a safe and prudent manner. The mooring field and breakwater basin are a "no wake" speed area.
16. If a significant storm is forecast it is recommended that boats be moved to more suitable shelter than the club docks. In the event of a major storm and/or hurricane owners may be required to remove their vessels from the Club docks and property at the direction of the Flag Officers and/or Waterfront Chairman. All boat owners SHALL leave contact information with the club and make himself /herself or a representative available to move their boat(s) if so directed. Failure to remove your vessel will result in the member being charged for the damage caused by their vessel to club property.
17. It is expected that all who use the waterfront facilities be cooperative; lending a hand when required; be considerate of others; keep the areas clean and ship shape; tie off halyards, coil lines and hoses; and be especially careful with electric cables.
18. Unsafe conditions or the failure of gear must be reported immediately, and boat owners are expected to adhere to the traditions of yachting and the sea.