



Owasco Yacht Club Code of Conduct

The primary mission of the Owasco Yacht Club is to offer social and recreational activities with safe and easy access to Owasco Lake for members, their families and guest using the Club facilities. This goal can only be achieved with the cooperative effort of the membership and the dedicated administration of the Board of Directors.

To attain these goals a **Code of Conduct** must be maintained. The Board may amend this code as well the *OYC Rules and Regulations* as needed. Loud and/or offensive language and obscene or otherwise inappropriate behavior is forbidden. Members are responsible for damage incurred by their family and guests. Any member who willfully or carelessly causes such damage shall pay for that damage to Club or privately owned property. If a member has a complaint, it should be signed by the member and given to a Board Member or sent to owascoyachtclub@gmail.com. All submissions will be given serious consideration and will be acted upon as needed. The board of directors reserves the right to terminate or suspend any membership in violation of the Code of Conduct or Rules and Regulations with just cause.

Rules and Regulations

Being a part of a member owned organization such as the Owasco Yacht Club, comes with responsibilities. We should take great pride in our Club. In an effort to provide the same opportunities and enjoyment for every member, Rules and Regulations have been drafted as a part of the Code of Conduct. Please uphold these rules.

General Rules

1. Children under the age of 12 cannot be left at the Club without adult supervision by parent or qualified adult.
2. No parking next to the clubhouse or over/on any sidewalks.
3. Pets are not allowed on Club grounds.
4. Picnic tables, grills and fire pits cannot be reserved and are to be shared by all. Please be considerate of others. Tablecloths are not allowed to be left overnight to "reserve" a spot for the next day, or placed in the morning and left unused until an evening event.
5. Any Club property should be returned to its proper location after use. i.e. toys, games, kitchen trays etc.
6. Fishing is allowed from the shores of OYC (away from the swimming area) and from the launch or the floating dock. Fishing is not allowed from the swim dock but is allowed from private docks with the permission of the dock owner.
7. The Steward's Cabin, clubhouse kitchen, garage and storage rooms and ice machine are off limits to unauthorized individuals.
8. Smoking is not permitted near play areas, swimming area in the clubhouse or around other people. Please be considerate of those who may have allergies to second hand smoke.

Guest Policy

Members have preferential use of Club facilities, however we welcome guests under the guidelines listed below. All guests must be accompanied by a member-in-good-standing*.

- **A non-member guest may attend up to five (5) visits per season. If a guest wishes to visit more often, members are encouraged to sponsor their guest for membership. To be fair to all members, please do not abuse this privilege.**
- Guests are asked to sign the Guest Book located near the Food Service Window upon arrival at each visit.
- **This policy pertains to local guests and members who are currently on leave.**
- Out-of-town houseguests (relatives and friends who live more than 50-miles from OYC) may enjoy full membership privileges during their stay when accompanied by the member.
- Members with boats may take guests on their boats at any time.
- Sailing crews may be extended guest privileges by their skippers.
- Under special circumstances, the board of directors may make exceptions to the rules.

To be fair to all members, please adhere to the Guest Policy.

*A member in good standing has all current dues and fees paid in full.

Swim Area Regulations

1. Swimming is not allowed when lifeguards are not on duty.
2. All Club members must heed the instructions of the lifeguards.
3. Swimming is restricted to the marked swimming areas.
4. A swimming test, given by the lifeguard staff, is required for swimmers younger than 18 years of age before they are allowed in the deep swim area.
5. Personal flotation devices are not allowed in the deep swim area, this includes Coast Guard approved life jackets. They are allowed in the middle section with an adult within arm's reach.
6. A swimming area for non-swimmers and children is marked by the first set of swimming markers from the shore.
7. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
8. Running and sunbathing are not permitted on the swim dock. There is an area reserved for sunbathing next to the lifeguard area.
9. Throwing stones and feeding of ducks and other wildlife is not permitted in the swim area.
10. It is recommended that swimmers always swim with a partner.
11. It is recommended that swimmers wear foot protection in the shallow and middle sections of the swim area.

Use of Club Boats

1. The lifeguard boat is for the exclusive use of the lifeguards and must be kept free for emergency use at all times. In the case of a shortage of oars, the lifeguard boat oars must be kept as a complete set.
2. The two (2) Club rowboats are for use by boat owners who have boats moored. Club rowboats must not be left at moorings.
3. Children are not allowed to use rowboats without adult supervision.

4. The Committee Boat is for the use of the Race Committee and an authorized list of members as designated by the Sailing Director.

Club Boats Available for General Member Use.

Please look for the OYC boat sticker to assure you are not using someone's personal boat.

- 2 Sit on top kayaks that are located directly in front of the deck
- 2 Sunfish sailboats
- 1 Laser sailboat
- 2 Hobie 14 foot catamarans
- 2 aluminum canoes
- 1 Paddleboat

Paddles and life jackets for all the above boats and are located under the main deck.

Personal Water Craft (PWCs)

PWCs were allowed on Club grounds as of the 2016 season. Members are permitted to launch and operate their personally owned and properly registered PWC at the Club launch. Towing trailer must then be brought back to the upper lot or the second level lot when not in use. They may not be left in the parking area by the launch.

PWC operators must meet Federal, State and local requirements and must obey navigational rules as well as posted signage such as NO WAKE ZONE. Operators will follow the rules below.

1. Operators will leave the dock towards lake and not travel through the mooring area unless they are heading to their respective mooring to use.
2. The floating dock can be used for daily access to the Club. No overnight storage at either floating dock or launch dock is allowed.
3. Parking at the dock should be done on the windward side to allow sailors the leeward side.
4. Allow enough space at the floating dock for sailors to use the crane.
5. NO WAKE ZONE occurs at the mooring field and is to be observed when leaving the dock and returning.
6. Violators of these rules will be brought to the attention of the Commodore, Board of Directors or Waterfront Director and appropriate action will be taken as noted in the Code of Conduct.
7. Trailers may be kept up in the second level lot for a fee based upon the width of trailer.
8. Trailers will have assigned spaces and owners will notify Waterfront Director if planning to keep a PWC on Club property.
9. All trailers and PWCs must use the identification stickers issued to the owners by the Waterfront Director.
10. All PWC operators should take advantage of all 11-miles of the lake as there are many beautiful areas unseen from the shores of OYC so enjoy!!

