

MERSEY YACHT CLUB INC

SLIPWAY BY-LAWS

1. The slipping and launching of vessels and the movement and storage of vessels in the yard shall be under the control of the Slipmaster or in his absence a Duty Officer appointed by Committee. The Slipmaster and such Duty Officer or Officers as appointed by Committee shall constitute the Slipway Committee.
2. Only vessels registered with the Club and authorised by a Member of the Slipway Committee shall be permitted to use the Club Slipway. The owner of such vessel or his representative shall be required to indemnify the Trustees of the Club against loss or damage whilst the boat is on the Slipway or in the yard and also have satisfied the Committee that such vessel is covered by an adequate policy of third party insurance. Committee may grant visiting vessels permission to use the Slipway.
3. No person other than those authorised by the Slipway Committee shall operate the winch and they shall ensure that the wire is tracking evenly on the winch drum at all times.
4. Owners wishing to use the Club Slipway shall give reasonable notice to the Slipway Committee and complete whatever written notice is required by the Slipway Committee setting out the date and duration of the slipping except in the case of an emergency or with the express permission of a Member of the Slipway Committee.
5. All vessels shall be scrubbed off on the haul out area but the Slipmaster or in his absence the Duty Officer shall have the right to order otherwise. All rubbish is to be cleared away and bilges may only be drained in the haul out area.
6. All vessels shall be level when hauled out and whilst in the storage area. They shall be secured in the cradle to the satisfaction of the Slipmaster or in his absence the Duty Officer and halyards shall be tied clear of masts.
7. Vessels shall not be slipped with dinghies on davits. In the case of vessels with fixed davits these shall be unshipped or swung inboard where possible.
8. No work involving major construction or alterations to a vessel shall be carried out in the Slipyard without prior approval of the Slipway Committee.
9. The use of dry sandblasting equipment shall not be permitted.
10. The use of spray guns and wet sandblasting equipment is permitted only in the area directed by the Slipmaster or Duty Officer and such use shall only be permitted when weather conditions are such that sprays, etc., are not carried to the vicinity of other vessels in the yard and vehicles in the carparks. The work being carried out shall be adequately screened off and safety apparel including glasses or goggles must be worn by the operator/operators.
11. The use of power points is restricted to repair and maintenance only. Unattended vessels will be disconnected unless authorised by the Slipmaster or Duty Officer.
12. No further cradles shall be placed in the yard without approval. Plans for alterations of any existing cradle shall be submitted for approval by the Slipway Committee.
13. All cradles shall be kept maintained to the specifications determined by the Slipway Committee and they shall be kept mobile to the satisfaction of the Slipway Committee. Sub-standard cradles shall be removed at the owner's expense. The Slipmaster or Duty Officer has the right to refuse to slip a vessel on a cradle he deems unsafe.
14. The slipping fee and lay-day charge and charge for the use of Club cradle shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.
15. The slipping rights of any vessel sold will cease until application from the new owner has been approved by the Slipway Committee.
16. All Members using the Club Slipway facilities shall ensure the security of the Club equipment at all times.
17. All equipment shall be properly used as directed by the Slipmaster or Duty Officer and all equipment such as hoses, brooms, etc., shall be stored neatly after use.

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18. Notwithstanding anything in these By-Laws, the Committee reserves the right to direct any vessel to vacate the Slip.
19. Only vessels of a dead weight of less than twelve (12) tonnes and less than twelve (12) metres in length shall be permitted to use the Slipway.
20. No person shall be permitted to live on board any vessel whilst such vessel is in the Slipyard unless authorised by the Committee.
21. If there are no storage bays available then the vessel cannot be slipped - even for cleaning on the same tide.
22. After hauling out and cleaning off the owner/operator and his crew shall be responsible for moving the vessel immediately to its allocated storage area.
23. All cradles shall be numbered and registered with the Secretary for identification. The Register shall be placed in an accessible location to allow boat owners/operators to make contact with the cradle owners regarding usage. Failure to number and register cradles will result in its removal from the Slipyard.
24. Cradle owners are to make their cradles available to other boat owners/operators upon request unless they can show a need to use same themselves at that particular time or identify the unsuitability of that boat for the cradle in question. If cradle owners fail to allow usage of their cradle for other reasons the Slipway Committee will determine the allocation. Failure to adhere to this will result in the removal of that cradle from the Slipyard.
25. Cradle owners are not permitted to charge a fee to boat owners for use of their cradle but can expect the user to assist in the reasonable maintenance of the cradle.
26. The Slipway Committee may direct as to the action of users of the Slipway as considered reasonable from time to time.
27. Use of the Club cradles is limited to two (2) weeks unless authorised by the Committee.