

PONTOON ACCESS AND DINGHY STORAGE POLICY

1. Purpose

To ensure satisfactory vessel tender access, operation and storage practices are maintained by Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Association (DBCYA) and its senior members for the benefit and protection of all parties concerned. For the purposes of this policy the term Dinghy pertains to all dinghies, yacht tenders, canoes and small sailing craft.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all DBCYA senior members relating to the temporary access and longer-term storage of dinghies on DBCYA premises, including the pontoon, the wharf, the retaining wall, the boat ramp and the dinghy storage racks and surrounding land. This policy is effective from 01 September 2015.

3. Dinghy Identification

3.1. All senior members wishing to utilise DBCYA for temporary access or longer-term storage must identify their vessel by way of:

3.1.1. Their senior membership number permanently displayed in a visible and legible manner on the inside and outside of the transom.

3.1.2. An authorisation sticker pertaining to the current membership year.

3.2. Unidentified vessels are deemed to be stored or secured unlawfully or abandoned and may be removed, relocated, disposed of or sold by the Club as per the conditions of the Uncollected Goods Act 2004.

4. Dinghy Temporary Access and Longer-Term Storage

4.1. Temporary Access - Pontoon (Refer Attachment A – Area Map)

4.1.1. The pontoon is a popular facility and is increasingly being used to capacity. Clear rules concerning usage of the existing pontoon are required to provide safe and effective access for all.

4.1.2. The pontoon facility is provided for senior members only for the purpose of temporary land or yacht/powered cruiser access by tender for those with vessels moored in the harbour. As such, no vessel is to be secured to the pontoon for a period extending past 48 hours.

4.1.3. Dinghies of a length more than four metres are deemed to be oversized and are not permitted to be tied up to the pontoon. Oversize dinghies are a greater damage risk to other vessels and have a greater tendency to block access ways and as such are required to tie up alongside the wharf wall (see 3.2 below). Management reserves the right to declare smaller-length dinghies oversized if they are deemed to be an extra wide or otherwise substantially sized run-around vessel rather than a typical yacht tender.

4.1.4. All vessels are to be secured to the pontoon in a manner that does not cause trip hazards over steps and ladders.

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- 4.1.5. All vessels are to be secured in a manner that does not block access to the duckboard (rear step section) and the water tap at the rear of the pontoon.
 - 4.1.6. No sites or locations on the pontoon can be reserved by any member – access is that of a first-come, first-in-position basis.
 - 4.1.7. No members are to willingly interfere with another vessel secured at the pontoon for the purpose of their own gain or benefit.
 - 4.1.8. All vessels must be tied up in a manner that minimises the likelihood of damage to other vessels.
 - 4.1.9. DBCYA reserves the right to reposition any vessel secured on the pontoon if that vessel is in danger of incurring damage to itself or other vessels, including cutting rope or chain if required.
 - 4.1.10. No commercial vessels are to be secured to the pontoon.
 - 4.1.11. Inflatable dinghies and small hand dinghies to 2.4metres are permitted to be secured to the walkway bridge on the provision that the tie off rope is secured in a manner that does not cause a trip hazard.
 - 4.1.12. The pontoon is used solely at the user’s risk. DBCYA takes no responsibility for any damage incurred to persons or vessels in the process of utilising the pontoon.
 - 4.1.13. Any observed pontoon damage or wear and tear should be brought to the attention of the General Manager.
 - 4.1.14. Pontoon usage will be monitored by DBCYA staff.
 - 4.1.15. Security cameras operate in the pontoon/wharf area – anyone wishing to investigate theft or vandalism should approach the General Manager to access footage.
- 4.2. Temporary Access – Seaward End of the Wharf Wall (Refer Attachment A – Area Map)**
- 4.2.1. The wharf Wall facility is provided for senior members with tenders over four metres for the purpose of temporary land access of duration no longer than 48 hours.
 - 4.2.2. Access to the wharf wall is either via the 2nd set of wharf stairs located two thirds down the wharf, or via the pontoon, with the dinghy then walked into position.
 - 4.2.3. At low spring tides this area is dry so the dinghy owner is required to time-manage their arrival and departure around these times, just as time management is required for access in and out of the channel.
 - 4.2.4. No dinghies are to be tied up further up the wharf than the allocated zone to avoid blocking yacht access to careening berth # 5.
 - 4.2.5. No dinghies are to be stored overnight on the top of the wharf alongside the davit crane or other wharf area to avoid traffic congestion, with the exemption of Hard Stand Wharf occupants who may store their dinghies within the confines of their hard stand site.

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4.3. Short-term storage – retaining walls skirting the pontoon basin (Refer Attachment A – Area Map)

- 4.3.1. Senior members may secure their dinghy in the designated areas only by the boat ramp and on the beach side of the boat ramp for a maximum period of two months.
- 4.3.2. Any dinghies tied up on the boat ramp slope must be on a short tether to avoid blocking the boat ramp after high tide.
- 4.3.3. Site space is limited and guarantee is not provided that space will be available.
- 4.3.4. Occupancy past this period will result in the senior member being required to place his/her dinghy on the dinghy storage rack (as availability allows). Dinghies secured on the retaining wall for a period of longer than two months will be deemed to be abandoned and treated accordingly.
- 4.3.5. Dinghies are required to make way for yachts coming up onto the beach area in front of the careening poles for repairs or maintenance.

4.4. Longer-term Storage – Dinghy Storage Racks (Refer Attachment A – Area Map)

- 4.4.1. The dinghy racks are available free of charge to senior members on a first come first served basis.
- 4.4.2. The allocated area for this long-term storage is the existing dinghy storage rack facility which has a capacity to house 36 dinghies. DBCYA is not in a position to offer all senior members a dinghy storage facility due to space constraints. If the storage racks are at capacity the remaining senior members must coordinate their own dinghy storage arrangements offsite.
- 4.4.3. All senior members who wish to utilise or continue to utilise this facility are required to mark their vessel with their membership number and an authorisation sticker pertaining to the current membership period.
- 4.4.4. There is a storage limit of one dinghy per senior member.
- 4.4.5. All persons using the storage racks must remain financial members throughout the duration of their dinghy storage agreement.
- 4.4.6. Dinghies are not permitted to be stored in the vegetation alongside the boat ramp, in the general area surrounding the dinghy storage racks, in a manner that blocks access pathways, or any other location not zoned for dinghy storage.
- 4.4.7. Hard Stand occupants may store their dinghies within the confines of their hard stand site.

5. Dinghy Relocation Facilities

- 5.1. A dinghy crane is located on the wharf (maximum capacity 500kg) for the purpose of lifting dinghies in and out of the water.
- 5.2. A self-propelled dingy trailer is provided to transport dinghies around the club.

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6. Abandoned Dinghies

- 6.1. Dinghies left anywhere on DBCYA premises other than in a manner fully compliant with this policy for a period of four weeks or more will be deemed to have been abandoned and may be removed, relocated, disposed of or sold by the Club as per the conditions of the Uncollected Goods Act 2004.

7. Dinghy Trailers

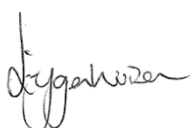
- 7.1. Dinghy trailers may only be stored at DBCYA for a maximum of 24 hours at a time.
- 7.2. All trailers stored on premise for a period of more than four weeks will be deemed to have been abandoned and may be removed, relocated, disposed of or sold by the Club as per the conditions of the Uncollected Goods Act 2004.

8. Policy Infringements

- 8.1. Vessel owners in breach of these policy conditions will be given a verbal infringement notification from the General Manager, or if the person cannot be contacted, via a written notice attached to the vessel. A register of infringement notifications will be kept.
- 8.2. Details of any unactioned instructions to remedy an infringement will be provided to the Management Committee for disciplinary action.
- 8.3. Repeat infringements may lead to suspension or revocation of senior membership and forfeit of the right to access the club's senior member facilities.

Signed:

DBCYA Commodore:



Name: Joy Eggenhuizen

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ATTACHMENT A - Area Map



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