



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

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### GENERAL RULES

In accordance with the terms of the Berthing Agreement, RMYC reserves the right to impose General Rules for the proper use of the premises, as it considers in its sole discretion necessary and all people using the marina shall observe the same.

#### 1. Vehicles and Parking

- 1.1. Parking is not permitted in the area around the pontoon gates. Please use the public car park in front of Creek Marina.
- 1.2. If a vehicle is temporarily parked in front of the pontoons for loading / unloading, it must be always attended to and removed if necessary. This should be done as quickly as possible to avoid clogging up the area. Please use extreme caution when entering /exiting the area as children may be present.

#### 2. Marina access

- 2.1. Access to the marina and facilities is restricted to berth holders and their guests only.
- 2.2. Children should be always supervised and encouraged to walk rather than run while accessing the marina.
- 2.3. Dogs should be always kept on a lead.

#### 3. Marina Security

- 3.1. Access to the marina pontoons, showers and toilets are exclusively for the berth holders who have been provided with access keys.
- 3.2. Marina staff will conduct rounds of the marina and shore side facilities to check vessel security and ensure access to the pontoons is only available to berth holders.
- 3.3. The removal or improper use of the safety ladders, life rings, and firefighting appliances is prohibited; such action may result in the termination of the owner's berthing agreement. For the avoidance of doubt these items are intended for the preservation of life and to aid rescue in the event of emergency only.

#### 4. Marina General Rules

- 4.1. It is recommended that children and non-swimmers wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid before crossing the marina access bridge to the pontoons.
- 4.2. In the event of a Man Overboard (MOB) from either boats or pontoons the alarm should be raised by shouting, "Man overboard" repeatedly until assistance is provided. The use of MOB retrieval equipment on vessels and safety equipment on the pontoons should be used to retrieve the MOB from the water.

4.3. On recovery, if in any doubt to the good health of the MOB an ambulance should be called to treat the casualty. As a minimum requirement the Marina office should be informed at the earliest opportunity; marina staff will aid.

## **5. Toilets & Showers**

5.1. Toilets and showers for exclusive berth holder's use are accessible using the access key

5.2. The marina staff will ensure that the toilets and showers are maintained to an acceptable standard of cleanliness and generally good repair.

5.3. Berth holders should inform marina staff, at the earliest opportunity, if the standard of cleanliness of the toilets and showers is not up to standard or if any damage is noted in the facility

## **6. Pontoon Utilities**

6.1 Utilities are available against a utility fee payable at the start of the season

6.2. Electricity is available to berth holders via the utility pods.

6.3. Tampering with the electrical supply is strictly prohibited

6.4. In the event of issues with utilities supply, berth holders should contact the marina office on 2133109 during office hours Monday to Friday 8.30hrs till 17.00hrs or VHF Channel 13.

6.5. The marina office may disconnect any vessel from the marina electricity supply if it is found to repeatedly trip the RCD breakers and consequently affect other berth holders.

6.6. The water supply to the marina is available for use by berth holders for vessel cleaning and water tanks.

6.7. It is not recommended to use water for drinking or cooking.

6.8. Hoses should not be left running and unattended under any circumstances.

## **7. Pontoon & Vessel Safety**

7.1. Owners shall not allow their gear, equipment or stores to obstruct the pontoons or cause hazard to other berth holders and their guests.

7.2. Stern line tails should be neatly coiled and placed on the pontoon edge in front of the berth. Power cables should be coiled neatly, and access planks should be placed horizontally on the pontoon edge directly in front of the assigned vessel's berth.

7.3 Water hoses should be stored in the vessel after use and not left on the pontoons.

7.4. Pontoons may be slippery when wet; do not run on the pontoons.

7.5. Fishing in the marina is not permitted.

7.6. The marina is very busy with boats entering and exiting under power, consequently swimming in the marina is prohibited.

7.7 If you are diving to clean the underside of the boat it is mandatory to have one person on watch on the pontoon, to keep a lookout for approaching boats.

7.8. It is recommended that a life jacket or buoyancy aid be always worn on vessels afloat.

7.9. All vessels must supply their own stern mooring lines

7.10. All third parties working on the vessels must be qualified and should have insurance coverage.

## **8. Vessel Management**

8.1. Vessels shall be berthed by the Owner in such a manner and position as the Marina may require and unless otherwise agreed the owner shall, from time to time, check, refasten or replace adequate warps and fenders for the Vessel.

8.2. Vessels should be berthed in their assigned space, and it is mandatory to use the assigned lines on port and starboard to secure the vessel. Any damage to these lines will be recharged to the berth holder.

8.3. Vessels shall be always kept in a mobile seaworthy condition and capable of proceeding to sea except when temporarily under refit.

8.4. Vessels may not be used as houseboats or lived on board other than for temporary holiday use.

8.5. Dinghies, tenders, rafts and all ancillary equipment must be always stowed aboard the vessel.

8.6. To prevent injuries caused by anchors and davits do not allow your vessel to overhang the pontoon.

8.7. No part of the Marina or shore side facilities or any vessel shall be used by the Owner for any commercial purpose except vessels for charter.

8.8. Vessels should not create a wake in the marina. The marina acceptable speed limit is "no wake".

8.9. Under all circumstances when moving Vessel's in or near the marina, Owners should observe the normal practice of seamanship, not endanger or inconvenience other marina users and under all circumstances adhere to the International Regulation for Prevention of Collision at Sea.

## **9. Environmental Policy**

9.1. Grey and black water may damage the environment. The marina policy to protect the environment is to encourage berth holders to use the marina toilets and showers and to minimize disposal at sea.

9.2. It is not permitted to empty black water tanks in the marina.

9.3. Refuse and food waste may not be disposed of in the marina.

## **10. Pontoon Closures**

10.1. In the event of dangerous weather conditions the marina staff may, for safety reasons, close the pontoons. This will be done using a sign roped across the top of the marina access bridge: Pontoons closed, pass at your own risk'

10.2. In the event of extreme weather conditions, the marina staff may ask the owners to remove the boat from the marina until conditions improve.

## **11. Fire Safety**

11.1. In the event of a fire on the marina everyone should:

11.1.1. Raise the alarm by shouting "Fire" repeatedly.

11.1.2. Only attempt to fight the fire if you have suitable equipment and are not putting yourself at risk.

11.1.3. Evacuate and muster on the pavement outside the main entrance of the RMYC.

11.1.4. In the event of a fire on the marina that prevents people reaching the access gate all people should move to the pontoon furthest from the fire and await rescue. If appropriate, berth holders should use their own vessels to escape.

## **12. Refuse & Recycling**

- 12.1. Refuse should be removed from the vessel and disposed of appropriately.
- 12.2. Refuse can be disposed of in the segregated bins available in the public car park
- 12.3. Dog waste should be collected immediately and disposed of appropriately.
- 12.4. Vessels should be washed down using environmentally suitable marine boat wash.
- 12.5 Owners are not permitted to transfer diesel or petrol to the marina
- 12.6. Oil and oily waste from vessels in either the marina or boatyard should be disposed of in an oil-recycling tank; no other disposal point on site should be used.
- 12.7. Batteries should be recycled via the local government facilities and not placed in general waste bins or left on pontoons.
- 12.8. Flares/pyrotechnics should not be placed in any of the onsite refuse or recycling bins. Disposal of these dangerous items should be via the original supplier.
- 12.9. Any flares/pyrotechnic, batteries, oil or oily waste left in breach of these rules at the marina constitute a significant potential risk of personal injury and/or fire and may result in the immediate termination of the offending berth holder's agreement.

## **13. Marina contact numbers**

Bookings – Alana 21333109

Marina assistance – VHF Channel 13

Emergencies outside office hours – Steve 99604461