

CARGREEN YACHT CLUB - PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Club's Rules and Bye-Laws are available on the club web-site, www.cargreenyc.org. The following are some points you should be aware of:

THE CLUBHOUSE

- Please remove your muddy boots before entering the Clubhouse.
- If you use the showers, please swab the floor afterwards.
- In case of accidents, there is a First Aid kit on top of the wall cupboards in the Galley, an accident book to record incidents, a mobile phone in the Boatwatch cupboard for emergencies, details of site location on the Clubroom notice board.
- If you use the galley to make hot drinks etc, please wash up afterwards and put a contribution in the coffee fund jar.
- The Clubhouse has an electronic door entry system requiring a personal 'Key Fob', which are available from Richard Taylor on payment of a refundable deposit.
- **VERY IMPORTANT** – If you are the last to leave the building, make sure that all the windows are closed and that the external doors are locked. We often find the building left open with no one in sight!

BAR

- Remember that non-members can be served drinks in the bar only if they have been signed-in on the Visitors Book held on the bar counter. Non-members who have made six visits to the bar in any calendar year must join the club before further admissions.

PARKING

- There is very little parking space at times during the summer. There is often considerable congestion on Friday evenings when the cadets are meeting.
- If the car park is full, you can park down the lane on the bank of the stream where there is some hard-standing.
- If you are going to leave your car for some days while cruising, please ensure that you enter the details of the car and a contact number in the book in the foyer of the clubhouse. If you can park in the village or leave your car at home after unloading you will help to free-up space for others.
- Unless you hold a blue card, please do not use the disabled parking slot.
- Parking within the white lines will maximise the available space.

DINGHY PARK

- All dinghies on site should carry a current year sticker which will identify who has paid their dinghy park fees.
- The grass is cut regularly, but the cutters cannot do their job if boats are not easily moved – make sure your launching trolley is operational, tires inflated etc. A pathway is to be kept clear to enable dinghies to be moved from the park without needing to move other boats.
- Owners are now being allocated a numbered parking slot – please keep to it.
- Road trailers must not be parked on the site.

OUTBOARD SHED

- The shed nearest the gate is for the use of members to store their outboards, and oars. Only fuel in the outboard's integral tank may be stored here – no separate tanks allowed. Please try to keep this shed tidy and **do not leave it unlocked**.
- Outboards can be washed out by running them in the blue drum by the tap close to the race hut. If you consider the water to be too dirty to use, empty it out down the hedge and refill from the tap – the next member to use it will appreciate it.

THE BEACH

- If your dinghy is left on the beach, it must be kept clear of the public footpath that runs along the edge of the beach and clear of the private part of the beach to the right.
- Heavy chains mark the positions where you should secure your tender – it is wise to use smaller chain, padlocks, strong wire etc to attach to the main chain.

CAUSEWAY

- The causeway has some potential dangers – not least from deep mud to each side, and a strong current at times. It is best to wear a lifejacket while on the causeway – it is a strict rule for the cadets, so set a good example to them.
- Vehicles must not be driven onto the causeway without the express permission of an officer of the club. Cars must be unloaded/loaded above the warning notice carrying the safety buoys & lines.
- The shingle spit to the North and the increasing depth of mud either side of the causeway is making it difficult to cross near low water, and members are advised to launch dinghies from the end of the causeway rather than take the increasing risk of stranding.

MOORINGS

- Very occasionally, a boat breaks loose from its moorings. This is nearly always due to an inadequate stop or the loss of a shackle from the hippo top swivel. Shackle pins should be moused with plastic ties and you might feel safer by fitting a second stop.
- Hippos are sometimes observed to be dipping under water – this can be caused by twisted chain, trapped tree branches or unusual tidal conditions. However, if the problem persists, please inform the Mooring Officer.
- While members on Boatwatch duty are no longer asked to tour the moorings and report any potential problems with boats or moorings, we expect all members to help each other by reporting unusual matters to club officers or the owner. If you feel able to fix an immediate problem safely please do so, but report your actions to the boat owner.
- Thefts from boats on the moorings are normally very low, but the current recession has coincided with a rise in break-ins and thefts of outboards from moored yachts. It is in your interest to reduce the risks by not leaving moveable equipment on deck, having secure locks on your hatches and by protecting outboards left visible on board. Thieves are not above causing significant damage while removing items from boats, but serious protective measures may well divert their attention to an easier target.

RUBBISH

- The local authority does **NOT** collect rubbish from the Club, so you are asked to take your waste home with you.
- The club is run solely by volunteers, so we hope you will join in by helping to keep the club's facilities clean and tidy.

DOGS

- Dogs should be kept on a short lead while on the club site, and are not allowed on the first floor of the building

CONTACTS

- Details of future club events, race results and membership contact details are all available on the club website: www.cargreenyc.org.
- You can advertise boat and gear sales on this web-site by contacting our Webmaster, Nick Fox at webmaster@cycadmin.org
- A Suggestion Book is kept in the entrance hall of the club – please use it.
- You will find contact details for all club officers and managers on the green calendar card, and on notice boards in the clubhouse. If you notice something that needs to be fixed or you need further information, please contact one of the Flag Officers.