

# **COSA Moorage Policy**

## **1. ELIGIBILITY FOR MOORAGE**

- (a) Only members of COSA may apply for and retain moorage.
- (b) When a sailboat is jointly owned, all owners must be members of COSA.
- (c) Everyone on the waiting list must renew their membership and reapply for moorage each year. Position on the waitlist will not change.

## **2. PRIORITY AND ALLOCATION OF MOORAGE**

- (a) Moorage is allocated on a first come first served basis.
- (b) When rack space is available, moorage may be offered to those with suitable sailboats ahead of others waiting for space on the ground.
- (c) Only one sailboat may be moored in each rack /moorage space.
- (d) Moorage space allocated must be used within thirty (30) days or the right to use the space will be lost and the member's name will remain at the top of the waiting list. The moorage space shall then be allocated to the next eligible boat.
- (e) A sailboat may be removed for up to twelve (12) months and if membership is retained the member will be placed on the top of the waiting list. The member must inform the executive that they wish to return their sailboat to moorage within the twelve month period. This rule takes precedence over rule 2d, but not over other members in the same situation.
- (f) If a sailboat is removed temporarily for two (2) months or more between May 1 and September 29, the COSA executive must be notified so that the space may be re-allocated by the COSA executive during that period.
- (g) Members may remove a sailboat for winter moorage between September 30 and April 30. During this period, members need not notify the COSA executive if they are removing their sailboat unless the removal is permanent.

## **3. RIGHTS TO USE OF MOORAGE**

- (a) Moorage rights are not transferable.
- (b) When a sailboat is sold, the boat must be removed from the compound immediately.
- (c) When a sailboat is removed permanently and not replaced, moorage rights are lost and can only be regained by going on the waiting list.
- (d) Guests will only have access to moored sailboats when accompanied by a COSA member who owns said sailboat.
- (e) A member may change the type of sailboat moored, although when the change is made to a larger boat, and there is not sufficient room, they will go

to the top of the waitlist (or behind others in the same situation already at the top of the waitlist) until such time that their new boat can be accommodated. This rule takes precedence over rules 2(d) and 2(e).

(f) Moorage rights may be withdrawn for inactivity. Activity will be determined by the COSA executive.

#### **4. LOCATION OF SAILBOAT IN COMPOUND**

(a) Every sailboat must be located in its assigned space.

(b) All rackable sailboats must be moored in racks if rack space is available in levels one and two.

(c) In general, the most actively sailed sailboat will be located closest to the ramps when feasible.

(d) Inactive and unseaworthy sailboats may be moved to less accessible parts of the compound.

#### **5. MOORAGE FEES**

(a) Moorage rates are based on the ground area a sailboat and/or trailer occupies (Overall Length x Width). Moorage rates will be determined annually.

(b) Moorage is allotted for twelve (12) months, April 1st to March 31<sup>st</sup>, although the payment (due April 1) actually applies from October 1 of the previous year to September 30 of the current year. Fees will be reduced for people admitted from the waiting list after August 31.

(c) Every sailboat moored must have a valid decal and/or renewal strip. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that a valid decal is always displayed on their sailboat or dolly/trailer.

(d) There will be no refunds for moorage fees unless otherwise determined by the COSA executive.

#### **6. LOSS OF MOORAGE PRIVILEGES**

(a) Failure to conform to moorage policies and rules can result in loss of moorage.

(b) When moorage and/or membership fees become overdue (30 days), the executive may remove the sailboat and/or trailer concerned at the owner's expense.

(c) The COSA executive may resolve that a sailboat and/or trailer should be removed from the compound because the sailboat is inactive or unseaworthy, or for any other specified reason. The executive will then notify the owner, giving the reasons, and explaining that the owner has thirty (30) days to give reasons to the Board why the sailboat and/or its trailer

should not be removed or to remove the sailboat. After considering any such reasons, the COSA executive may direct the Membership Director to inform the owner that the sailboat and/or trailer must be removed within thirty (30) days at the owner's expense.

(d) When a sailboat and/or trailer are removed under 6(a), 6(b) or 6(c) above, the owner loses the allocated moorage space, but may apply to go on to the bottom of waiting list after all outstanding fees have been paid or other issues are resolved.

## **7. SAILBOAT ELIGIBLE FOR MOORAGE**

(a) Eligibility is based on approval by the COSA executive, and on specific types of sailboats, as determined by the CYA recognized sailboat development guidelines.

(b) When boats that do not conform to the boat moorage standards are removed, they will be ineligible for moorage even if the new owner is at the top of the wait list.

(c) Sailboats and their trailers or dollies must be in working order in order to be considered for a moorage spot. Sailboats must have a means to get to and from the water in order to be considered for moorage.

## **8. SECURITY**

(a) COSA cannot guarantee security of sailboats and trailers, and does not accept responsibility for loss or damage due to theft, vandalism or any other cause. Owners are strongly advised to insure their sailboat.

(b) Owners are responsible for tying down their sailboat securely and may be held responsible if their boat or trailer damages another boat or trailer, or club property.

(c) COSA recommends that all loose parts moored with sailboats be clearly marked with name and decal number.