

BY-LAWS & HOUSE RULES

PREAMBLE

MAY 2008

Vogelvlei Yacht Club is a private amateur club maintained for the benefit, enjoyment and protection of all members.

In order to achieve this objective, it is necessary to have certain rules and regulations, to ensure the harmonious coexistence of our individual members. These rules and regulations are contained in the Constitution and in these By Laws and House Rules that follow hereunder.

Failure to comply with the Constitution, House Rules and By Laws could render a Member liable in terms of Point 19 of the Constitution "Improper Conduct".

1. TERMS OF CLUB LEASE:

- 1.1 No shooting is allowed within the Vogelvlei area.
- 1.2 No fishing is allowed without an official permit.
- 1.3 Swimming only within the demarcated area.
- 1.4 The only powerboats allowed will be the official rescue crafts.
- 1.5 Fires will only be allowed at the official club braai area or in approved containers. Due consideration must at all times be given to prevailing weather and adequate water supplies.
- 1.6 No pets allowed.

2. SAILING:

- 2.1 All Class Association boats at Vogelvlei Yacht Club must have a valid measurement certificate.
- 2.2 All boats launched from club premises must carry sufficient buoyancy to support twice the weight of the crew plus 20%. Buoyancy may be built in or be in the form of properly secured air bags.
- 2.3 Non-competing boats must keep clear of competitions.
- 2.4 Approved Life Jackets shall be carried on all boats on launching. When the "Y" flag is displayed **ALL SAILORS** shall don life jackets.
- 2.5 Persons under 16 years will wear life jackets when embarking in any craft on club waters at all times.
- 2.6 When the "Q" flag is displayed, **NO** craft will leave the shore.

3. RESCUE:

- 3.1 The Inflatable Rescue Boat will at all times be fuelled and ready for emergency use. It is expected that all Members become acquainted with the operation of this craft.
- 3.2 Members must ensure that they, and their children, do not hamper or play with the rescue craft or equipment.

4. CARAVAN SITES / BOAT SHEDS / MOORINGS:

- 4.1 Members wishing to apply for caravan sites and/or boat sheds must do so in writing to the SECRETARY.

- 4.2 Only Members *actively participating in Club sailing activities* will be allowed to rent caravan sites and boat sheds, this being subject to seasonal review by the Executive Committee.
Club sailing activities include: Sailing (racing or pleasure)
 Bridge (bridge duty)
 Rescue (rescue duty)
 Entertainment (canteen or galley duty)
- 4.3 Caravan sites/boating sheds/moorings are rented at owner's risk.
- 4.4 Caravan sites and/or boat sheds may not be sublet nor are they transferable. Members renting boat sheds may only store boating equipment.
- 4.5 New Members have a waiting period of six months before becoming eligible to apply for a caravan site.
- 4.6 The caravan sites may accommodate more than one caravan. Should a Member require an additional caravan on their site, written application to the SECRETARY must be made. This application must be accompanied by written consent from the site neighbors.
- 4.7 No permanent structure may be erected on rented boat shed/caravan sites. Fixed shade cloth awnings are permitted subject to the following conditions:
 - A written application with site plan must be forwarded to the Secretary.
 - Written permission must be obtained from the site neighbors.
 - Only wood pole structures are permitted.
 - Only shade cloth roofing is permitted.
 - No fixed sides are permitted.
 - Support poles must be securely planted in the ground, or fixed to the caravan.
- 4.8 Subject to permission from the Executive Committee, the following table will govern site payments:

Caravan Site Occupation and Payments

Number of Members:	Number of Caravans on Site:	Site Fee Payable:
1	1	1 Site
2	2	2 Sites
2 or more	1	1 Site
1	2	1 Site

- 4.9 Guests of Members are welcome to stay overnight at a nominal fee payable to the Duty Officer. The above applying to day guests as well.
- 4.10 Fees are determined by the Committee from time to time and will be communicated to all members.
- 4.11 No caravan and/or site may be used for permanent accommodation. A maximum period of one month's accommodation is allowed. Thereafter full camping fees will be payable for a further maximum of one month. The total length of any one visit may not exceed two months and there must be a period of at least two months between visits of this nature.

5. DUTY OFFICER/MANAGER/EMPLOYEES:

- 5.1 The Club Manager or appropriate persons are employed by the Executive Committee on a part-time basis and is responsible for the running and maintenance of the Club.
- 5.2 Staff employed by the Club, report and receive instructions from the Club Manager or appropriate person.

6. WATER SUPPLIES:

- 6.1 Member's attention is drawn to the fact that the water supply at the club is not suitable for human consumption.

6.2 If weather conditions do not permit pumping, sites and lawns are not to be watered.

7. GENERAL:

7.1 The right of admission is reserved.

7.2 No persons other than bridge crews and Members of the Racing Committee will be allowed on the bridge whilst racing is in progress, nor are persons permitted beyond the fence on either side of the bridge or to climb the cliffs in front of, and to the sides of, the bridge.

7.3 No persons shall be allowed on the bridge roof, nor jump off the cliffs in front of the bridge.

7.4 Tyres used for the protection of boats shall be removed in the evenings and placed in the prescribed areas.

7.5 Motor vehicles may only be parked in the defined areas.

7.6 Day visitors must use defined parking available at the Club House and are not to park on sites.

7.7 The speed limit on the club site is (10) ten km per hour.

7.8 No articles may contain the "CLUB LOGO" without prior approval of the Executive Committee.

7.9 Application forms for membership are obtainable from the SECRETARY.

7.10 No flowers/shrubs or trees may be removed/cut without committee approval.

7.11 Members and their visitors are to remove their rubbish from the Club grounds after each visit. Failure to do so, could result in the Committee levying a fine to defray the cost of removing the rubbish. The Committee will rule on the applicable fine.

7.12 Members are requested to give due consideration to other Members in respect of noise pollution from radios, televisions etc. which must be kept to a minimum between 22h00 and 07h00 unless a special function has been organized by the Club.

7.13 Gate keys will be issued on receipt of a R10.00 deposit.

8. LIABILITY:

8.1 All members indemnify the club against all expenses, losses, actions and claims, including claims, for damages, injury to life or to property and all costs, including costs between attorney and client, which the said club may be adjudged or obliged to pay, arising directly or indirectly from any action which may be taken by any person or persons as a result of any acts performed by the Club, its servants, employees, contractors, guest or visitors on the site of Vogelvlei Dam to the Constitution, By Laws and House Rules.

The Club and Members of the Club acting in their official capacity or any employee of the Club shall not be responsible for any loss/damage to property which may be suffered by any member and/or guest and/or any visitor, this to include any member, guest or visitor who makes use of the Club's property.

9. AMENDMENTS:

9.1 All changes to these By Laws and House Rules shall be published in the Club's Newsletter and shall be adopted (14) fourteen days after the posting thereof. Any objections thereto must be in writing and addressed to the SECRETARY.

***Revised
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