

The Water Rat Sailing Club
MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Water Rat Sailing Club is a shared experience for everyone to enjoy. Each of us can make it better for all by being considerate of others. The Water Rat Sailing Club members and volunteers all pledge to treat one another with respect and dignity and to use our facility in a responsible manner.

The Code of Conduct has been developed to assist Club members to understand the standards of conduct and behavior that are expected of them. Members include all membership categories listed in the Club Bylaws, as well as Guests and Volunteers.

Conduct

Members have a duty to promote and support the key principles of the club (as outlined in The Code of Conduct, Bylaws and Guidelines) and to maintain and strengthen the integrity of the Club. This means acting ethically and in a respectful manner both on and off the water, acting in a way which considers all other boaters, observing the rights of other people, and treating people with courtesy.

Behavior

Members have a duty to avoid behavior that could constitute an act of disorder, misbehavior, law breaking, discrimination, harassment or any behavior (see the Harassment Policy for specifics) which could bring the club or themselves into disrepute. Above all, members must always act in a courteous and respectful manner to each other.

On Water Participation

Members participating in on-water events whether they are a club event, at another club, representing the club or privately are expected to do so in a way that the actions of the skipper or any one of the crew display respect for all others participating in the event. Members participating in racing will accept handicapping, protest and racing outcomes in accordance with the racing rules of sailing. Members must display sportsmanship, respect and act in such a manner as to hold the club and themselves above reproach.

Club Property and Equipment

Members have the responsibility to ensure all Club equipment and property is used properly, safely, and with respect by themselves or anyone else.

Member's Guests and Children

Members will always be responsible for their guests and children and ensure that their guest/s and or children's conduct is in keeping with the Club's Code of Conduct and the Club's rules and regulations.

Disciplinary Actions

Any breach of the Club's Code of Conduct, Bylaws and Guidelines will be reviewed by the Board and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Members agree to the consequences of any breach of the code of conduct. These may include suspension or termination from the club.

Approved by the Board of Directors Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020