



Dinghy Pen Policy and Rules

Policy - Background and Objectives

The Broadmeadows Dinghy Pen is a key facility for our Members and for our Club in providing for the enjoyment of sailing. Its prime purpose is to facilitate member's sailing, racing and training. A key objective for the Club is to (a) ensure that there is adequate space in the Pen to ensure active sailors can readily and safely access their boats, without damaging other owner's boats, (b) that the Club has space to grow its active sailing Membership, (c) has sufficient spatial flexibility to provide training and coaching, and to run events, and (d) that Club safety and support infrastructure can be readily accessed and deployed.

The Club Committee shall decide the policy and rules for Pen parking, in line with the Club's strategy and objectives. The Pen policy which shall be published for members on the Club's website. The Committee shall each year decide the Pen fees for the upcoming year and notify Members of same. The Committee shall decide the period within which Pen fees shall be paid. The Pen is not a boat storage facility for Members who do not sail or for ex-members.

While the Club wishes to accommodate as many Members as possible in parking their boats in the Pen, Members should be aware that space in the pen is always limited, and in order to achieve the aims of this policy, the Club may prioritise the allocation of Pen space and therefore there is no automatic right to such parking.

Dinghy Parking is available to fully paid-up members of Malahide Yacht Club (MYC).

In line with the open, transparent and inclusive nature of the Club, Members are encouraged to raise questions or make suggested improvements in relation to this policy with the Dinghy Sailing Secretary (dinghysailing@myc.ie) or with any other Committee Member to ensure the policy is routinely reviewed.

Dinghy Pen Rules

Members who purchase Pen tags are deemed to be in agreement with the following:-

1. MYC does not bear any responsibility or liability for loss or damage to or by the boat during its time in the Pen. Owners place their boat in the Pen at their own risk. It is the responsibility of each owner to ensure that each boat they place in the Pen has valid insurance throughout the period of its storage in the pen, including third-party liability of at least €3 million, and they will be asked to confirm this in their annual application in order to secure a Pen tag.
2. Owners must ensure that each boat they park in the Pen must clearly display the current pen tag at all times when in the pen. A pen tag remains valid for the sailing year once the boat remains in the ownership of a fully paid-up Member thereby allowing for a boat to be sold to existing or new Members. Boats may be allocated a designated parking space and must return their boat to that space after usage.
3. All sailors using the Pen must exercise due care and attention to other persons, to other boats, and to Club property in manoeuvring, maintaining, rigging and de-rigging their boats in the Pen. Any major repairs to a boat which require spraying, grinding, metal-cutting, sanding, etc. may only take place well away from other boats or property which might be damaged in the process and where access to electrical power is required, only by prior agreement with the Club Operations Secretary, Dinghy Sailing Secretary or Centre Principal. Sailors should never take parts from another owner's boat without their consent.

4. Each owner must ensure that their boat or boats are kept in good seaworthy condition. Boats must be sitting on a serviceable launching trolley or stored on a racking area.
5. Each boat should be actively used throughout the season. Members who do not participate in sailing events may have their pen tag terminated.
6. Road Trailers should not be stored in the dinghy pen, unless the dinghy is stored on that on a day-to-day basis. Any road trailers left separate to their boat in the pen may be removed and left unattended outside the pen at the owner's risk.
7. The Committee reserves the right to:
 - refuse an application for reasons of insufficient available space or lack of adequate use;
 - allocate some spaces for less than the full season;
 - re-allocate spaces and rearrange boats as the need arises through the year, including placing boats onto racking where appropriate.
8. Owners will be required to remove their boat from the pen within seven days of notification of either a written, mobile phone text/WhatsApp message, or an email request from the Committee for reasons such as :-
 - a. Failure to comply with conditions as set out above.
 - b. Failure to remain a fully paid-up Member or to pay pen-fees by the date communicated to Members.
9. In the event that the owner fails to remove the boat following a written request to do so, the owner authorises the Club to dispose of the boat in any manner deemed appropriate at the owner's expense.
10. It shall be the responsibility of the Dinghy Sailing Secretary, or other Committee Member as the Committee shall decide, to audit the boats in the Pen and to oversee the implementation of the above with the support of the Membership and other Members of the Committee. It is expected that Item 7 above shall be completed annually by the end of March and Item 8 by the end of April.
11. Members organising events, training or coaching where the Dinghy Pen is to be used by non-Members, may only do so by requesting such access at least two weeks in advance through the relevant Class Captain, or failing that, through the Dinghy Sailing Secretary. Any such boats must meet the insurance and other standards set out in this policy and, if to be parked overnight, will be designated a space Club Operations Secretary, Dinghy Sailing Secretary or Centre Principal.

Winter Keel Boat Storage

Subject to the space available within the pen and the payment in advance of the pen fee set by the Club, member's keel boats may be stored in Dinghy Pen for winter period (October to April).

Notes:

1. The term 'boat' applies to all watercraft eligible under Club Rules and may include windsurfers, paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, etc.
2. The term 'Club' means Malahide Yacht Club