

Moorage

Over the past several months the Moorage Committee has been working on updating the Moorage Regulations. The new regulations will be published in full at the end of January, however, there are a few important changes mooring members need to be aware of before that.

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Payment Dates

Please Note: The dates in the letter from the GM had some errors with respect to moorage fee payment dates. No late fees apply and moorage is due no later than 5pm March 1.

2017 will be a year of transition as we move towards the alignment. The good news is your moorage bill will be lower this renewal period. In January, you will be billed for moorage for only the eight months from March 1 to October 31. This will show up on the statement you receive in February. Generally speaking the February statement is due at the end of February. However this will be extended to accept payments for moorage to include March 1 by 5pm. As with the practice in previous years there is no accommodation for late payments beyond this date and the moorage slip will be re-assigned if no payment is received. With a lengthy waitlist, it is VERY important to renew your moorage prior to the deadline. Don't leave it until the last minute and then have something come up that causes a delay as there are many members eagerly waiting for a slip and the office receives many calls on March 1 to see what is now available.

In November 2017, you will be billed again for moorage for the twelve-month period November 2017 to October 2018. Moorage fees will follow the same schedule as membership dues. The invoice for moorage will be on your account on November 1 and the payment is due by November 30. If not received by November 30 a \$50 late payment charged will be added to your account and payment will be accepted until December 30. If moorage fees are not paid by closing time on December 30th moorage is forfeited.

Payment Options

The club acknowledges that once this is fully in force both moorage fees and membership renewal will be due at the same time. For those members looking to avoid a large annual payment the Club does offer a monthly payment option by pre-authorized debit. The initial set up is available to all members at no charge; if changes are required later a small administration fee may be applied. If you are traveling or are going to be unavailable near the due date you may stop in at any time and leave post-dated cheques at the office. There is also the option of making a payment online. Credit card payments are NOT accepted for annual membership dues or moorage. Payment options, due dates and all the information you need to know is available on the website, alternatively the ladies at the front office would be more than happy to walk you through the options and assist with finding what will work best for you.

Moorage Fees

As per the pro-forma done several years ago and adopted by the board moorage fees will increase by \$2 per foot for the March 1 – October 31. The premiums and electrical fees remain the same.

Moorage Agreement

While the club had very adequate insurance to cover the damages from the storm a few areas where processes can be improved were identified. To address this the moorage committee has developed a new moorage agreement covering off many points already in the regulations with a little more emphasis. Previously a new agreement was only required if a new slip was assigned or a member had purchased a new boat. You will now receive your moorage decal at the time payment has been received (or set up if monthly) and your moorage agreement is completed, signed and received in the office. This agreement will be signed each year at which time you will receive your annual decal.

Vessel Identification

In order to properly identify boats and their legal owners the Club will require that all boats moored in the marina basin have a Transport Canada Pleasure Craft Licence and display the licence on the hull of the boat. This is a registration process through the Federal Government and is at no cost to the registrant. Some vessels meeting defined qualifications do not require this registration under Federal regulation, **HOWEVER**, this is a Club requirement and will apply to all boats regardless of whether they are legally required to be licenced or not. Information on Pleasure Craft Licencing can be found here https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/debs-obs-paperwork-paperwork_boat_licence-1898.htm