

# PPYC Club Boat Guidelines – Pilot Level 2009

The purpose of these guidelines is to standardize use and care of the boat, and streamline booking the boat by all members qualified to do so. If there is ever any problem with scheduling or the boat, it is your responsibility to call the Club Boat Manager the PPYC Vice Commodore. These guidelines are subject to change at any time by the PPYC Board of Directors.

## **Qualifications:**

To check out a Club Boat, you must:

- 1.) Be an Active level member of PPYC in good standing with no outstanding balance on your account;
- 2.) Have previous sailing experience;
- 3.) Pass a [check-ride test](#) on the Northstar 500 with an approved captain. (*Visit <http://www.ppyc.org/membership/clubboat.htm> for a list of approved captains.*)
- 4.) Complete the “[PPYC Sailboat Use and Release Agreement](#)” and return it and the approved check-ride form to [Club Boat Manager](#);
- 5.) Pay an annual Club Boat fee (*Currently \$250 + tax for Pilot Level*). Mail the required fee to Attn: Treasurer, Percy Priest Yacht Club, PO Box 150642, Nashville, TN 37215-0642

## **Contact Information:**

### **Club Boat Manager**

[Paul Johnson](#) (*click link for more information*)

Cell: (615) 566-1814

### **Vice Commodore**

[Tom Ragsdale](#) (*click link for more information*)

Cell: (615) 330-1969

## **Club Boat Usage:**

PPYC members in the Club Boat program who qualify as a Pilot Level Skipper may take out the Club's O'Day 23, Catalina 22 or Northstar 500.

## **Scheduling:**

Booking a Club Boat is an online only process. Approved Skippers must reserve the boat in advance by going to <http://www.ppyc.org/membership/clubboat.htm>, logging in to the reservation system and submitting an online reservation form. Contact the Club Boat Manager for login information.

Club Boats will be available April 1 – October 31. There are 2 reservation periods each day. The morning period is from dawn to 2:00pm. The afternoon period is from 2:00pm to dusk. There will be no Tuesday afternoon or evening periods from April through September.

Skippers may book up to 4 weekday periods and 2 weekend periods per calendar month. Skippers may not book more than 1 period on the same weekend day. Reservations may be made up to 30 days in advance. Any open period within 4 days of the current date may be booked without counting toward your monthly limit. Abuse of these monthly limits will not be allowed.

The boat must be returned to the dock at least 15 minutes before the end of the reservation period. Cancellations for any reason other than inclement weather should be sent to the Club Boat Manager as far in advance as possible.

Any scheduling difficulties or problems that arise should be reported to the Club Boat Manager and the Vice Commodore. They will have final say in discrepancies, over-scheduling, member abuse, etc.

### **Safety:**

**The O'Day 23, Catalina 22 and Northstar 500 are limited to 6 passengers.** At no time are you allowed to engage in any activity on the Club Boat that may compromise the safety of you or your passengers and crew. This includes a ban on the use of alcohol or controlled substances while on board, or just prior to boarding. No one is allowed to operate the Club Boat while under the influence.

Approved Skippers and their guests must all be in good physical condition to operate the boat in the weather predicted. Anyone leaving the boat to swim must have the swimming skills necessary to stay afloat and be mobile enough to return to the boat or shore. All non-swimmers must have life-jackets on at all times.

As per TWRA regulations: Any child who is twelve (12) years or younger must correctly wear (fully zipped, belted, strapped) an appropriate and approved personal flotation device (life jacket or water ski vest) at all times while onboard the Club Boat when under way. The Skipper is responsible for supplying all properly-sized lifejackets for children 12 and under.

You are expected to treat the Club Boat with the utmost care and respect. Damage to the boat or its equipment is your responsibility to repair, replace, or pay for it to be returned to working order. Skippers will not be allowed to take the boat out in conditions that are unfavorable or too extreme for safe sailing. The Club Boat Manager, or any PPYC Board Member, or Marina Supervisor has final say in this matter. Generally, if there are thunderstorms, active lightning, winds predicted of more than 15 miles per hour or gusts nearing 20 miles per hour or more, the club may decide to cancel or delay reservations until conditions are more favorable. Special care should be taken during April and October due to the possibility of lower water levels and the risk of grounding. Skippers are required to learn all hazard areas of the lake and avoid them.

### **Applicable Laws:**

Skippers are strictly governed by Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency as the law enforcement entity on the lake. They have all rights and privileges above Club Boat regulations. Failure to comply to these laws, including submit to boarding, sobriety test, or similar will result in suspension of Club Boat privileges and payment of any and all fees levied against the boat for its tow, impound, or otherwise. An outline of TWRA basic regulations can be found at: [www.state.tn.us/twra/boatmain.html](http://www.state.tn.us/twra/boatmain.html)

### **Rigging and De-Rigging:**

You are expected to fully rig the boat at the beginning of your scheduled time and, unless the next Skipper is waiting at the dock for you, to also de-rig and fully stow all boat equipment, outboard kill switch, headsail, lines, etc. at the end of your time. As a final step, be sure to lock the cabin behind you. Please be sure you understand how to properly rig the Club Boat before

scheduling her. Improper rigging could be dangerous and cause damage to the boat. Check the bilge before and after sailing and pump it out if required. The electric bilge pump is currently kept on “Lewis’ Launch” (Committee Boat). See also battery charger instructions onboard. Proper care must be given to clean up after using the boat. All abnormal dirt and grime should be cleaned off the deck and cabin. Trash is to be removed and disposed of. Littering in the lake or the park is not allowed. Wet lines, jackets, etc, should be hung up in the cabin to dry. Do not leave any personal effects on the boat.

Use of the port-a-potty (head) will require the Skipper to properly dispose and clean out when docked. Instructions are included on the head. Failure to complete this step may result in suspension of Club Boat privileges.

### **Report of Damage:**

Any normal wear-and-tear, or damage caused by your use of the boat is to be reported to the Club Boat Manager immediately. Whether it was an accident, normal wear, or otherwise; leaving damage unreported could endanger the safety of Skippers after you. It is also your responsibility to report all damage you find when boarding. This includes missing equipment as well.

### **While Underway:**

The O'Day 23 and Catalina 22 are equipped with an outboard motor. Care must be taken not to overheat or damage the motor or prop. Knowing how to properly use the outboard motor will prevent costly repairs. Before starting, lower the outboard motor into the water, so the shaft is vertical (or parallel to the transom) and the propeller is fully submerged (under water) before starting the motor.

The Northstar 500 has an inboard engine with a through-hull propeller shaft. Pilot Level Skippers must know proper starting and safe operating procedures for the inboard engine.

The O'Day 23 and Catalina 22 have a 5 foot draft with the centerboard down and approximately a 2 foot draft with centerboard up. The Northstar 500 has a fixed keel with a 5 foot draft. A minimum of 4-5 boat lengths should be maintained between the boat and the shore line. Percy Priest Lake also has several marked and unmarked shallow areas. Learn where they are and avoid them. All general Rules of the Road as outlined by Chapman’s Guide to Piloting (see also [www.boatingbasicsonline.com](http://www.boatingbasicsonline.com)) are to be followed while under sail or power. Pay attention to buoys, no wake zones, shallow markers, and general signs of trouble while on the lake. The most dangerous aspect of the lake is other boats. Following the Rules of the Road and paying attention to the movement of other boats around you will go a long way to minimize an accident. The bumping of other boats, docked or underway, must be reported to the Marina Supervisor.

A list of onboard equipment and supplies is included on the website. Note that actual items on board may change or “walk off”. Do not leave the dock without having standard emergency equipment onboard.

### **Anchoring:**

Anchoring should be planned with utmost care and follow all guidelines as recommended by the Chapman’s Guide to Piloting. Be sure to clean the anchor locker and bow area after hoisting. Losing an anchor will require the Skipper to pay for its replacement.

**Docking:**

Utmost care should be given when docking to prevent damage to the boat or the motor. Using fenders and proper cleat hitches are required. The boat should be returned to the same slip it was retrieved from, facing the same direction (preferably west.)

**Upkeep:**

As PPYC is a volunteer-run organization, each registered Skipper of the Club Boat Program must agree to a minimum of 4 hours annually to help maintain, clean, or repair the boat. Organized clean-up and repair days will be held for you to participate in. Skippers failing to show a willingness to do their part may face suspension of privileges.

**Emergency Numbers:**

While out on the lake, please keep these numbers handy in case of an emergency while on board:

- **Medical Emergency: Call 911.**
- OFFshore law enforcement for accident with no injuries: Call TWRA Dispatch: **781-6580**.
- ONshore law enforcement for accidents or reporting illegal activity: Call **862-8600**. Ask for Park Officer for Hamilton Creek Park.
- Unable to return the boat to the dock: Call Trident Tow: **800-559-4503** (may require fee).
- Contacting the Marina: **862-8472** or VHF Radio: Hail on Channel **16**, then switch to Channel **68**.

**Failure to Comply:**

Failure to comply with any of these guidelines may result in suspension of your club boat privileges. Any damage caused to the boat by misuse, negligence, or improper actions will be charged to you.

**End Agreement:**

I have read and understand all the guidelines listed above. I understand I am responsible for all damage to the boat and its equipment. I understand I am responsible for the actions of my guests while they are onboard. I have read and understand Tennessee's Boating Laws and their consequences. By completing the online form to schedule the club boat, I agree to its terms and conditions. ***My reservation constitutes agreement to these guidelines.***