

# PIGEON LAKE YACHT CLUB

## SPECIAL MID-MONTH NEWSLETTER - APRIL, 2009

### High Water:

This spring the water level in Pigeon Lake is very high.

Due to the high water levels in Pigeon Lake, the PLYC "Docks In " exercise has been delayed by one week to Saturday May 2, 2009 beginning at 9:00 AM.

Obviously, the keel boat "Boats in" will also be impacted. Roger Morrison will be in contact with the Keel Boaters

Please keep flexible in your ability to participate.

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### Transient Slip Policy:

As a result of a motion at the 2007 AGM, the Directors have established a policy for the Transient Slip. The new policy will be posted on the website and at the club. It is:

#### Transient Slip Policy

##### Introduction:

- Application of this policy is the responsibility of the Waterfront Director or designate as determined by the PLYC Directors.
- The Transient Slip is located along the shoreline dock between the Mast Crane and the Keel Boat Dock.
- With advance permission of the Waterfront Director or designate, other dock space may be temporarily specified for Transient Slip use.
- This policy may be reviewed and revised periodically by the PLYC Directors.

##### Policy:

- 1) Transient slip space is available for overnight mooring of vessels owned by members of other yacht clubs who are transiting the Trent-Severn Waterway.
- 2) The use of the Transient Slip is restricted to boats of 27 foot overall length or less.
- 3) Shore power is not available for transient boat use.
- 4) Rafting to boats moored at PLYC docks is prohibited, except where approved in advance by the boat owner and the Waterfront Director or designate.
- 5) Boats may be moored for short periods of less than 8 hours at the Scow Dock, provided there is no interference with regular Club activity.

### **Temporary Keel Boat Absence:**

In a move related to the Transient Slip Policy, the Directors also thought that it would be helpful to clarify the unwritten rules about temporary absences at the Keel Dock.

### **Transient Use Policy for Temporary Keel Boat Absence**

#### **Introduction:**

This policy is applicable to assigned keelboat slips declared vacant on a temporary basis.

For example: members with assigned slips may: a) be on extended trips; or, b) have sold their boat and plan to replace it.

This policy may be reviewed and revised periodically by the PLYC Directors.

#### **Policy:**

1) Members are asked to advise the Waterfront Director or designate, in writing, of their agreement:

- a) To allow their assigned slip space to be used for transient docking
- b) To advise start and finish dates for the vacancy

2) If the member boat returns early, it is entitled to priority use of Transient Slip space, for the remainder of the scheduled absence, provided that the space is not required for a transiting boat.

3) Personal subleasing or reassignment of any dock space is prohibited.

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### **Change to the "Rules and Regulations":**

Again related to the Transient Slip Policy, the following new rules has been added to the PLYC Rules and Regulations. These are posted on the website and at the club.

"A member who is absent from PLYC property for a prolonged period of time must make advance arrangements for the care and control of their boats and equipment. "

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## **New Racing Rules:**

*New Rules:* There are new rules for 2009 -2012. They are available on a website and at some bookstores, i.e. Chapters.

See [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RRS2009-2012-\[5950\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RRS2009-2012-[5950].pdf)

Those attending races in the US may wish to review the US additions.

See <http://www.ussailing.org/rules/>

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## **Boats In: Crane Day:**

The Directors continue to be concerned about the safety of our members when the keel boats are being lifted by the crane. Only those members with direct involvement should be on-site that day.

Here is a reminder of the Crane Day Rules:

### **PLYC - Crane Day Rules & Agreement**

To minimize PLYC liability, Directors require that crane operations at the Club be conducted in an orderly manner with full attention to personal safety and property protection. Keel Boat owners using crane service at the Club are required to agree with the following terms and conditions.

For safety reasons, people (especially children) without direct involvement in craning operations should not attend this workday.

PLYC members, boat owners and visitors agree:

1. To establish and maintain a 25 metre 'safety zone' around the crane operating area, and all persons in the safety zone shall wear hard hats. Persons not directly involved with the lift must remain outside the safety zone.
2. To designate a competent 'guide person' who shall be present during all crane operations to assist the crane operator with directions and clearances.
3. To designate two persons as 'tether persons' to guide and control vessels from lifting position to resting place. Tether persons are the only people allowed within the safety zone while a load is in motion.
4. That each owner (or agent) and one assistant will apply and remove vessel lifting straps, and observe the initial lift until it is clear of the lifting position to ensure proper strapping locations. They will then stand clear of operations until the vessel is resting properly in its destination position. Owners may assist tether persons upon a tether person's request.

5. To protect PLYC property from damage, including trees, shrubs, gardens, rockery, lawns, docks, parking lot, club equipment, and structures.
6. To carry comprehensive liability insurance for personal property during operations and storage at PLYC. Boat owners agree to hold harmless, Directors, members, designated agents, as well as PLYC Inc. from all damage and injury claims.
7. That owners of boats that are too large or heavy for safe handling by the crane operator, agree to find alternate storage arrangements outside PLYC. The crane operator shall in his sole discretion, determine crane capabilities and surrounding lift area limitations.
8. That a PLYC Director or representative will be present during all craning operations, to monitor and enforce this agreement and to resolve any difficulties. This person shall have sole discretion to permit or restrict any action related to craning operations.

I acknowledge and understand the foregoing, and agree to comply with all the foregoing terms and conditions. Failure to observe this agreement, Club By-Laws, and policies may result in PLYC membership termination.