

ALBC Rules:

CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Information

AVON LAKE BOAT CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS REV: 01/18/2012; **03/24/2016**

It is the responsibility of each member to be active in the club by volunteering and supporting various club activities, including, but not limited to, active use of their boat, participation in work parties and community activities which includes ALBC representation. Members are responsible to provide contact information to the Secretary at the time dues are paid, or when changes occur. Members are also expected to remember the ALBC is a volunteer club and therefore be familiar with the rules and regulations of the club.

1. Boat storage racks will be assigned to MEMBERS ONLY. Boats stored in these racks must be registered in the name of the member to whom the rack has been assigned.
2. No member shall be permitted more than one storage rack.
3. The dockage (sometimes referred to as 'Rack') committee shall designate the rack in which each boat owner may store his boat. Boat racks shall be assigned on the basis of seniority
4. Size of new boats brought into the Club is limited to the fourteen (14) foot class with a beam not in excess of seventy-two (72) inches. Fifteen and sixteen foot boats are permitted only with approval of the trustees and shall be limited only to rack numbers 88,89,90,91 (the four most northerly racks in the most easterly row).
5. Each member shall be required to keep his area free of refuse at all times. At the beginning of each season (i.e., before May 15th) each member is required to complete any necessary maintenance to the rack if needed. The Dockage Committee will determine this.
6. Boats may be launched/retrieved ONLY by regular club members or members of their families who must reside at the same address as that of the member. No member, while using club facilities, shall rent or lease his boat.
7. All boats are to be upright on members' racks during the boating season, defined as between May 15th and October 15 each year. All boats must be equipped with motors, have a current sticker on the boat **and** suitable covers as determined by the Dockage Committee. If for any reason the motor must be removed during the boating season the member is required to contact the Dockage committee and obtain a tag that must be attached to the boat. Boat covers are to be properly bowed to repel water throughout the entire year or turned over in the off season. Boat covers are to be secured/fastened to the boat or tied down to the members' racks while in storage throughout the year. A member's failure to comply will result in a fine of fifty (\$50.) dollars. Multiple fines could result in membership termination. Tarps are never permitted to be used on any boat, at any time.
8. Unless otherwise approved by the Dockage Committee, all boat covers will be of one color and will be purchased by all members from the boat club. Unless otherwise approved by the Dockage Committee, all new members will purchase their boat covers from the club.
 - (a) As determined by the Dockage Committee, all boats must be in acceptable condition for storage and be seaworthy. The condition of the boat is the owner's responsibility.
 - (b) All boats must be equipped with a motor, or the boat owner must show proof of motor ownership if requested by the Trustees. All boats must be equipped with proper rigging to lift the boat from the cart

and put it safely in the water. All boats must be ready for inspection with proper boat covers, stickers, motor, etc., by May 15th. Failure to pass this inspection will result in a fine of \$150.

(c) At the close of the boating season (as determined by the Dockage Committee), which usually falls around Oct. 15th, all boats must be turned over or properly covered and supported with tarps that have been approved by the Dockage Committee. Noncompliance will result in a fifty (\$50.) fine. This applies throughout the winter period and until the season opens, usually around May 15th, but determined by the Dockage Committee. It is the members' responsibility to monitor the condition of their boat during the winter months to remain compliant.

d) Effective with the beginning of the boating season of 2009 (defined as after May 15, 2009), all boats must have covers as defined in rule #8 above.

e) A member's failure to comply will result in a fine of fifty (\$50.) dollars.

9. Any member, who does not display a current year sticker on his boat by May 15 of each year, will be fined (\$50.) dollars. If a current year sticker is not displayed by May 25th the member is subject to forfeit of his rack and possible termination of membership. This rule is amended for all sailboats to use the date of June 1.

10. Any member not intending to use his rack in a current year may, through the Dockage Committee, make his rack available for temporary use for one year only. The member must give this notice in writing each year.

(a) Any member desiring to give up their rack for temporary use two or more consecutive years may do so. However they will lose their permanent rack assignment, but they will retain their position on the seniority list as long as dues are paid. If some time later these members want a permanent rack assigned for their own use, they must bid for available racks at the next April meeting. Members who know they will be sharing a rack with a relative or friend who already has an assigned rack will not be assigned a rack of their own until one is needed for their own boat.

11. Storage of gasoline or oil other than in motor fuel tanks is prohibited on Club grounds.

12. Individual members shall erect no buildings or structures on Club grounds. Motor storage boxes are to be located under racks and must be approved by the Dockage Committee. No alterations in existing facilities may be made unless specifically approved by the Dockage Committee.

13. All equipment and other facilities equipped with locks must be locked at all times when not in use.

14. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on Club grounds.

15. No fish are to be cleaned on Club grounds.

16. No fishing bait shall be obtained from the park lawn.

17. Coast Guard regulations shall be observed at all times.

18. Any member who has not paid his annual dues prior to March 31 will be notified, using the contact information available and fined \$50. All members who do not pay their annual dues and fine within ten days of the notification will have their membership terminated in the Avon Lake Boat Club. Upon termination of the membership the boat must be removed from the property within (10) days. Failure to remove the boat within (10) days shall subject the removal of the boat with all expenses to be passed onto the boat owner.

19. Violating any of the above listed rules, as determined by the Dockage Committee/Trustees, may subject a member to being fined (\$50.) and/or dismissal from the Avon Lake Boat Club.

(a) Members are required to resolve the issue(s) within 10 days of the notification.

(b) Additionally, finer must be remitted within 10 days of this notification. If your payment is not received, an additional fine of \$50 will be assigned. *If both fines are not paid within 5 days, your membership will be terminated.*

(c) Any member who is fined twice within one year may be dismissed.

(d) Members in violation of Rules 8, 9 and 10 will be given notice of their violation by the Dockage Committee. If not corrected in the allotted time, as specified by the Dockage Committee, the member may face possible dismissal.

(e) An appeal from any dismissal or fine may be made at a hearing arranged on application before the board of trustees. Note the payment of the initial fine, (by check), should be remitted prior to the 10 day deadline. Checks will be held until a decision on the appeal has been rendered. In the event the fine is dismissed the uncashed check will be returned to the member.

20. Racks shared by more than one member must be recorded in the name of the individual that has his boat on the rack as of May 25, 1978. The rack will remain this individual's rack until such time as the rack is vacated per these rules and regulations. Upon the rack being vacated, it will be up for bid based on seniority number.

21. Two members may share a storage rack only if each member has sufficient seniority to entitle him to a rack of his own.

22. The Avon Lake Boat Club shall carry liability and property damage insurance at their expense, designating the City of Avon Lake, Ohio, as an insured.

23. It is the member's responsibility to comply with these rules. If for any reason you cannot comply you must contact an officer of the club or a trustee prior to being subject to a fine.