



Cedar Point Yacht Club

"Sailboat racing at its Best"

Storm Policy

The purpose of this policy is to inform members what is expected of them when severe weather threatens the club and to establish a procedure to effectively alert boat owners.

Every member is reminded that the safety of their boats is their responsibility. Each member is also responsible for securing their boats adequately in all weather conditions so as to minimize the possibility of damage to boats or property of others.

The Club Manager will monitor weather forecasts for threats of severe weather. If, in his judgment, weather with the potential for damage to boats in the basin and/or drystall area may threaten the club, he will consult with either the Governor in charge of House or the Governor in charge of Race & Regatta. Together they will decide whether to alert members to take appropriate storm precautions.

If a member becomes aware of a threatening weather forecast, he or she should contact the Club Manager.

Alerting Fleet Members

When a storm alert is given by the Club Manager, each fleet captain will immediately contact the designated Storm Captains and each of them will make a diligent effort to contact every fleet member, let them know of the storm threat, alert them what they need to do (see below), and to remind them that if they have a power boat in the basin to properly secure it as well. If a fleet has an email list an "urgent" email should be sent to all subscribers. Members must understand that properly securing their boat is their responsibility, that if they cannot do it themselves they MUST get someone to do it for them, and that the club staff is not available for this purpose.

The Cruising Class contact list will include owners of all cruising class type sailboats in the basin, regardless of whether they are active in the class.

The Club Manager will be responsible for alerting limited basin associate members.

The club manager should also alert the webmaster to post a storm warning on the home page of the website.

Storm Precautions:

BOATS IN RACKS – including dinghies

- Remove boats from the racks and the club if practical
- Securely lash boats to both the vertical and horizontal members of the rack, fore and aft.
- Remove or secure dollies so they cannot shift and damage other boats
- Remove all covers as they cause damaging windage in a storm

SAILBOATS IN THE BASIN

- Secure boats with extra lines and appropriate chafing gear
- Remove roller furling sails, dodgers, lifelines, loose gear and dinghies
- Atlantics should remove cockpit covers completely
- Remove or securely lash mainsails and mainsail covers
- Add additional fenders on both sides of each boat
- Boats on the north side of A dock should be docked stern in so breaking waves from the NE hit bows rather than sterns, if safe to do so

POWER BOATS IN THE BASIN

- Secure boats with extra lines and appropriate chafing gear
- Add fenders to both sides of the boat
- Remove fishing rods, flags, canvas and other items that can increase windage