

## **POLICY ON THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL**

Cedar Point Yacht Club (CPYC) was organized to promote yachting and to let members socialize. At club social events members and their guests often share food and drink. The health and safety of our members and all who gather at our club and elsewhere are of paramount concern. The Board of Governors therefore has adopted these policies regarding alcoholic beverage consumption applicable to all of CPYC's members, guests and other invitees:

1. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors (under age 21) or the use of illegal drugs by anyone is prohibited.
2. All club members are responsible for ensuring that their own consumption of alcoholic beverages at the club is not excessive and does not cause them to become intoxicated or impaired in any manner that would endanger themselves or anyone else. . Inappropriate consumption and/or behavior shall be dealt with in accordance with General Rule #2.
3. All club members are also responsible for ensuring that all members, their guests and other invitees do not over-consume alcoholic beverages. Club members and staff have both the authority and the duty to intervene in any situation where they believe alcohol has been or is being over-consumed at the club, and must act to protect the health and safety of those at the club and elsewhere, and to avoid possible claims against CPYC.
  - a. If a club member believes anyone at the club is or will soon be intoxicated or impaired to the point that it may be dangerous, they are duty bound as a member of CPYC to tell that person so, and to help however possible to protect them and others. This may include getting help from others at the club, providing transportation, contacting friends or family members, and staying with the individual until the situation is stabilized.
  - b. If a club member believes he or she and others are unable to adequately control the situation, they should immediately contact any Flag Officer or other Governor who is at the club, or a member of the club staff, to assist. If none of those people are at the club, the member should follow the instructions on the "Emergency Call List" posted by the dock office so that a Flag Officer or Governor is contacted.
  - c. In the extraordinary circumstance where the situation can't be resolved by those at the club or with the help of staff, Officers or Governors, or if there is urgent need for outside intervention, club members and staff not only may but should contact the Westport Police Department by calling 911. The minor embarrassment and social discomfort that arise are insignificant compared to the potential for injury to members and others that may come from the actions of an intoxicated person.
4. The Board of Governors will provide educational materials and training periodically to members and staff to help them identify and handle situations where someone at the club may be over-consuming alcoholic beverages. The Governors will also reiterate these policies at least once a year through one or more channels and will require all new members to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of these policies.