

SDAYC PORT CAPTAINS PANEL DISCUSSION
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MISSION BAY YACHT CLUB

MBYC

Doesn't feel they are a well oiled machine, have been trying to get back on track after 2020. Trying to enforce rules now.

Has a group of people that walk the yard on the dry storage, when there is an infraction, there is an email which is responded to approx. 50% of the time. The 2nd letter is sent and additional 50% responds, therefore, within communications will get 75% of the issues addressed.

SDYC

Has the top 10 worst boats list that receive a letter from the Port Captain's Committee (PCC) to fix the "problems" on boat within 30 days.

Discovered some Unintended consequences with underway rules, the more use of the wet slip, the more likely will want a dinghy to go with the boat, which necessitates the need for a dry slip. This is creating an issue for people that want to keep their dinghy/toys on the boat/dock/in the slip. There are Club standards on what can be kept in the slip.

Kayak's/paddleboards – policy is that it must be contained and on the Boat. The PCC walks the docks and notices when things haven't been put away. This then becomes an issue for the PCC and the boat owner will likely receive a letter from the PCC.

CYC

Has made things more personal, not sending an email, but will make a call, which 90% of the time will take care of things quicker than an email or a letter. With this type of communication, members are wanting to be on the PC Committee

SGYC

Created a dock committee that is more of a work party vs a committee that meets regularly. The members of the committee help keep things manageable. The members of the committee are now involved in communicating with members when things happen.

MBYC – Is there automation to track the underway policy? Including the CF #'s and Insurance policies? How do you make the rules regarding underway policies specific enough to ensure that a boat doesn't put an outboard on the boat to move it?

CYC – has a form on the front desk, the back of the form says who can witness, or the Member can take a photo that includes a date, i.e.: Newspaper with the date. It is manual form and manual tracking by the office, almost an FTE that manages the process.

SDYC – tracks insurance/registration, which doesn't equal leaving the Dock. The employee tracks that, but the committee monitors the underway, and they rely a lot on peer pressure.

MBYC – How many people are on the committees?

SDYC has 12 – 15 people, covering the docks or dry slips.

How often do each Clubs committee meet?

MBYC – dry storage does a very good job with a PC Committee, meets every week to walk through the yard and send letters. Dock committee on wet slips only one person, room for improvement.

CYC committee of 5 that walk the docks once per month, each person walks the docks and takes notes. New Years Day there is a blessing of boats that go to the Bridge, which monitors all the activity and tracks within the Club software.

SDYC – each person walks their dock and review and meet once per month. In general notes are shared, after the meeting, the notes are taken to the Board and GM which inform them what is not correct and what needs to be addressed.

MBYC – How does the Committee info get back to the Boat owner?

CYC indicated that the office staff sends the info to the Boat Owner, or the Dock master at CYC that also follows up with the member. Club Staff

OYC – Are these types of policies of financial implications/slip availability as we move forward/cycle into a more slips than boats.

MBYC policies are focused on getting active boaters/families into the Club and involved. Have 139 deep on the wait list with 140 slips. Motivation to get active boaters into the Club.

MBYC – How do the Clubs deal with Dock box creep?

SDYC – the “Staff team” is responsible for the dock boxes, which means they are uniform and that you will pay for them. Same thing for water tanks. RE: Dry storage and what is affixed to trailers, goes back to the Club Standards (IE if the box is larger than the trailer, it is no longer road worthy)

Bill Dysart asked – How many YC's have a Slip rental agreement?

It seems that none of the existing Clubs have an actual “lease agreement.”

Under CA Law members are bound by the Bylaws, it does not say that the Board can adopt rules. If there are Rules regarding Docks, etc., it needs to be in the Bylaws to avoid lawsuits. Bill strongly suggests that all the Clubs take a review of the Rules and ensure that the appropriate “Rules” are in the Bylaws, meaning that they are voted on by the Membership, not created by the Board. Strongly recommend that the various Rules that are necessary to create conditions that could create someone to lose their slip or increase the fees, **must be in the Bylaws, not in the Rules.**

If a Federally documented Boat, can file a notice of Claim of Lien. For state registered boats there is not a process to register a lien. Under CA law, if registered in the State of CA can file with the DMV and eventually sell a boat under foreclosure.

Lease agreement is not different for a liveaboard vs a slip user

Lease agreement should reference the Rules of the Club for every “continuing slip assignment.”

Do Clubs require that the Club be a named insured?

All in the Room said yes, but Bill Dysart’s experience is that Clubs do not follow up on that requirement. If a boat were to catch fire next to you and your boat was impacted, if that boat doesn’t have insurance, who would be responsible? The Club?

MBYC – Do you have an issue with scam ownership transfers? Meaning that a partnership is created only to ensure that the Slip remains.

CYC – Has the issue, but if all the paperwork is “correct” there is nothing they can do about it.

SDYC – Requires both sides to be SDYC members, also require that there be a designated share, which means that the 50% must be a single member that is the primary partner, if something were to happen to that primary partner, then the boat would lose its slip. It may be that a partner takes more than 50%, and the committee would have to deal with the exception.

MBYC has the same policy that is described at SDYC

Liveaboard fees?

CYC – no longer charge.

SDYC – doesn’t have many liveaboard fees, but only a few members use this

MBYC – does not allow liveaboard, but a member can stay on their boat for 90 days within a year.

SGYC – recently changed their name to liveaboard to extended access, it is 10% of their slip fees.

CYC – How do Clubs handle liveaboards with Children, subject to review of the Board.

Sanitation requirement for Liveaboards

CYC does not “get into that”

SDYC addressed within the liveaboard section of the Rules

CCYC peer pressure is the most important part of the “rules.” Use tablets in the tanks. Have a number of kids on boats as liveaboards. Equity Club with \$100 monthly fee for liveaboards.

Cleve talked about the SAVE Program that is funded by the division of boating and waterways. Used a lot in Northern California but is available throughout California.