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RULE I.

Conduct of Members and Guests

Members are responsible for their own conduct and the conduct (including awareness of the House Rules) of their guests, visitors, and children, and for any debts they may incur.

If an individual's conduct is inappropriate, the staff is authorized to ask the individual to leave and, if necessary, escort them from the premises. Conduct and rule violations may be referred to the House Committee for further action, including suspension of membership privileges.

RULE II.

Guests, Visitors and Reciprocity

Only members, their spouses and guests, visitors, and reciprocal club members, shall be admitted to the *44th Street Club House* and *Harbour Court*. A member shall provide their guest or visitor's name to the Quartermaster, or that person shall not be admitted beyond the lobby area.

Spouses of members are welcome at any time. Members do not need to be present, nor do they have to request a guest card for their spouses.

Members' other family over the age of 21 are considered guests subject to the House Rules and Chapters XXVII and XXVIII of the By-laws.

Guests and visitors under 21 shall be accompanied by a member, member's spouse, or parent/guardian who has been granted guest privileges.

Former members who left not in good standing are not permitted to use the Club under any circumstances, even as a guest or when accompanied by a member.

GUESTS. “Guests” are defined as non-members introduced by the member for unaccompanied guest privileges.

With a member’s written introduction in advance of a guest’s visit, the Club may extend unaccompanied guest privileges for visits of up to three (3) days in any calendar year.

In special circumstances, on written request of a member, the Club may further extend unaccompanied guest privileges. The member shall make the written request to the Chair of the House Committee at least five business days in advance and receive written approval prior to the extension. The House Chair may extend guest privileges up to seven (7) days, and a Flag Officer may extend privileges further if appropriate.

Members shall be responsible for all charges incurred by their unaccompanied guest(s) which shall be applied to the member’s house account.

Guest privileges may be withdrawn at any time by the Manager on duty, the Chair of the House Committee or other member of the Executive Committee.

Unaccompanied guest privileges are not intended for Club Nights, or other such events reserved for members and their accompanied guests.

VISITORS. “Visitors” are defined as non-members (a) without guest privileges invited to accompany a member, (b) attending a sponsored event, or (c) participating in a regatta.

Visitors must be properly registered and are only admitted to the houses and grounds during the relevant event or regatta or when accompanied by the inviting member.

Visitors shall not have the right to order refreshments, except as allowed for an event or regatta.

A visitor's privileges may be withdrawn at any time by the Manager on duty, the Chair of the House Committee, or other member of the Executive Committee.

Visitors using the Club extensively may be referred to the House Committee for such action as the Committee may deem appropriate.

RECIPROCITY. The Club maintains reciprocal agreements with a small number of clubs in the world.

Club members who wish to visit any of these clubs should contact the Secretary's Office for current relationships and protocol. A formal letter of introduction is required prior to any visit and may be obtained by contacting the Secretary's Office.

The Club extends reciprocal privileges to members of limited reciprocal clubs for up to seven (7) days in a calendar year and to members of full reciprocal clubs for periods up to two (2) weeks per individual visit request, but these members of full reciprocal clubs are not limited on the total number of days they receive Club guest privileges over the full calendar year.

RULE III.

Spouse of Deceased Member

The spouse of a deceased member may apply to the House Committee for guest privileges, that upon approval shall be effective for a period of six months. A spouse of a deceased member may further apply to the Membership Committee for election to membership under Section 9 of the Membership Protocols and Procedures in the Club Policies and Protocols.

RULE IV.

Proper Dress and Insignia Use

PROPER DRESS. Proper dress is required at all times.

- At *Harbour Court*, sailing attire is appropriate on the Waterfront, and in the Sailing Center at all times; and is appropriate in the House, the Dining Areas, the Terraces and Upper Lawn until 1800. Smart casual attire is appropriate at all times of day in all locations, and is generally defined by trousers, slacks, tailored shorts of an appropriate length, collared shirts, casual skirts, dresses, et cetera. Jackets are always welcome, but not required for a la carte dining.
- At *44th Street*, business and dress-casual attire is appropriate at all times in all locations, and is generally defined by trousers, slacks, button down shirts, blouses, sweaters, dress skirts, dresses, etc. Jackets are required to dine in the North side of the Grill Room after 1800.
- For Club events after 1800, jacket & tie and equivalent dress is to be worn, unless the invitation states differently or provides a uniform code.
- The following items specifically are not permitted:
 - Blue jeans or blue denim jackets, except when going on or off the property.
 - Bare feet in the Clubhouses, buildings, or grounds.
 - Hats, caps, or visors in the Clubhouses.

The House Committee may modify this code for a specific event.

CLUB INSIGNIA USE. Display of an unadorned Club burgee or the Club emblems or ribbon design (“Club Insignia”) on apparel or accessories is intended as a designation of membership, reserved for the member only.

An “*unadorned*” burgee means the burgee image (a) without label-

ling for a regatta, event, or program (such as “New York Yacht Club Team Racing”) or (b) without a member’s individual yacht name or crossed private signal. An “*adorned*” burgee is one accompanied by a regatta/event/program logo or a specific member’s yacht name or private signal.

- **Members only:** Uniform insignia and pins, ties, scarves, belts, and jewelry with an unadorned Club burgee or regimental striping.
- **Members and spouses only:** Other clothing with the unadorned burgee.
- **Non-members:** Burgee-adorned clothing with the Club logo or event logo or with a member’s yacht name on which they are guests/crew.

This Club Insignia policy applies not only on Club premises but in any other location whether private or public.

The Club name, burgee, designs, and logos are trademarks of the New York Yacht Club and are not to be used for commercial purposes, and not without the license or permission of the Club. Please contact the Club Store or Secretary’s Office with any questions.

RULE V.

Designated Workspaces

The Club permits the use of electronic devices and the display of business papers openly in certain areas for member’s work or personal purposes, as provided in this Rule. In the other public areas in the houses or grounds, display of business papers is not permitted, and electronic device use is limited as provided in Rules VI and VII below.

Unless the designated workspace is reserved for a regatta or event, members may make shared use of these spaces to use computers and papers for work, make phone calls or engage in web video meetings, view videos, etc. Headphones should be used so that audio cannot be

heard by others. Members use should not be disruptive to others in the space.

The designated workspaces are:

- The *44th Street* Library;
- The *44th Street* Corsair Café (i.e., the bar area) until 1600 only;
- The *Harbour Court* Navy Room;
- The *Harbour Court* Library for silent use only (phone calls and audio/video are not permitted); and
- The *Harbour Court* Red Bar and Jury Room, when not in service.

RULE VI.

Electronic Devices

So as not to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the Club by fellow members, the use of mobile phones, computers, and other portable electronic devices outside the designated workspaces is limited as follows.

- All use should be respectful and not cause disturbance to others.
- All electronic devices are to be placed in silent or vibration mode when entering the Club.
- Quiet reading on tablets or mobile phones, including brief and discreet responding to text messages, is permitted. Voice, audio/video, game, or typing/computer use is excluded outside the designated workspaces.
- Phone calling (in a low voice and not disturbing others) is permitted in the Designated Workspaces (as provided in Rule V) and at *44th Street* in the Strangers' Room and at *Harbour Court* in the parking areas, under the porte cochère, and at the waterfront.

The House Committee may modify this rule for specific events or other purpose.

RULE VII.

Photography

To protect members' privacy and to ensure a congenial and respectful ambiance in and around our Clubhouses, the Club limits photography on property.

SOCIAL MEDIA. Neither members nor guests may post any photos/videos to any social media channel that (1) violates the Club's photography and/or personal electronics policy; (2) could be reasonably construed as offensive, inappropriate, or unbecoming; or, (3) are posted to a commercial account, a verified account, or a personal account that regularly posts commercially-focused content.

PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHY. Taking photographs should be brief, so as not to distract or disturb the enjoyment of others at the Club and is limited to the locations listed below. Any personal photographs should be taken specifically of those in one's group, respecting others' privacy.

- *44th Street* - personal photography is permitted on the main staircase, and in front of the Model Room fireplace.
- *Harbour Court* - personal photography is permitted outside, except on the Sailors and Formal Terraces; indoor photography is only permitted on the main staircase.

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY. The Club may photograph members, guests, or visitors for NYYC internal publications and media. Kindly inform a club photographer if you have any questions or concerns.

PRIVATE EVENT AND COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. Private event agreements provide for limited personal and professional photography. Photographs may never be used commercially without the written permission of the Secretary. Professional photographers for private events must sign a release and agree to terms as required by the Club. The façades of *44th Street* and *Harbor Court* and the Club burgee being flown on property are registered trademarks and may not be used commercially without written permission of the Secretary.

EVENT-SPECIFIC PHOTOGRAPHY. The House Committee may designate certain Club events as appropriate for personal photography, and members will be advised of this in the event announcement.

RULE VIII.
Smoking

Smoking, including e-cigarettes, vaping, or use of smokeless/chewing tobacco products is not permitted in any Club building or on the grounds, except smoking is permitted at *44th Street* on the Wardroom terrace, when not in use for dining service or for a private event, and at *Harbour Court* in the parking areas and under the porte cochère.

RULE XI.
Harbour Court Parking

Parking at *Harbour Court* is permitted in designated areas only.

- Except for handicapped parking spaces, the upper parking lots are reserved for members' cars with valid parking stickers.
- No commercial vehicles shall be parked in the upper parking lots, except as permitted for service delivery.
- Members wishing to leave their vehicle for a prolonged period of time shall park in the lower lots only, register it with the House Manager and leave a key in the event the vehicle needs to be moved.
- Members using the EV charging stations shall comply with the time limits and rules for these limited spots.

RULE X.
Newspapers, Magazines and Books

Newspapers, magazines, and books belonging to the Club shall not be marked, cut, or otherwise defaced; and shall neither be removed from the houses nor removed from any room to any of the private

rooms in the Club, except as permitted by the Library Committee.

RULE XI.

Club Stationery

Club stationery shall not be used for business purposes and unused stationery is not to be removed from the houses.

No communication intended to be published or to appear in any newspaper, periodical, video, electronic or any other media shall be issued by a member, guest, or visitor addressed from or otherwise representing the Club, without the approval of a Flag Officer.

RULE XII.

Gratuities

No member, guest, or visitor shall give money or gratuities to anyone in the service of the Club, except contributions to the annual Staff Fund which are encouraged and appreciated.

Also, no member, guest, or visitor shall send an employee out of either clubhouse for any purpose or under any pretense.

RULE XIII.

Pets & Service Animals

PETS. Pets are not allowed inside the *44th Street Club House* or *Harbour Court*, or on the *Harbour Court* grounds, except members may bring their pet to and from the parking areas and a yacht or bring their pet ashore near the waterfront for the pet's relief (members are to clean up after their pets). Pets on property, including when aboard launch Navette, must be leashed at all times.

SERVICE ANIMALS. The Club allows service animals on property, following the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Service animals are working dogs, trained to do work or perform specific actions to assist a person directly related to the person's disabil-

ity. Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals do not qualify as service animals under the ADA, and therefore are considered pets under the House Rules.

RULE XIV.

Bulletin Boards

Nothing shall be posted on the General Bulletin Board except by Club Officers or the House Committee, insofar as this does not conflict with the By-Laws.

No publication or advertising materials shall be displayed or circulated at the *44th Street Club House* or *Harbour Court*, including its grounds, without the consent of the House Committee.

RULE XV.

Private Dinner Parties

At the *44th Street Club House*, private dining rooms are available by advance arrangement with the special events office. Arrangements to use the Grill Room or Model Room for private functions require more advance notice.

During the summer season, the *Harbour Court* main house shall not be reserved for private functions to the exclusion of general membership usage. At *Harbour Court* during the summer season, the size of parties for the dining rooms or terraces is limited to 12 persons during regular dining hours. Arrangements for larger groups, as may be available, shall be made in advance with the special events office.

The host member or a designated host shall be present at any private function.

RULE XVI.

Room Reservations

Members may request to reserve a specific room, if available. Otherwise, room assignments shall be made at check-in.

Check-out is at 1100; otherwise, the charge for that day will be assessed. Room reservations greater than ten nights shall require approval of the House Committee, and a member or guest shall vacate a room upon 24 hours' notice if requested.

No member shall engage more than three rooms for guests at any one time without the permission of the House Committee. If permission is granted, a non-refundable 50% deposit of the full amount shall be charged at the time the reservation is made. Any change or cancellation made less than two weeks prior to the first date of such a reservation shall be charged the full amount of such cancellation unless the room(s) can be re-booked.

Except as otherwise ordered by the House Committee, cancellations of an overnight room reservation in either clubhouse made less than 72 hours in advance will result in a charge to the member equal to one night's stay.

RULE XVII.

Moorings at Harbour Court

Moorings shall not be occupied longer than seven consecutive nights during July and August without consent of the Waterfront Committee. Check-in is at 1400 and check-out at 1200 the following day.

Reservations may be canceled at no charge up to 48 hours prior to noon of check-in day. Any reservation cancelled with less than 48 hours' notice shall be charged the overnight rate up to a maximum penalty of 2 nights and lose the reservation for subsequent days.

A member shall notify the Waterfront Manager upon leaving a mooring at the end of the reservation. If the member wishes, for whatever reason, to extend a mooring reservation, such member must check with the Waterfront Manager to confirm that the mooring is available for the period requested.

RULE XVIII.

Event Cancellations

Except as otherwise ordered by the House Committee or provided herein, event cancellations made less than 48 hours in advance will result in a 50% charge to the member, and cancellation on the day of event or failure to notify the Club of a cancellation shall result in a full charge to the member. Reservations for theater tickets and other pre-paid expenses cannot be cancelled; certain events may have an earlier cancellation requirement, which shall be published.

RULE XIX.

House Accounts

Member accounts are the only form of payment accepted at the *44th Street Club House* or at *Harbour Court*, except as may be approved by the Treasurer. Charges for guests and visitors, including unaccompanied guests, are charged to the member's account.

RULE XX.

Loss or Damage to Property

The Club shall not be responsible for the loss of or damage to property received from or on behalf of members, guests, or visitors, or left or kept in the houses or on the grounds.

RULE XXI.

Suggestions or Complaints

All requests, suggestions, and complaints shall be made in writing, dated, signed, and addressed to the House Committee.

NOTE.

Changes to the House Rules

House Rules are subject to change by the House Committee at any time. Changes will be communicated to the membership and be available on the website, from the Quartermaster Desk, and/or from the Secretary's Office.