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April 2, 2009

Greetings fellow Water Rats

Sailing season is only 6 weeks away, which means that it is also time to renew your membership. The increase in size of the club in recent years means that it is no longer practical to handle any renewals by mail. Thus we are continuing the 'in person only' registration to renew your membership. You can do so at the club on one of the dates listed below:

Saturday, Apr.18th	12 - 2 pm
Sunday, April 26th	12 - 2 pm
Saturday, May 2nd (cleanup day)	11 - 2 pm

NOTE: A \$100 late fee will be added to your registration after cleanup day on May 2nd

- * You must arrange a time, during one of the regular fleet race nights, to register late if you can not make the above dates.
- * Your preprinted renewal form will be available at the club **but you MUST bring your current insurance information with you in order to renew.**
- * Renewal is not possible without valid liability insurance.
- * Remember to **bring your 2008 key for exchange** or you will have to pay another \$20 key deposit. Locks will change on cleanup day. People who register early, will not be able to use their new keys until the locks are changed on cleanup day.

Membership for all classes of boats at the club is now capped and there is a waiting list to join.

If you have not renewed by May 31st, your spot will be given to the next person in line.

Rejoining after this date can only be done by putting your name on the waiting list. **By renewing on time (May 2nd), you will save the \$100 late fee** or the cancellation of your current membership. If you will not be renewing your membership, please notify the club by sending an email to bodyrat@waterrats.ca. ASAP.

Come Prepared! Please See the Registration Checklist

Check the website calendar for dates of racing and BBQs.

Clean up Day Saturday, May 2nd

10:00am - 4:00pm

(Bring a rake & gloves & Snack/Lunch)

Celebration BBQ (after 3PM) and Libations included

See you at the club!
Water Rats Membership Committee

bodyrat@waterrats.ca
(policies on reverse)

Water Rat Sailing Club (WRSC) Membership Policies

Continuing Work or Pay Policy

We understand that our members' lives are becoming more hectic and it is extremely difficult for members to find time to get out on the water, much less put in volunteer hours. Water Rats is and has always been a volunteer club, no one is paid for any of the grounds work, maintenance, or the running of the club. In order to keep our property best maintained we are continuing the work or pay policy. (*Read below*)

WRSC Work or Pay Policy

Members provide an extra check for \$100 (upon registration) post-dated for Oct. 1st, 2009. Members will receive a WRSC work card, so that when 4 hours of work around the club are completed, the card is submitted to a WRSC executive member to be validated. At the end of the year, members who have completed work hours and have turned in their work cards will have their cheques returned to them at the AGM (Late Oct Early Nov.). For members who choose not complete work hours, their checks will be deposited after the AGM. Members who have completed work hours and can not attend the AGM will have their cheques shredded.

Joining

1. Membership is open to anyone owning a dry-sailed dinghy, catamaran, sailboard, canoe or kayak.
2. The current WRSC Executive must approve new memberships.
3. A single membership covers one catamaran or one dinghy over 15 feet, or two dinghies under 15 feet, or two canoes/kayaks. Catamaran and dinghy members may also use their personal sailing boards, canoes and kayaks at the club. Boats over 21' LOA are **NOT** allowed.

Fees

1. The WRSC season runs from 1 April to 31 March. Members may leave their boats at the Club during the winter months.
2. The annual fee is \$150 (\$250 if not paid on or before cleanup day). The equivalent rates for full time students are \$75 & \$125.
3. New members must pay a non-refundable initiation fee of \$100. If a member leaves the club and subsequently rejoins within 2-years (absent for no more than two seasons), the initiation fee on rejoining is waived.
4. New members must pay a refundable fee of \$20 for a key to the Club's gates and clubhouse. Members must exchange previous year's key on renewal, or pay additional key deposit.
5. All members must maintain personal liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000
6. New membership fees are reduced from \$150 to \$75 after 1 September.

Ongoing

1. Members must maintain their boats in a **seaworthy condition**
2. All boats and trailers kept at WRSC must be identified by the **current season's stickers**.
3. Do not lock your boat or trailer to the fence or trees. This makes it too hard to cut the grass around it
4. Old tires (without rims) are not permitted on the grounds. Use other forms of support for your boat.
5. Masts must be lowered during winter storage
6. WRSC is not responsible for the safekeeping of member's boats and property or damage to same howsoever caused. Members are expected to **do their part in keeping the Club secure and tidy**. Gates and club equipment must be re-locked after entry.

Terminating Membership

1. Membership may be revoked for unsafe behaviour.
2. Member's property must be removed from the club within 90-days of terminating membership. Any item not removed shall be deemed abandoned and ownership forfeited to WRSC for disposition. For classes of boats where waiting lists apply, failure to renew by May 31st will result in your space being given to the next person on the waiting list.
3. Membership is **not** transferable, i.e., if you sell your boat, the new owner cannot assume your membership or boat space.

Complete club bylaws are available on our website at www.waterrats.ca

2009 Registration Checklist

1. 2 Cheques for annual dues and Work or Pay.

1-\$150 Cheque for renewing members.

(add \$100 late fee if applicable. (After May 2nd))

1-\$100 Cheque post dated Oct. 1 for

Work-or-Pay Policy (see registration notice or reverse)

2. Insurance

Proof of Current Insurance.

3. Key/s

Your Current Key/s

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Registration 11:00am - 2:00pm

Please be on time, don't be late.

Work Or Pay Notes

 Cheque Post Dated Oct 1, 2009 for \$100 due @ Registration

 4 Work hours to be completed over the season (Yes, Clean Up Day counts). Work cards submitted to exec. at time of completion.

 Post Dated Check Returned at AGM if work has been done and card submitted.

 No work done
- Cheque deposited after AGM