

Pen/Mooring Licence – Participation Requirements Guidelines

The following sets out the current situation regarding “Acceptable Participation” in relation to holding a Club Pen or Mooring at East Fremantle Yacht Club.

The requirement for active participation has been in the Club’s Pen Rules and Regulations for many years and the current procedures have been established simply to assist the Mooring and Storage Committee to manage the process in a fair, consistent and transparent manner.

The Pen Rules and Regulations 11.7.2 (Term of Licence) states that the Pen Licence is subject to the penholder having been an active user of the club’s facilities, actively benefited the Club and / or been actively involved in Club events.

The Regulations also call for the criteria for “acceptable participation” to be published (from time to time) by the Mooring and Storage Committee (and ratified by the Executive).

It is essential that the Club operates as a sporting/social club rather than simply a Marina and that pen occupancy is at the discretion of the Club rather than a contractual right. When making Application for Accommodation, the Penholder makes a declaration regarding their intended active participation and acknowledges that pen allocation is dependant “*on continual active participation*”.

There is a waiting list for pens at the Club and it is Club policy that penholders that are not prepared to participate in Club activities may not have their annual Licence renewed, and consequently, may lose their accommodation to members who wish to participate.

In other words, members who choose to treat the Club like a Marina, i.e., simply park their boat and never come near the Club from one year to the next, should not expect to retain their pen accommodation at the expense of other members who want to contribute and be actively involved in the Club.

The Keelboat and Power Yacht Committees set the criteria for on water participation for the Keel and Power Boat sections and as those Committees are in the best position to comment on the relevant members, they review the Participation Forms returned from the respective pen and mooring holders. These Committees then make recommendations to the Mooring and Storage Committee who review again before making recommendations to the Executive Committee.

It should be noted that while the following outlines the current basis for “acceptable participation,” the approach taken is to look at all aspects of a member’s involvement in the Club including any long term participation and any extenuating circumstances. Where a member’s participation is shown to be less than required, a follow up process is instigated to identify any problems and encourage the member to become more active. If after exhaustive consideration the member shows a long term pattern of inactivity and no indication of acceptable participation in the future, a recommendation will be made to Executive Committee that his/her Pen/Mooring Licence not be renewed.

Criteria for Acceptable Participation

1.1 Involvement in Club Organized on water Events:

Powerboat owners are expected to participate with their boat in a minimum of three organized on water events and in particular the Opening of Summer Season Sail Past. Acknowledged use of their boat to support sailing events as an official start, support or rescue boat during the season will be deemed as one event.

Keelboat owner's boats are expected to participate with their boats in a minimum of 12 club sailing events including Sunday races, twilights, winter races, Friday races and offshore races. Credit will be given for up to 6 events for voluntary rescue or start tower duties.

1.2 Involvement in Club events/activities.

As well as participating in the required number of on water events Members also need to show that they have been active users of the club's facilities and /or actively benefited the Club by their involvement with the following.

- Committee participation
- Organized club social events
- Rescue/start boat and start tower duties
- Club Volunteer duties
- Attendance at AGM
- Busy bees
- Sponsorship
- Donations
- Food and Beverage purchases etc
- Fuel purchases etc