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**Lac Deschenes Sailing Club**

**Rules & Regulations**

**For**

**Keelboat Owners**

**As approved by the LDSC Board of Directors**

**March, 2021**

# Procedure

## 1. General LDSC Requirement for Keelboat Mooring Privileges

### a. Acknowledgement & Acceptance of Procedure

These Rules & Regulations must be acknowledged and accepted by ALL LDSC Members with keelboats who wish to obtain and retain keelboat mooring privileges.

### b. Compliance

- (i) ALL LDSC keelboat Members must comply fully with these Rules & Regulations at all times or be taking serious and prompt action to conform. Failure to do so in a timely manner, as determined by the LDSC Harbourmaster, will result in the removal of wet mooring privileges.
- (ii) The Procedure outlined in this Document will be administered by the LDSC Harbour Master or his designate on behalf of the LDSC Board of Directors. All directives, in accordance with these Rules & Regulations, given to keelboat owners by the LDSC Harbour Master will be deemed to carry the same weight and effect as those issued by the LDSC Board of Directors.
- (iii) Proof of compliance must be shown to the LDSC Harbourmaster or his designate.

### c. LDSC Rules & Regulations

This Document should be read and understood to be in conformance with the existing LDSC Rules & Regulations – Wet Moored Boat Membership.

### d. Specific Requirements

- (i) If past Members who held a wet moored boat Membership from the previous year have not renewed their Club membership by April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Club has the right to assign that/those mooring(s) to a new Member. If an existing or new Club Member with mooring privileges has not placed a boat on their mooring by June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Club has the right, after consultation with the mooring holder, to rent that mooring for part of or for the whole season with the rent money going to the Club. The LDSC Harbourmaster will, within his own discretion, determine the rental fee to be charged.
- (ii) All LDSC Members with keelboat privileges must conform to the requirements of the LDSC Keelboat Requirements Checklist or be taking serious and prompt action to conform. See Sub-section 1 (b) (i) above.

**NOTE: Any inspections or proof of documentation to be verified or carried out by the LDSC Harbour Master remains the keelboat owner's responsibility to schedule and action and does not absolve the keelboat owner from their own obligations under these Rules & Regulations or any other relevant Government Regulations or Guides.**

## **2. Owner Sailing Experience**

### **a. Sailing Knowledge**

- (i)** All LDSC keelboat owners will be required to provide sufficient proof of their current level of sailing knowledge and experience. In the absence of sufficient proven experience, all LDSC keelboat Members will be required to attend and pass the requisite LDSC-run Courses or equivalent.
- (ii)** The level of sailing knowledge will be determined by either personal knowledge of the Vessel owner in question or by proof of sailing courses undertaken.
- (iii)** LDSC intends to run appropriate Sailing Courses (incl PCOC Certification) for those LDSC keelboat members requiring such training. However, it remains the keelboat owner's responsibility to acquire the requisite knowledge and absorb the cost of additional instruction from a qualified Sailing Instructor.

### **b. PCOC Certification**

All LDSC keelboat owners will be required to provide proof of possession of their Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC) to the Harbour Master to achieve compliance with the Keelboat Owner's Check List.

## **3. Insurance**

### **a. General Coverage**

ALL LDSC keelboat owners must provide proof of a satisfactory level of Insurance cover for the Vessel that they intend to moor in the LDSC Fleet anchorage. Note: This cover could well be provided in Home Insurance Policies.

### **b. Liability Coverage**

In addition, ALL LDSC keelboat owners must hold Marine Liability Insurance coverage in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

**c. Proof of Marine Insurance**

Proof of suitable Marine Insurance must be provided to the LDSC Harbourmaster or his designate upon request.

**4. Keelboat Condition**

It is the expectation of the LDSC that each and all keelboat owners maintain their Vessel in good working order. Mooring privileges may either not be granted or taken away should the keelboat owner fail or refuse to submit their Vessel to an inspection by the Harbour Master or his designate. The Harbour Master or his designate will assist the keelboat owners to obtain or retain their mooring privileges by verifying compliance with the following minimum requirements:

**a. Sea Worthiness Condition of Hull**

All LDSC keelboat owners must submit their Vessel for inspection of its hull and standing rigging.

**b. Vessel identification/Hull Serial Number (HIN)**

All LDSC keelboat owners must ensure that both their Vessel and accompanying trailer are suitably identified by the attachment of an approved LDSC sticker and the Hull Serial Number is clearly visible on the outside upper starboard corner of the transom.

**c. Condition of Vessel Propulsion System**

All LDSC keelboat owners must submit their Vessel's propulsion system for inspection of its operational condition.

**d. Anchor**

All LDSC keelboat owners must have an Anchor of sufficient type and size for their vessel and for the Ottawa River conditions. The attached rode must also be of sufficient size, requisite length and strength together with its integrity of connections. Proof of this will be required.

**e. Navigation Lights**

All LDSC keelboat owners must keep their navigation lights in good working order. This clause only applies to those boats for which navigation lights are obligatory. (See Transport Canada – Safe Boating Guide).

## **5. Mooring Set-Up**

### **a. Approved Mooring Arrangement**

All LDSC keelboat owners who wish to obtain and retain keelboat mooring privileges must acquire and use an LDSC approved mooring arrangement. The LDSC Harbour Master or his designate will determine and approve the acceptable arrangement.

**NOTE: The responsibility for the adequacy and safety of these individual moorings is that of the Member using them.**

### **b. Maintenance of Mooring Line Integrity**

All LDSC keelboat owners who wish to obtain and retain keelboat mooring privileges must ensure that their harbour mooring lines are kept in good order. Lines must not be allowed to become suspect because of seasonal wear and tear.

### **c. Anchor Chain Condition**

All LDSC keelboat owners who wish to obtain and retain keelboat mooring privileges must ensure that their seabed anchor chains are maintained in good order and replaced sufficiently early in their nominal 7-10 year life cycle.

### **d. Winter use of Locator Buoys**

All LDSC keelboat owners must employ the use of winter locator buoys. Locator buoys must not be used as part of a permanent seasonal mooring arrangement.

### **e. Operational Knowledge of LDSC Raft**

All LDSC keelboat owners must make themselves aware and undergo training in the use and operation of the LDSC raft and winch arrangement. This training can be arranged with the involvement & participation of the LDSC Harbour Master or his designate.

## **6. On-Board Equipment (See Transport Canada – Safe Boating Guide)**

### **a. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)**

PFDs must be worn when journeying from shore to Vessel. Sufficient PFDs must be carried on board to match the numbers of occupants. It is preferable that PFDs are always worn when the Vessel is under way.

**b. Vessel Safety Equipment**

Personal Lifesaving Appliances, Vessel Safety Equipment, Visual Signals, Navigation Equipment and Fire Fighting Equipment must be maintained on board and kept in good order. Proof that all items identified and listed in the Transport Canada – Safe Boating Guide are onboard and functional will be required.

**c. Marine GPS/Charts**

It is deemed preferable if all LDSC Keelboat owners either keep a full set of Ottawa River Navigation Charts on board or have the use of a Marine Navigation GPS device or software package (eg; Navionics). Awareness of the Ottawa River depths and seasonal fluctuations in water levels should be seriously considered and studied.

**d. Suggested Items**

A First Aid Kit, a Tool Kit and spare parts should be carried onboard.

**7. Fleet Procedures**

**a. Entering or Leaving LDSC Fleet Zone**

All LDSC keelboat owners are expected to always observe the prescribed Laws of Navigation, but especially when entering or leaving the LDSC Fleet anchorage zone.

**b. Dinghy Storage & Access to Fleet**

The storage of dinghies and other service vessels used by LDSC keelboat owners must be in accordance with any LDSC Rules and Regulations so prescribed.

**c. Contact Details of Vessel Owners (on & off the water)**

All LDSC keelboat owners must provide full contact details including both home and cell phone numbers as well as a current email address so that they can be contacted promptly at any time. Possession and use of marine radios would be an asset but subject to the prior acquisition of a Marine Radio Operator's Licence.

All LDSC keelboat owners must provide a full set of information required for the Keelboat Identity Chart which will be posted on the Club Notice Board in the Clubhouse.