

## LIGHTHOUSE BEACH CAT CLUB RULES AND APPLICATION – 2004

The Sailing Club operates under a lease agreement with the property owners and under a Special Use Permit granted to us by the Town of Parma each year. Both the Lease Agreement and the Special Use Permit obligate us to conduct our Club within certain guidelines. Please take the time to review the following Rules of Operation. It takes a lot of effort retain our permit and to maintain our facilities the way you are used to seeing it so please do your part by adhering to these Rules. Please consider this an extension of your personal domain and take it upon yourself to help out. If you observe anything unsafe, please bring it to the attention of the Beach Committee:

Hervé Dauvergne 392-8724 (Beachmaster)  
Mark Gibson 533-1531, 415-2930(cell)  
Brian Allston 461-1642

Bob Kerr 663-4985  
Bill Gamble 342-5426

### General Rules

1. Activities are limited to Lighthouse Beach Members and their invited guest only. Do not invite your guests to use the beach if you are not there with them. Do not give out your key or make copies for your friends.
2. The neighbors have a walk-in privilege (for the sake of civility only, not officially). However, dirt bikes, ATV's, etc. are not permitted. Please report violations to the Beachmaster or a member of the beach committee.
3. Each member family may have a maximum of two vehicles on the property at any one time (including family members and invited guests). Vehicle parking is extremely limited on the property. All cars must be parked on our property. Parking on the access road is absolutely not permitted. We will lose our Permit if complaints are lodged with the Town. Only those cars related to Club activities are permitted on the property.
4. Drive slowly through the neighborhood and beach area.
5. Unused (unladen) boat trailers should be removed from the property if possible. Otherwise they should be stored on areas of the property that are not suitable for vehicle parking.
6. Overnight camping is not allowed per our Special Use Permit. A curfew of 11 PM is imposed. The only exceptions will be for planned Club events.
7. All members and their guests are expected to conduct themselves in accordance to the family atmosphere of the Club. Excessive alcohol consumption and use of illegal drugs are not allowed. Members found violating this policy will have their membership to the beach revoked.
8. The operating season generally starts on May 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through November 30th. All boats are to be removed from the property outside of the operating season. Winter storage is not permitted under our Lease Agreement.
9. Members must pay all annual fees prior to bringing their boat(s) to the property for the season. All checks are to be payable to "Hobie Cats of Rochester, NY – Fleet 295".
10. As a convenience, members may store their sails in the club trailer at their own risk. Storage is limited to sails only. The storage of dagger boards, rudders, PFD's, etc. is not permitted. The club is not responsible for any items stored in the trailer.
11. The trailer, gas grills, picnic tables, porta-potti, etc. are for all use by Club Members and their guests. Please treat them as your own.

12. Transient boat (day) launching is not permitted with the exception of specified Fleet sponsored events. During these Fleet events open to the entire fleet membership, all Fleet members are permitted to launch boats from the property. The Special Use Permit requires the Club to minimize transient (in and out) boat trailering on the narrow road leading to our Beach. Contact the Beachmaster or a member of the Beach Committee to request a day guest launch privilege.
13. Members must supervise their pets at all times and must properly disposal of their pet's fecal matter. Do not leave your animal unattended while you are out sailing.
14. The beach has a "carry-in / carry-out" trash policy. Although there may be trashcans on the property, your adherence to this policy will help keep costs down and the property free of debris.
15. Neither the Club or Fleet or the property owners assume any responsibility for injury or damage to anybody or any personal property. It is the duty of all members to be aware of the risks associated with visiting the (an undeveloped) property and accessing the (undeveloped and unguarded) waterfront. Members must communicate these risks to their guests. It is also the duty of all members to communicate any hazards to the Beachmaster or a member of the Beach Committee. Carry your own marine liability and property (hull) insurance.
16. Your participation in maintaining the club facilities as well as organizing and hosting club activities is strongly encouraged. Many hands are required to keep the beach clean, run races, host parties and ensure that we have a place to return to each season. This is a "working" club and its success depends upon an active membership. Highly supportive members during a season qualify for a \$30 rebate on their membership fee for the following season.

### **Boating Rules**

17. All members are required to carry liability and hull insurance on their boats. Proof of insurance is to be presented to the Beachmaster prior to bringing their boat(s) to the property for the season. Boat US (<http://www.boatus.com/insurance/>) offers reasonably priced coverage for beach catamarans. Check your homeowner's policy before purchasing a separate policy. You may be covered.
18. Each member's boat is required to have one USCG approved PFD for each crew / passenger onboard when on the water.
19. Each member's boat is required to have a functioning righting line / device installed on the boat. The skipper must be skilled in its use (and be able to demonstrate that skill to the Beach Committee).
20. All members are encouraged to file a "sail plan" (direction of travel, expected time of return, souls onboard) with someone remaining ashore before going on the water and check-in with that person after returning to shore. This is particularly critical if solo sailing. Do not sail in conditions that are above your ability.
21. All members are encouraged to know and adhere to the U.S. Coast Guard and N.Y.S. boating regulations regarding:
  - Skipper's responsibilities
  - Rules of the road
  - Safety equipment
  - Boating Under the Influence (BUI)

Each member is responsible for their actions and safety on the water. It reflects poorly on the club and the club's Special Use Permit is placed in jeopardy whenever emergency services must respond to the Club property as a result of an incident on the water.

There are several online reference resources for this information:

- Unites States Coast Guard (<http://www.uscgboating.org/safety.htm>)
- New York State (<http://www.nysparks.com/boats/>)

**Lighthouse Beach Catamaran Club 2004 Application Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boat #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Boat #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Carrier:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Policy #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Effective Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete the schedule of fees, read the acknowledgement statement and sign the form. Remove and return the completed form along with your payment and a copy of your "proof of insurance" to the Beachmaster prior to bringing your boat to the beach for the 2004 season.*

**The 2004 Schedule of Fees:**

		Paid	Date
Fleet Membership (per member / family)	\$30.00		
Beach Membership with boat storage	\$419.00		
Beach Social Membership for Fleet Members only	\$134.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

By submitting payment of the preceding fees I acknowledge that I have read the 2004 bylaws and rules for the Lighthouse Beach Cat Club. I will abide by the regulations set forth in these rules under penalty of membership revocation. I have obtained personal liability and property insurance for my boat. I understand that I cannot hold Hobie Cats of Rochester, NY – Fleet 295 or it's officers responsible for injury or property loss.

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Member Name (PRINT)

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Member Signature

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Date



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## BEACH CAT SAFETY

### Boat Maintenance:

These things are best done at both the start and end of the boating season. However, they should be done on a continuous basis.

- Inspect and replace, if necessary, all standing rigging (shrouds, stays, pins, plates and shackles). Look for corrosion and hairline cracks on fittings. Look for corrosion and fraying on shrouds (especially at eyelets and crimp collars)
- Inspect and repair hull attachment points for standing rigging. Cracks or crazing of the gel coat at these points is a sign of weakening and possible deflection.
- Inspect and repair hulls at pylon / crossbar attachment points. Look for soft spots on the deck and / or cracks in the gel coat.
- Adjust tension of the crossbar attachments to the hulls to minimize relative motion between the hulls. Movement at these points can lead to failure.
- Inspect and adjust gudgeons, tiller and rudder mechanisms. Replace worn rudder pins if necessary.
- Inspect and repair, if necessary, all hull / deck through-holes (drains, ports, vents) for water-tight integrity.
- Tighten the trampoline. Trampoline tension directly affects the rigidity of the boat.
- Inspect, adjust or replace all running rigging (sheets, halyards, blocks, cleats and mast / boom mounted sheaves) if they are worn or out of alignment.
- Seal potential leaks in the hulls and mast with marine grade sealant. Check the mast for leaks if possible through immersion in shallow water while looking for bubbles.

### Safety Gear:

... for your protection

- A U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device **must** be carried (and should be worn at all times) for each crew / passenger. A Type I PFD is preferred over a Type II or Type III for safety. However, the Type III tends to be the most common (and comfortable) PFD for beach catamaran sailing. "Solo" sailors and weak swimmers should consider a Type II or I for additional floatation and head buoyancy. **(REQUIRED for membership)**
- A righting line / device **must** be properly installed on the boat and the skipper **must** be skilled in its use (and be able to demonstrate that skill to the beach committee). **(REQUIRED for membership)**
- A paddle or other suitable "auxiliary propulsion device" should be carried in the event of wind loss or de-masting. A collapsible paddle (about \$25) can be folded and wedged in the trampoline lacing.
- A "throwable" floatation device with a minimum of 50 ft. of detachable line should be carried aboard to facilitate rescue of crew overboard or other distressed sailors.
- Suitable protective clothing is required depending on air and water conditions. The lake temperature fluctuates greatly during the season. Body heat loss is rapid in 60 degree water adding to fatigue and increased effort when righting the boat.
- Audible / visual signaling equipment, while not required for beach cats, should be carried aboard in a location that is accessible when the boat is capsized. The most basic equipment is a whistle attached to

the PFD. A better choice might be a small signal kit designed for use on personal watercraft. These kits have a whistle, signaling mirror (and / or flag) and a few hand-launched flares and come in a small pouch (about \$25).

- If you are a "light weight" or "solo" sailor you may want to consider a mast head floatation device (about \$75) to prevent the mast from submerging and "turteling" the boat in the event of a capsized.
- A handheld waterproof marine VHF radio (about \$180) is a "nice to have", particularly if you are into extreme solo sailing. Nearby vessels and the USCG can be reached directly via VHF if assistance is required. The NOAA marine weather forecast is also available on these radios. If a handheld VHF is not in the budget then consider a simple weather radio (about \$25 - Radioshack)
- Personal liability and hull insurance are also "nice to have" when things go seriously wrong. A decent policy can be obtained from Boat US for about \$115 a year. (**REQUIRED for membership**)

### **"Beach Smarts":**

- Perform regular inspections of your boat. It's the best way to spot a problem. Most of us sail older boats that need a little TLC. Preventative maintenance is the best kind. The stresses are pretty high on the rig of a beach cat. A small problem now can result in a catastrophic failure later. If you are unsure of something then ask one of the "old salts" for advice. There is a lot of experience in the club.
- Don't sail above your comfort level. Like anything else, skill comes with practice. And practice is best done with others (preferably of a higher skill level). Assess conditions from the beach. **WHEN IN DOUBT DON'T GO OUT.** There's nothing wrong with passing on a day when it is "blowing stink". Consider pairing-up ("solo" sailors) with another in the same position. Being crew can be a blast when the wind is up.
- **DON'T SAIL ALONE**, particularly when conditions are not ideal (big wind, big water, near sunset, long distance).
- If you must sail alone then you **must** notify someone who is remaining ashore and you **must** check-in with that person upon your return. In all cases someone should be notified of your expected activity and time of return so that appropriate action can be taken when you are not back when expected. At the very least a note should be displayed in your car window stating what your intended "sail plan" is.
- Learn the local weather patterns on the lake. Understanding thermals, wave states vs. wind state, cloud formations will help you become a better sailor and help make sailing more enjoyable (even if you don't race).