



## Berthing Policy 2023

### Important Notice of Policy Changes

We are very fortunate at Lough Ree Yacht Club to be able to offer berthing to our members for the summer months. We welcome sailors in their boats who are attending events, and visitors to the club, but remind everyone that we are not a marina and do not expect boats to be moored and left unattended.

**This berthing is intended for people who are living aboard, partaking in club activities or visiting by boat. As we all can see the facilities available are getting busier and the use of the facility is under constant review.**

This year, along with a modest increase in mooring fees, we will be asking for assistance from sailors staying at the club to monitor the jetties and keep them tidy. This will be on a rota basis and the harbourmaster will arrange this over the season.

We will also be moving towards enforcing proper use of the facilities rather than just encouraging it. We have limited space and we need to ensure it is being allocated to those who need it in order to facilitate sailing as a priority.

- **Applications must be made annually** and being granted a seasonal mooring is not a foregone conclusion, but based on your potential need for mooring in the given year and your actual past participation when granted mooring.
- All applications and queries to [mooring@lryc.ie](mailto:mooring@lryc.ie).
- Boats may be left moored by people visiting on concurrent weekends., However, boats left unused for longer periods and using the club as a marina berth instead of the intended use as a harbour for sailors and visitors, may be asked to move or be moved to a swing mooring. Abuse of mooring privileges may affect your following year's application.
- We ask those who don't need to be moored at the club during the first three weeks of July to please move to their permanent berth in order to allow access to those booking in for that three week period only (Jr. Sailing Course).
- We will also be encouraging use of the many swing moorings available at the club and will provide tenders to help with access to the moored boats.

- **From this year new members will need to wait two years before they may apply for seasonal mooring.** This measure is intended to encourage participation in club activities and to ensure appropriate motivation for wanting to become a member of our club.
- **Berthing must be arranged in advance.** Except for Regatta, berthing is loosely arranged with notification and agreement of the Harbourmaster prior to arrival. This system has served us well and allowed for a very harmonious atmosphere at the club during the summer months.

The areas where berthing may be requested are:

- ❖ South Jetty
- ❖ South jetty Barge mooring
- ❖ Outside floating jetty
- ❖ Inside floating Jetty (stern on)
- ❖ Outer finger jetty (Stern on)
- ❖ Finger Jetties

**Permission must be granted and Fees must be paid in advance of arrival. Season stickers will be given to boats with permission to moor when the fee is paid. No boat may be left unattended at the club without a seasonal sticker or temporary sticker, for boats visiting by arrangement.**

Generally, once a request is made for mooring in a particular area, the request will be granted, if space is available. We do not operate a system of pre-booking or holding places. There may be reasons, from time to time, where a space may appear available, but is not. This must be respected. The finger jetties, as they are single berths, are the exception to this and may be allocated to members who have a specific requirement for them. Please do not tie up, even temporarily, on a finger jetty without contacting the Harbourmaster.

Once you have your mooring area allocated, members may arrange themselves as they wish, with agreement of their neighbours. For the Inner Jetty we encourage a system of mooring the largest boat to the inside.

Mooring may be available, for liveboards only, outside the mooring season of April to October, by permission of the committee and for an additional fee.

**No unattended boats will be permitted to remain beyond the 31<sup>st</sup> of October under any circumstances. If you have a particular problem moving your boat please contact [the mooring@lryc.ie](mailto:mooring@lryc.ie) for assistance.**

### Sailing Dinghies

**Dinghy registration is now available on the LRYC website.**

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All Dinghies, small boats windsurfers etc. will be given a numbered registration sticker. This will be issued once and is for the life of the boat.

In addition an annual “Boat Park” sticker will need to be purchased on the LRYC website if the boat is to be stored/left anywhere on the grounds of the club.