

Weiti Boating Club

By-Law for Live-aboards on the Club moorings

- **Intention**
 - The Charter for the Weiti Boating Club sets the purpose of the Club is ‘the encouragement of motor yachting and cruising and sailing generally, the promotion of all aquatic sports, and the recreation of the members.’ Our purpose is NOT to provide accommodation options, despite pressures to find cheap accommodation.
 - The Council and the Government are concerned about the quality of our rivers and it is imperative that the Club members, their vessels and craft do not pollute the river.
 - Sewerage/Effluent **cannot** be discharged in the river but must be discharged at least 500 m from MHWS in accordance with the Resource Management Marine Pollution Regulations (2017).
 - It has been deemed advantageous for club members to have a few strategically placed Live-aboard ‘River Wardens’ in the river to increase security.
 - The General Committee may appoint Live-aboards to be River Wardens.
 - The General Committee will have the full and final say as to whom may become a Live-aboard using the Club moorings.
 - Being appointed a Live-aboard is therefore a limited PRIVILEGE and NOT a membership right.
 - All Live-aboard will be of good character and it is expected that they will take an active part in the Club by means of assisting with basic on-going maintenance; general care of the facilities available to them; be part of club activities and to support the smooth running of the Club and its amenities.
 - The General Committee will have the sole right to grant Live-aboard status and has the right to revoke this at any stage.
- **Definition**
 - Members who wish to stay on their boats for more than **Four (4) days or on a regular basis** must apply for a Live-aboard permit.
- **Number of Long-term Live-aboards on Club moorings**
 - A maximum of **Four (4)** Long-term Live-aboards may be allowed on the Club moorings at any one time unless the Committee, for good reason decides otherwise.
 - Live-aboard River Wardens are to be strategically placed in the river to provide best security coverage of the boats, moorings and the Club
 - Maximum of **Two (2)** people per boat (then to be a Family Membership)
- **Short-term Live-aboards**
 - The Committee in its sole discretion may allow existing members to stay on their boats for up to **2 months** if they are preparing to go off-shore or similar.
- **Terms**
 - Applications are to be made in writing to the General Committee – see *Application for Live-aboard Status* form
 - Only fully paid up members will be considered. Members that have an outstanding account will not be considered
 - The General Committee in its sole discretion will have the right to approve, reject or withdraw the Live-aboard status at any time without the need to provide any reason for their decision
 - The period for the permit is a maximum of **One (1) year** (Long-term) or **Two (2) months** (Short-term) from the date of issue thereafter the permit will automatically lapse and must be re-applied for if more time is required
 - The application fee of \$520 per year or pro-rata is payable for the permit and will be required to be deposited in the Club’s bank account prior to approval being granted. Should approval not be granted the funds will be refunded.

- **Boat standards**
 - The boat of the member applying for a permit will be required to:
 - comply with the Weiti Mooring Permit regulations
 - be suitable in the discretion of the Committee to live aboard
 - have any of the following approved systems for capture and disposal of sewerage
 - Holding tanks at least 60L
 - With an “Up-to-Date log, (available for inspection by the General Committee) of **Date** and **Location** (GPS Coordinates) for disposal of effluent as per Resource Management Marine Pollution Regulations (2017)
 - Electrosan with sufficient battery power to ensure efficient operation (*part of inspection*)
 - Portable caravan cassette that is emptied on shore
- **Independent Inspection**
 - Prior to a permit being considered by the Committee a member will be required to submit with the Application for Live-aboard Status a current Inspection Certificate (no more than 30 days) to be issues by an inspector/s appointed by the Committee
 - Inspections are to be carried out only by Committee approved Inspectors from time to time – Current List attached
 - Inspection to be at owner’s expense (*Inspection costs detailed on application form*)
- **The Club’s Expectations of Live-aboard River Wardens**
 - That they will enhance security
 - That they will inform the Club Manager/General Committee member/owner of any security or safety concern
 - That they are positive and active members of the Club
 - That they support the Club’s activities
 - The General Committee may ask them to be responsible for some action that is part of the Club’s day to day running
 - That they inform the General Committee if there are any members who are living on their boats without permission, polluting the river, or otherwise contravening the Live-aboard conditions.
- **Noise and consideration of neighbours**
 - No loud music or parties that will disturb the neighbours and/or Members of the Club are allowed
 - Complaints from neighbours or other Club Members may jeopardise the Live-aboard status of ALL Live-aboards.
- **Violations of Rules and Penalties**
 - Consistent or significant violation in the discretion of the Committee of the Live-aboard conditions and expectations will lead to loss of live-aboard permit, mooring and/or Club membership.
- **Live-aboard Inspection Requirements**

Holding tank at least 60K	Name on vessel and dinghy	Water tanks
Galley with sink, stove etc	Gas locker and calafont	Engine working
Bilge pumps	Sea cocks working and plugs	Lie Jacket with whistle
Life Buoy	Flashlight	VHF
Fire extinguishers	Fire blanket	Logbook for pump outs

