

# **BELWOOD LAKE SAILING CLUB**

## **Group Visits**

At BLSC we have always welcomed visiting groups to share our great sailing and club facilities. At the same time we recognise the need to limit the number of group visits and ensure that that members are not unduly affected. Our club handbook already has guidelines for limiting the size of a group visit to one family unless it is coordinated through the executive. We have also had a policy of collecting a financial contribution for visiting boats and for camping although this has not been consistently applied.

With this in mind we have decided to formalize the procedure for hosting group visits using a “Request For Group Visit” form. A group is defined as more than one visiting boat or family for a day or more and includes family gatherings, camping and regattas.

The object of the procedure is as follows.

- 1) Limit the visiting groups to a manageable number – our club rules already limits the number of regattas to five per year.
- 2) Ensure that the visits do not clash with each other or with club events.
- 3) Collect an appropriate financial contribution towards club expenses.
- 4) Ensure that visitors are aware of and follow club rules.

To offset club expenses, a daily contribution of \$15 per boat is requested. This includes the opportunity for camping. The contribution for camping without a boat is also \$15 per family per night. Day visitors without boats are welcome as our guests.

**Every visiting group must be invited by a club member who becomes the club host for the visit.** The club host will complete the attached request form and obtain approval from the VC Fleet. Copies of the request form will be available in the clubhouse and on the club website.

Regattas have the biggest impact on other club activities and should be planned in advance so that they are included in the schedule issued at the beginning of April each year.

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## Request For Group Visit

This request form is required whenever a group of visitors wish to make use of the club facilities. A group is defined as more than one family or boat, for a day or camping. Every visiting group must have a BLSC member host who will be appointed by the executive if necessary. The host BLSC member is responsible for initiating this form.

Title or description of visiting group\_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of visit\_\_\_\_\_ Number of individuals or families or boats  
\_\_\_\_\_

BLSC member hosting the visit  
PRINT\_\_\_\_\_SIGN\_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by VC Fleet SIGN\_\_\_\_\_

## Host responsibilities

Before committing to the visit, contact the VC Fleet to ensure that there is no clash with another scheduled event. This is not necessary if the group visit is listed in the club schedule.

Agree the contribution towards club expenses with the VC Fleet.

Initiate this form.

Be on the club site for the whole time of the visit or delegate responsibility to a responsible visitor who is familiar with the requirements of this procedure.

Ensure that visitors are aware of and comply with club rules – see below.

Collect the contribution towards club expenses and forward to the VC Fleet.

## Club Rules For Visiting Groups

Camping is not allowed in the area south of the clubhouse (reserved for members) and in the signed picnic and play area near the lake.

Vehicles, trailers and campsites must not obstruct access to club boats.

Only one open fire is allowed on the site – in the field fire pit.

Picnic tables taken from the picnic area should be replaced before leaving.

All garbage must be collected in the visitor's own containers and removed from the site. BLSC does not provide garbage containers.

The clubhouse and grounds must be kept clean and tidy at all times. Dishes and utensils must be washed and put away after use.

Swimming is not allowed from the launching dock or the leeward side of the black mooring dock.

Fishing is not allowed from the club docks or shoreline

Pets are not allowed to run free. They must be kept quiet and are not allowed in the water near the docks and launching ramp.

Powerboats and PWCs are not allowed at BLSC except for committee and rescue boats.

Visitors must not operate club powerboats, except in an emergency. Members who operate the club boats must have a Canadian Pleasure Craft Operators License. Gas used in the club boats must be replaced

Visitor boats should be removed from the beach and club docks one hour before club racing starts.

Any damage to club property or equipment must be reported to the executive. BLSC expects to be reimbursed for cost of repairing any damage.