



Membership Information

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Being part of a community of organized towed water sports enthusiasts and supporters.
- Waterskiing and wakeboard site and accommodations in a natural setting.
- Membership in the Water Ski and Wakeboard Association.
- Access to tournaments, camps and clinics with an emphasis on Jr skiers and wakeboarders.
- Social events including Spring Fling, Clam Bake and Awards Banquet.
- Significantly reduced fees on Kids Camp.
- Access to club sporting equipment.

MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

- Follow these guidelines, respect the clubhouse and facilities and share them in a cooperative manner.
- Log volunteer hours during the calendar year in the binder on the dining table.
- Follow all safe boating regulations and protocols as referenced in the Water Sport Guidelines section.
- Attend general membership meetings and general meetings.
- Submit annual dues and signed waivers by the date specified by the Executive.
- Respect the water – idle in and out when skiers are in Bedwell Bay.
- Respect the surrounding environment and archaeological heritage.
- Respect our neighbours in the bay.
- Report any damage to the Executive.
- Support the club’s community events.

CLUB USE

The following general information is to be followed by all members and guests:

Alcohol	Alcoholic beverages cannot be consumed on site during community events. Participants, officials and volunteers are not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages during tournaments, clinics and camps.
Barge	The barge is used for club, private and community events. All drivers must be certified by the barge master and added to our insurance policy. Please ensure adequate PFD’s and all other safety equipment is on board. Maximum capacity is 25. Rental fees (per round trip): \$100 personal, \$200 corporate (with VWSC member), plus the cost of gas. Members must call the Barge Master a week in

	advance to notify of any non-executive approved usage. All barge trips must be recorded in the barge logbook stored in the cabin dining room.
Beds / Bedding	The facilities have two private bedrooms. Members bring their own mattress, sleeping bags or linens and pillows which are removed from the premises after each visit.
Boat Use for Events	Members are paid \$40 per boat hour, plus fuel, when volunteering to drive their boat for a community event, camp or clinic. Track your hours and if fuel is not provided onsite, keep receipts. Report to the organizer of the event who will forward to the Treasurer for reimbursement.
Cans	There is a recycling container for cans. Take a bag of cans home when the bin is full and reward yourself with the cash! Do not leave glass bottles or other recycling behind.
Cleaning	When you spend the night or day at the cabin, you are expected to clean the cabin, including vacuuming, washing floors, cleaning the bathroom, removing garbage and tidying the kitchen. Leave it better than how you found it.
Cougars & Bears	On occasion cougars and bears have been spotted in the area, so it is not advisable to let children play on the trail unsupervised.
Dishes	You are welcome to use all the kitchen amenities, but all dishes must be washed, dried and put away immediately after you have finished your meal. There are paper plates and cutlery, but please use them only if you do not have time to wash up, or if the water supply is low.
Dogs	Other than certified service dogs, dogs are not allowed on club property. Quiet dogs can be kept on an owner's boat. All dog feces must be removed by the owner when they leave the property.
Driftwood	Driftwood or logs are to be carried to the woods or beached (not stored near the fire pit). All other wood that is suitable for burning is to be neatly stacked just up the small hill, west of the burn pit. No synthetic materials placed on or near the fire pit. Bag this material in heavy construction bags for disposal.
Equipment	The equipment is for members and guests to use while at the club. Ensure it is rinsed and returned to the lockup when you are finished. Equipment removed (for a tournament or event ONLY), must be pre-approved by the appropriate Watersport VP, signed out in the Members Logbook and signed in when returned. Do not take equipment away from the site for extended periods for personal use. The equipment room is for storage of club gear only.
Fires	No open fires are allowed outside in the drier months. A special burn permit must be obtained from the Village of Belcarra to burn recovered wood during a two week period in the Spring & Fall. Fires may be lit at any time in the interior wood stove. Please restock any wood you use.
First Aid Supplies	First aid equipment is in the washroom on the right and in the first set of lower drawers in the kitchen. AED is on the first top cubby in the kitchen. Report any

	shortages of supplies to the Executive.
Fridge	PERSONAL ITEMS cannot be left in the fridge when you are not at the club. You may choose to leave items behind for sharing which are not quickly perishable (ie. salad dressing, soft drinks, mayonnaise).
Garbage	It is essential that you remove all garbage each time you leave the site. Put returnable drink cans/ boxes/plastic bottles (NO glass) in the appropriate bins. Take all other returnable containers/ recycling and organics home with you.
Generator Gas	If you are planning a stay at the club, bring your own supply of gas for the generator. There are jerry cans in the shed that can be taken into Deep Cove Gas Dock for filling. A regular supply of gas for the generators will not be kept at the site (except to support some Community events).
Generator Large	Straight gasoline only. Pull the choke, turn the key to start, then push the choke back in (see Cabin Operations Manual for further information).
Generator Small	Straight gasoline only. Turn knob to choke and crank the start / rope handle (see Cabin Operations Manual for further information).
Guests	Guests must always be accompanied by a member and must sign the Members Logbook. Guests are allowed to visit the club or use the slalom course a maximum of three times. We encourage regular guests to consider a membership.
Jump Ramp	The jump ramp is off limits for swimming.
Lifejackets	Children under 7 and those who are not accomplished swimmers must wear a life vest on the dock at all times, even when accompanied by an adult. Children must complete the following swim test to be exempt: jump in off the dock and come to the surface, tread water for 15 seconds, swim 15 meters without touching (a square between docks), climb out using a ladder.
Locking up	Follow the procedures outlined on the back of the main entry door to ensure everything is secured before you leave the site.
Lost & found	There are several bins on the shelves in the back room. Please deposit items here that you have found and check regularly for items you have lost. All items remaining at the end of the season will be given to charity.
Members Logbook	Please sign in each time you visit the cabin (usually found on the dining room table) and make note of any cabin maintenance or security issues.
Membership Roster	There is a current membership roster posted on the back of the main entry door. It is also available on the club website (www.vwsc.org).
New Member Inquiries	Welcome potential members and give them a tour of the site; ensure it's clear to them that our club is volunteer-driven. Refer them to our website for further information.
Operations Manuals	The slalom course layout, cabin manual and equipment operating manuals are in the cupboard above the stove or in the cubbies beside the equipment lockup.

Overnight	Groups of 6 or more wishing to spend the night must make a request to the Cabin Manager three days in advance. Any VWSC function at the club will take priority over any member and guests wishing to stay overnight.																									
Parking & Road Access	Belcarra has instituted no parking on roadsides. Pay parking is in effect at Belcarra Park. There is also very limited street parking off Coombs Lane. It is about a 10-15 minute hike into the club from the road. Instructions to walk in are located in the Cabin Manual.																									
Parties/ Gatherings – General Information	<p>This information does not apply to community events. Any new events must be approved by the Executive. All parties of 11 people or more will be posted on the web site and general members notified when possible. You must be a member in good standing for one year before applying for party requests of over 20 people. Exclusive use is not allowed so no club guests will be refused access and so the event must not interfere with the enjoyment or use of the club by members, or conflict with scheduled events. A maximum of 100 guests will be allowed. See Overnight for information on guest stays.</p> <p>A member must be present for the entire event and accountable for the safety of the guests, any damage, and cleanup of the premises in a timely manner. The cleaning/damage deposit must be written on a separate cheque that will be held and not cashed unless required. Toilet paper, paper towels, and use of the kitchen resources are included. If the barge is required, see Barge Use.</p>																									
Parties / Gatherings – Corporate Events	Any corporate event of any size must have Executive approval and may only be held mid-week (STAT holidays excluded). The charge is based on a per-head cost of \$25/corporate guest. Overnight use will also need Executive approval and may be subject to an additional charge. A cleaning/damage deposit will be charged per the outline shown below. If the barge is required, see Barge Use.																									
Parties / Gatherings – Third Party Events	At the discretion of the Executive, the club may allow third party use of club facilities. This would typically be to support a group with a mutual interest such as promoting other towed water sports, safe boating with the Power Squadron. The club will typically charge a modest fee (\$100/day) to help cover wear and tear costs. This fee will also reflect the degree of usage where full access to all facilities will cost more than just dock access. The schedule below should serve as a guide in establishing the fee to be charged.																									
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Propane Heaters	There are two wall-mounted propane heaters (in the living room and bedroom). These should be used sparingly when it is not feasible to use the fireplace.																									

Rocks	The rocks on the north-west side of the club's deck are inviting to climb but are very dangerous. This area is off limits to everyone.
Shower	The shower on the back deck is connected to hot water. Limit shower time to conserve water.
Smoking	There is no smoking at the VWSC site and surrounding forest. This includes vaping and includes all docks and vessels moored at our docks.
Swimming	Swimmers should always stay clear of any boat traffic. Do not swim off the start dock when ski boats are operating in the vicinity.
Towels	Please take the kitchen and stray towels home to launder and return them next time you visit.
Washrooms	As we use a septic tank, please limit the use of toilet tissue, do not flush any feminine hygiene products, and conserve water by limiting flushes.
Water	Club water comes from a well and seasonal stream that is not regularly tested. Tap water must be boiled vigorously for one minute to be safe for drinking. Do not rely on the filter tap beside the kitchen sink. The kitchen bottled water dispenser is for use by all (it is often filled with city water from a neighbouring dock). Water volumes drop significantly in the summer months, so restraint must be exercised to conserve water at these times.

CONSUMABLES PROVIDED

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Propane ● Cleaning products, dish soap, soap ● Toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, plastic cutlery ● Plastic wrap, foil, garbage bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, sugar, coffee mate, condiments, spices ● Drinkable water ● First aid supplies ● Candles and air fresheners ● Compost bags
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DOCK USE

- No horseplay or running on the dock.
- There are no designated mooring spots. Docks are for members and guests only. Guests must be accompanied by a current member.
- Once tied up, this zone is yours for the day provided you leave your bumpers and/or tie up lines at this spot (please check when you approach dock).
- The dock area beside your boat must be kept clean.
- Report any damage to the Dock Wardens or Executive member. Try to temporarily repair the damage if possible and mark any safety hazards.
- You have the right to ask a non-member to leave. If a problem arises, record the boat license number and report the incident to the Executive and Coquitlam RCMP.

LARGE BOAT POLICY

VWSC is committed to towed water sports activities for members and guests; it is not a destination mooring facility.

Our docks are built and maintained to support boats that are involved in our club watersports. Larger boats can create a strain on the ability of the club to provide space for watersport boats and can have added stress on our docks due to their size.

Larger boats not involved in towed water sports should not be moored at the docks. They may come out to drop off members and guests but should not be moored there for extended periods or overnight without specific approval of the executive.

Owners of larger vessels are encouraged to moor at the secure anchorages in the south part of Bedwell Bay. Guests can then be transported to the club via dinghy or other boat to use the club facilities.

This rule does not apply to specific scheduled events for organizations, where the club is receiving a fee or other benefit in return for short term use.

RULE INFRACTION COMMUNICATION POLICY

If a member is witnessed breaking a club rule, the observer should first determine if there is an immediate safety risk. If so, they should attempt to remedy the matter with the individual(s).

If the observer is not comfortable bringing the infraction to the attention of the individual(s), they should inform the Executive by contacting either a single Executive member by phone or emailing the Executive as a group (executive@vwsc.org). The issue will be handled by the entire Executive committee, and corrective action taken if required.

If the Executive determines that the infraction warrants action, an email will be sent or a telephone call made to those involved, bringing the matter to their attention. The author of the communication will either be the Executive member whose area of responsibility aligns closely with the associated rule or policy, or the President. It will typically be sent on behalf of the entire Executive.

If the matter is not resolved to the Executive's satisfaction, then other actions may be taken, including a written warning, or having the offender attend an executive meeting to discuss the issue. Further action may involve expulsion from the club for severe infractions or unwillingness to take appropriate corrective steps.

WATER SPORT GUIDELINES

Boating safety regulations and protocols are defined by Transport Canada (<https://ca.binnacle.com/pdf/Safe-Boating-Guide-Canada.pdf>) and our governing body, Water Ski & Wakeboarding Canada (<https://wswc.ca/towing-rules-and-regulations-keep-safe-on-the-water/>)

In addition to following and abiding by the above safety regulations and protocols, as members of the VWSC we act as stewards of the bay. **It is imperative that members consistently demonstrate responsible boating behaviour both to the neighbours and the public.**

Boat drivers must drive dead slow from entrance of bay to avoid disturbing the water when skiers are in the bay, and also when slalom skiers are lined up in the north bay in the early mornings.

In general, tow boats travel counter-clockwise from the dock, departing and arriving in the **SOUTH** direction.

All members must use a spotter when skiing/riding in Bedwell Bay. Any damage made to the course or balls must be repaired or reported to the Dock Warden / Executive immediately.

1) Slalom Skiing

- Only one boat in the course at a time.
- All members skiing the course before 9AM will line up in the NORTH bay to await their turn and should communicate with other boats as they arrive. Turns will alternate between boats, regardless of the number of skiers per boat.
- No other boats can use the trick course or jump during slalom skiing.
- Six times through the course or three falls is maximum per skier. This applies only when there are more skiers waiting their turns.

2) Jump

- Only one boat allowed to tow in the bay while jump in use.
- Helmets are mandatory. Proper protective suit and vest also required for jump.
- Waivers must be signed by non-members before using the jump.
- Depending on others waiting, a set of four passes is recommended.

3) Wake Surfing

- Members are requested to be respectful of the club and community and not surf in Bedwell Bay as the large wake causes damage to docks.

ORIENTING VISITING GROUPS

We are delighted to be on the traditional lands of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation in Belcarra Park and are completely “off the grid” getting our water from a creek and well, electricity from a generator and our household appliances are powered by propane.

- **Water:** tap water is not drinkable. There are jugs of water in the kitchen to refill your bottles.
- **Bathrooms:** both bathrooms are available for use.
- **Septic:** limit tissue use and let the yellow mellow.
- **Boundaries:** stay on docks/decks. Not allowed to climb on rocks, go below deck

area, or up the trail, no running or horseplay on dock.

- **Swimming:** in designated area only, no climbing on pole or swimming to the jump.
- **Lifejackets:** always behind the boat; on dock if under 7 years old, if not an accomplished swimmer, and if swim test not successfully completed.
- **Food/drinks:** all cans go in recycling bin & all food eaten outdoors.
- **Personal safety:** hats, sunscreen, hydration & shoes on for slivers! No running or pushing.
- **Equipment:** skis, wakeboard, kneeboard - no tubing allowed for liability reasons. Kayaks can be used within site lines of the dock.
- **Cleanup:** return all gear to back deck for rinsing.
- **Events:** sign-up for turns (if being used).
- **Volunteers:** introduce and thank club volunteers – point out first aid person.
- **Boats:** If you want to ride in a boat, get permission from the boat driver and take your shoes off.
- **HAVE FUN!!!**