



## 2021 LMSA Membership Rules

1. LMSA is a non-profit 501(c)7 collegial organization founded on a mutual interest in sailing. It relies on a foundation of active sailors working and sailing together to further the sport of sailing in western Iowa and eastern Nebraska.
2. LMSA now operates as a concession to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and thereby follows the requirements set forth by them.
3. The President and Board of Directors manage our Club. LMSA members meet annually and confirm the selection of the President and Board members.
4. The Facility Manager is an employee of LMSA and reports to the President. The Manager or his/her designee will be on-site during all hours the club gate is open to the public. The Manager may live in the residence and be responsible for maintaining the grounds, club boats and facilities in a first-class manner. The Manager will not act as our rules policeman but will serve to help maintain security.
5. Membership Responsibilities
  - a. All members are expected to show respect for other sailors and to obey the posted Golden Rules for Members (See addendum attached)
  - b. In season, members are expected to actively participate at the Club, finding ways to improve the facility.
  - c. All members are expected to be present, on time and ready to work, on Dock Days. Other workdays scheduled for any work activity will be attended by members on a best efforts basis.
  - d. The Club reserves the right not to accept membership renewals based on continued non-participation, failure to follow these rules, or other violations of the yachting spirit. Members are expected to sail their boat at least once per month during the sailing season.
  - e. Members who are late in paying their dues (past April 1st) are subject to forfeiture of their assigned parking stalls.
  - f. Members can find the code to the front gate and the combination to all club padlocks on the Members' Only page of our website. The codes will be changed periodically to help ensure our security.
  - g. Members are required to keep their boats, trailers, tires, sails and covers in good condition and with a current registration, preferably in Iowa.
  - h. Children up to 18 years on the Club property must be supervised by an adult. Children 9 years old or younger must wear a PFD anytime while on the docks, beach or water.
  - i. Pets are allowed only when the member takes responsibility for the proper behavior of their pets including waste cleanup. Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.
  - j. Members should look for every opportunity to empty the trash cans and replace the plastic liners from the supply in the shed. Trash, junk, etc. wherever found,

should be put into the dumpster for the betterment of our Club.

- k. The last member/guest to leave is responsible for locking all gates, the shed and the shop doors when the club facility is not open to the public.

## 6. Membership Privileges

- a. Members have the right to use the grounds and the facilities of the Club on an equal first-come, first-served basis. Because we are on State Park property, we cannot indiscriminately restrict the public from using the Club facility. Anyone wishing to use the Club can do so without paying a fee if they have come to sail, canoe or kayak during the published hours the club gate is open. The DNR requires all club function end and people leave the grounds by 10:30 pm unless given special permission by the Facility Manager.
- b. The club tractor is available for use by members primarily for launching and retrieving boats but only after having been instructed and having demonstrated proficiency. Care must be taken not to drive or back the tractor too far into the water. Members should report any improper use or problems to the Facility Manager.
- c. Members who wish to use one of the Club boats must first be checked out by one of the members of the Board of Directors or the Facility Manager. All gear will be stowed in the boat, under cover. Life jackets are required when using Club boats as is proper clean-up, put-away and boat cover replacement. Users are responsible to report any lost, damaged or missing equipment to the Facility Manager.
- d. The shop is provided for member usage. Be respectful of Club tools and equipment and ensure their return, clean-up, and proper placement. Contributions of useful tools and equipment to the Club would be appreciated.
- e. Our Library in the Club office is maintained by the honor system of members. It is important that books be returned on a timely basis. Contributions of books to the Library will be appreciated.
- f. The Tubes, Lockers and Outboard Motor Rack are provided for members for a fee with availability on a first-come, first-served basis.
- g. The Club Pontoon boat, Safety boat and Santana 20 are available for use by members only for specific scheduled club activities. The exception is the Santana 20 which is available for use during non-racing days by members of the MMRL.

## 7. Boat Storage

- a. Boat storage exists to allow our membership to quickly and easily get sailing. The Club reserves the right to remove boats and trailers that are too infrequently sailed or not properly maintained, put them in storage at the owner's cost, and revoke their LMSA membership. (See 5d above) The only motor boats allowed are those used to run races, support student instruction or for rescue or safety of sailors and boats.
- b. All member boat storage is limited to inside the fenced parking lot, the wet slips, the northeast paved area, or for catamarans, assigned locations on the beach.

- c. Except for the Club's trailers, empty trailer parking will not be allowed unless the owner has paid for the stall. Catamaran and wet slip sailors must find off-site storage for their trailers while their cats are on the beach or in the slips. Offseason storage of catamarans, wet slip boats and trailers should be off-site; however, some offseason storage will be allowed on our property on a space available basis.
  - d. Members shall be allowed to tie up their boats on the docks for only one overnight per week provided the south winds are forecasted to be less than 20 mph and that proper spring lines and fenders are used. In addition, the Facility Manager shall be notified and the times of tie-up shall not coincide with any scheduled racing event (INSA & ENSA – Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons, MMRL – Monday & Tuesday evenings until 9:00 pm). Members shall report damage and be liable for the cost of repairs for any damage they may have caused.
  - e. Small boats, less than 19 ft LOA, may be beached for one night only.
  - f. Members maintain their rights to the parking stalls for which they have paid even if they should sell the boat which occupies that stall. The transfer of a parking stall to a new or different member can occur only with the approval of the Facility Manager.
  - g. The Club reserves the right to reassign boat stalls when size, maneuverability or other Club requirements are deemed appropriate.
  - h. Members with assigned boat parking shall be responsible for leaf and trash pickup and vine trimming adjacent to their boats. In addition, they must keep their boats, boat covers and trailer tires in good condition. Failure to do so could result in loss of parking privileges.
  - i. All trailers, equipment, motors, sails, etc. stored in any Club facility must have the owner's identification or risk removal by the Club management. ID tags and marking pens will be available in the office. **Names in 2" letters are required** on boat trailer tongues.
  - j. Members without assigned boat parking and sponsored guests of the Club (e.g., regatta attendees) may leave their boats on their trailers overnight for one night along the west lot fence on a space-available basis.
  - k. Please be considerate of others when using the docks. Special or scheduled club or fleet events have priority to use the docks and/or beach area. If possible, move parked boats to near center of the South side (lakeside/outside) of the docks before any scheduled event to allow participants to raise sails "bow to the wind", launch and recover efficiently.
8. Facility usage.
- a. The use of the picnic shelter by members and their guests is encouraged. Reservations must be made through the Facility Manager and can be made by e-mail ([admin@sailmanawa.com](mailto:admin@sailmanawa.com)). Reserved dates and times will be listed on the website and at the shelter on the day of usage. Proper cleanup after usage is a must. Trash cans must be emptied and new liners installed before leaving.
  - b. Members have the use of the propane grills, picnic supplies, and PFD's available in the

- middle shed. Equipment and cooking utensils must be properly cleaned and returned to the storage shed and all unused paper and plastic items returned to the storage locker in the storage shed.
- c. Camping on Club grounds in an RV or tent may be allowed for special events with permission of the President. Overnighting in your boat while in the parking lot is not allowed.
  - d. Diving, Jumping or Fishing off the docks is prohibited at any time.
9. Members are requested to make suggestions for the betterment of the Club to the Facility Manager, President and/or Board Members.

## **ADDENDUM TO THE RULES**

### ***12 GOLDEN RULES FOR MEMBERS •***

1. If you turn it on, turn it off.
2. If you open it, close it.
3. If you unlock it, lock it.
4. If you break it, repair it.
5. If you can't fix it, call someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you use it, care for it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
11. If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.
12. If it doesn't concern you, mind your own business.