



Pittwater Aquatic Club Co-Operative Ltd.

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Welcome to PAC

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There is so much to learn and enjoy about PAC. Here are some useful tips to get you started. You will find a lot more information about these and other subjects on the PAC website; www.paclub.com.au

Just take some timeout to navigate it and you'll discover some amazing ways to appreciate the club, understand its by-laws and protocols and even save some money.

Please save this document for future reference.

HOW TO CONTACT PAC

Send an email to info@paclub.com.au and your enquiry will be forwarded to the responsible director. The club's telephone is not manned and it is luck of the draw whether it is answered. 9999 4059

Mail Address: - Pittwater Aquatic Club, PO Box 159, MONA VALE NSW 1660

Note! All documents that are hand delivered must be deposited in the office door, letterbox located inside the club, upstairs.

ACCESS

How to access PAC facilities-all there for your use and enjoyment.

Your PAC key tag will give you access to the car park gate, the club rooms, BBQ's, outside toilets, launching ramps boom gate and any other facilities to which you subscribe. In the case of the car park sliding gate, just wave your key tag close to the card reader on the post and the gate will open. After a short time, the gate will close behind you. To reopen there is a button on the wall in the slip office which is downstairs below between the workshop and the stairs or just wave your key tag close to the card reader on the post and the gate will open. Please note it will take two minutes for the gate to close.

A remote key tag is available for the price of \$75. This tag has two buttons either of which will open the gate without getting out of your car. The tag acts as a normal swipe card on all other club card readers.

DISABLED LIFT

There is a disabled lift to allow access to the clubhouse for those with a disability. A key is necessary to access the lift. If you are a disabled member, you can apply to be issued with a key and if you are holding a function where the lift may be needed you can be issued with a temporary loan key for the function.

RAMP

The boat ramp is available for members to launch runabouts and trailer sailers. There is a boom gate at the top of the ramp. Access to the boom gate is by a small yearly fee. When the fee is paid the

boom gate is added to your key tag to enable you to open the gate. The gate must be closed after each use unless another member is waiting to use the gate. Small dinghies can be launched without using the boom gate. There is a space on the southern side at the top of the ramp to allow small dinghies to access the ramp. Whilst you pass your key tag over the boom gate card reader simultaneously press down on the boom to get it to release. Press down on the boom when engaging it into its locked position. There is a hook on a chain to hold it upright so the boom does not fall on your boat and a piece of rope to pull it back down.

FEES

The Club year is from 1st April to 31st March the following year. The invoice for annual fees is sent out in Early March and are due for payment by 31st March. If not paid by then the membership becomes inactive.

A fee must be paid for annual membership and facilities such as the launching ramp, slip 1, slip 2, dinghy storage poles, marina berth, club moorings, boat storage yard and the work berths. If fees are not paid by 31st March each year, the membership becomes inactive and members cannot use any PAC facilities. Members will receive a reminder communication, after which the membership will cease.

There are waiting lists for places on the marina, moorings, boat storage yard and dinghy poles. There is a small charge to be listed on a waiting list.

A list of the fees can be found on the website. paclub.com.au/Member/Fees

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Annual Financial Report can be viewed at paclub.com.au/Members/Fees

BANKING

Annual Membership, work berth, slips, casual moorings etc will be paid via EFT.

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PLEASE! No cheques

INSURANCE

All vessels except small dinghies must have adequate insurance before using any club facility. A minimum of \$10,000,000 is required for third party public liability.

MEMBER VESSEL DETAIL FORMS

A Member Vessel Detail form (MVD) must be filled in and sent to the club with a copy of the registration and insurance papers for each vessel. If a vessel is sold or purchased the club must be notified. Please send the MVD as one file containing the MVD form, copies of insurance and registration as a single PDF file.

BOOKING FACILITIES

Bookings for slips 1, 2, 3, work berth, casual mooring etc can be booked via the website.

paclub.com.au/booking system. Each boat must pay a slip fee. If you have two boats, you must pay two slip fees and so on.

Payment for casual use or additional days of facilities are made via the casual revenue cards located in the Slip Office.

Payment should be made by EFT to PAC's bank.

Once the card is filled in it must be deposited in the letterbox in the office upstairs.

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CLUBHOUSE BOOKINGS

The clubhouse is available for parties or meetings by members for a very reasonable charge. Send inquiries to the secretary at info@paclub.com.au

The clubhouse cannot be used for commercial use.

RECREATIONAL MOORINGS

PAC recreational moorings are located in Towlers Bay, Coasters Retreat, under Barrenjoey, Refuge Bay and America Bay. A location chart is on the PAC website;

[www.paclub.com.au/Facilities/Moorings/PAC Recreational Moorings](http://www.paclub.com.au/Facilities/Moorings/PAC%20Recreational%20Moorings)

These moorings are available for members use free of charge. Please fly the club burgee when occupying the mooring. Weather permitting it is permissible to share a recreational mooring with another vessel.

RENTAL MOORING

There is a mooring available just outside Winnererremy Bay for rent. It may be booked in periods of one week blocks. This mooring is useful for members coming from, say, Sydney Harbour when it is time to slip their boat. However, it is available for general use. Minimum booking 7 days.

USING THE CLUB'S DINGHIES

The club's dinghies are stored in the dinghy pond near the wharf and are available for members to retrieve their boat from their local moorings. They are not to be taken away for a day's sailing. Please return them promptly and tie the dinghy's up as you found them.

ABOUT THE WORK BERTH

The work berth can only be booked for two days at a time, however if no one else has booked on your third or subsequent days a member may book further days on the work berth until another member has booked it. You must book these extra days on the booking register. There is a daily fee for the use of the work berth. Check the bookings page on the website each day if wanting to stay on to ensure no other member has booked it. Payment cards are available in the Slip Office. When completed the cards should be deposited in the letterbox in the upstairs office. When paying by EFT you must fill in a casual revenue card. These cards become part of the Club's financial records.

A work berth day is from 7.00am to 5.00pm. If you stay overnight after your booking day or days you must vacate the berth well before 7.00am to enable access by the next member. Cancellation of a booking must be done 1 week before the booking date or the fee will be payable.

DO YOU WANT TO SLIP YOUR BOAT?

To slip your boat you must pay the Annual Slip Fee. Each boat must pay a slip fee. If you have two boats', you must pay two slip fees and so on. This fee is usually included on your Annual Membership Invoice. After you have used your allocated days you can book additional days and pay a reduced daily rate using the Casual Revenue cards in the Slip Office for payment. These completed cards should be deposited in the letterbox in the office upstairs.

To slip your boat you must make a booking on the slip booking register. The register sits on the PAC website paclub.com.au/booking system. If you are the owner of a boat that requires slipping you will be provided with the login details and instructions to enable you to make a booking. If you wish to slip your boat you will need to arrange for a slip operator to lift your boat out of the water. A list of slip operators and their contact details are on the website. However, if you are coming up following a boat coming down, ring the owner of the boat to come down, before the event, and ask if they have arranged for a slip operator to put them down. If they have, ring that slip operator and ask him if he can lift you after putting the other boat down. You can get the name and phone number of those booked on the slips by going to Tabular view on the website Slip Booking Page. Slip operators are volunteers they give their time and cost of travel to and from the club to help other members. If you need to change or cancel a booking you must email the club with your request - info@paclub.com.au Four (4) weeks' notice must be given for a cancellation or the fee will be payable.

To be helpful to our volunteer slip operators please;

A list of certified slip operators is available on the PAC website.

[paclub.com.au/Facilities/Slipway/PAC Certified Slip Operators](http://paclub.com.au/Facilities/Slipway/PAC%20Certified%20Slip%20Operators)

Ensure you do not drag an operator down, if there is already one there putting a boat in the water.

Make sure you contact the slip operator so that he can confirm he has the time available to lift your boat out or put you back in the water. Make sure you are on site at your scheduled time and ready for your lift or drop down. If you arrive half an hour late you may have Buckley's Chance of getting that operator next time.

A No 1 Slip Day is from 9.00am to 8.45am the following day. The annual slip days allocated for Slip 1 is 3. When vacating Slip, No 1 you must be off before 9.00am to allow the next boats time to commence at 9.00am.

A Slip Day on No 2 slip is from high tide to high tide the following day. The annual slip days allocated for Slip 2 is 4. If you are on the No 2 slip be aware of the tide and if a high tide is critical to your draft of your boat always aim to be completely ready 10-15 minutes before high tide. This is because the tide sometimes turns a little earlier than the tide chart indicates and the high tide can recede 50mm or more in 10 minutes. If you are not ready you may not achieve a successful slip. If your boat can vacate the No 2 slip a little before high tide it will help the next member coming onto the slip.

USING THE WATER BLASTER AND SLIP AREA.

The water blaster is extremely powerful. When using the water blaster, it is a condition of use (not to mention plain common sense) that you wear safety goggles and closed footwear.

Safety goggles are available in the water blaster cabinet for you to borrow if you forget to bring your own goggles. Only the person using the blaster is allowed inside the netted area whilst the water blaster is in use.

Lay the hose out sufficiently before you start to water blast. Close the net curtains to contain the overspray, before using the blaster.

Set yourself up to blast about 1/3rd of the hull before stopping, then blast another 1/3rd and finally the last 1/3rd. Continually stop-starting the water blaster damages the equipment and annoys the heck out of the neighbours. A continuous blasting is much less annoying.

Place sand socks just above the bottom grate on the No1 slip (so that the weed and shell can be swept up and not flow down the drain and block the pumps). If necessary, locate them between the No1 and No 2 slips to ensure the waste water does not go towards the ramp but is diverted to the No1 slip catchment.

It is imperative that no waste water can go into Winnererramy Bay. If your boat stern on No1 slip ends up sitting on the winch side of the lower drain no skirt needs to be used. If your boat stern overhangs the bottom drain grate in the slipway you must use the skirt that diverts water back to the grate. Your slip operator will advise you about this. In any case always blast the stern area of your boat so that the waste water is directed above the grate. That is to say stand between the Bay and the stern of your boat and blast toward the winch.

When you have finished blasting switch off the blaster motor at the power switch and release the pressure in the hose. It will be easier to wind the hose back onto the hose reel and extends the life of the equipment.

It is the responsibility of the slip user to clean the area including the lower grate as necessary at the completion of the slipping. Garbage bins must be emptied into the large waste skip bin.

Brooms and shovels are available under the Clubhouse.

The water blast pressure can be varied by turning the barrel on the blaster wand.

The water blaster is an industrial level facility. If you are not proficient in the use of this equipment you will be respected if you ask an experienced user for advice. Someone could be maimed if you use it incorrectly.

STANDUP PADDLE BOARDS (SUPs)

The Club has 5 SUPs for member's use. The SUPs are stored on a rack near the boat ramp. The boards can be used on the waterways near the club. There is no charge for the use of the boards. It is not intended that members take the boards out of Pittwater for the day.

Please observe the NSW Waterways Safety Regulations in relation to the use of the SUPs.

PITTWATER SAILORS

Pittwater Sailors is the sailing section of PAC. They hold a yacht race on the first Sunday of each month (except public holidays) from February to December. All boats are welcome 6 metres to about 13 metres.

Each boat is allocated a handicap and there are two groups. Yellow fleet, smaller, slower boats and blue fleet, larger, faster boats. Race starts are based on the handicap start system.

After the race a dinner is held at PAC. If you are interested send an email to paclub.com.au and your inquiry will be forwarded to the current sailing captain.