



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

Welcome to Guests

BYS's Mission is to be a progressive, friendly club that brings together families, friends and community to promote sailing and associated activities. A core value is having a friendly club environment for members and guests.

Guests are welcome, but within certain restrictions imposed by the BYS Rules and Victorian Licensing Regulations.

Guests accompanied by a member

Guests attending with a BYS member are welcome. Members are responsible for their guests including their behavior and compliance with rules.

BYS is a fully licensed club, and under Victoria's Licensing Rules all guests must be signed in every time. We are obliged to keep a record of all guests.

BYS Rules restrict guests to up to 12 visits per annum (six in the period May-October and six from November-April), after which they are encouraged to join as a member in one of the categories suited to their circumstances. This applies to all guests, including the spouse or partner, and immediate family of a member.

Guests unaccompanied by a member

Guests who are not accompanied by a member are also welcome, at the discretion of the Duty Manager, and usually not in January, but must be signed in.

Many guests are automatically treated as honorary members under the BYS Rules.

Honorary members include any person and one accompanying person, who is

1. attending a function
2. sailing or officiating in an event
3. skipper or crew of a boat temporarily berthed in the marina
4. a member of a reciprocal club.

Honorary members also normally include sponsors and people on official government business, and permanent staff.

What guests must do

Any guest who wishes to enjoy the club facilities on the upper level including the deck, or consume alcohol on the ground level, must be signed in for licensing purposes. There are machines located in the foyer and at each bar upstairs that enable guests to register easily by inserting their driver's licence. If a guest does not have a driver's licence, they can sign in the book located at the bar.

A guest must retain and display their proof of having signed in.

A guest must comply with the normal Rules and By-Laws that relate to members.

What guests cannot do

A guest accompanied by a member, including an honorary member, has the same privileges as a member, except they cannot

1. sign another person in, for licensing purposes

2. have or use an access card to the club premises
3. over the peak January period, make a booking in the Bistro
4. park in the car park
5. purchase alcohol that is not for consumption on the premises. Members can buy takeaway alcohol for off-premises, or in marina consumption.
6. sail in more than twelve races per annum; after that they should apply to become a full member

Rules for both members and guests

1. No smoking at any time anywhere on the site including the grass and in the building
2. No dogs at any time anywhere. Note dogs are not allowed on the foreshore including on the sand in front of the club between 10am and 4pm in summer.
3. BYO alcohol is not allowed on the licensed premises.
4. No sailing gear on the deck or upstairs. Dress standards in the club bar and lounges precludes beach or sailing gear and requires shirts and appropriate footwear. (Note: a sailing club tradition requires someone wearing a hat in the bar to shout the bar if a bell is rung.)
5. Mobile phone calls should be conducted with courtesy.

Other important constraints of our license

1. Only alcohol purchased from the club may be consumed within the club building perimeter (the red line area).
2. Anyone under 18 years of age may consume alcohol if accompanied by a parent or responsible adult and having a meal. Otherwise persons under 18 years may only be in the club's upstairs area for sailing-related activities.

Questions

If you have questions, please consult the General Manager or a member of the Executive Committee, who will be able to explain the Licensing regulations and our Rules and By-Laws.

Thank you and Welcome

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