



CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

Home of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

Policy as to Animals – Dogs on CYCA Premises

(as at 20 September 2023)

This policy is a By-Law Policy of Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (“CYCA”) – clause 2.16 of the By-Laws refers.

Words and expressions in this Policy have the same meaning as words and expressions in the Constitution of CYCA unless the contrary intention appears.

In this policy:

Companion Animals Act 1998 - Dog assistance animal

Assistance animal means an animal referred to in section 9 (Disability discrimination - guide dogs, hearing assistance dogs and trained animals) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 of the Commonwealth, but does not include a working dog.

A person with a disability is entitled to be accompanied by an assistance animal while he or she is genuinely using the animal for assistance. Entry cannot be refused without reasonable cause (an aggressive dog would be reasonable cause).

CYCA Policy and Procedure

Assistance dogs (service dogs) are permitted in all areas of the Clubhouse with the exception of staff areas and kitchens.

Non assistance dogs are permitted on the Club’s Sydney Hobart (Bar) lower deck but not in any other area of the Clubhouse.

Owners and their dog must comply with the following:

- Assistance Dogs only may enter and exit via the reception. All other dogs must only enter and exit the lower deck through the side gate.
- Any non-member who wishes to enter with a dog via the side gate must first sign in at reception (leaving the dog leashed outside).
- Owners of assistance dogs are requested to provide certification upon entry at reception for their assistance dogs so that the Duty Manager can be advised that an assistance dog is on the premises.
- Dogs must always remain in the company of its owner and on a leash.
- Dogs are not permitted on tables or chairs.
- The owner of the dog is responsible for cleaning up after the dog, including dog excrement and disposing of waste appropriately .
- The owner of the dog is responsible for any damages caused by their dog to CYCA property.
- The owner must control the dog’s barking and control any behavioural issues.
- The owner must remove their dog from the premises if requested to do so by the Duty Manager if the Duty Manager is of the opinion that the dog is aggressive, disruptive to other members and guests, is not in the designated area, is off its leash or any other related reason. The Duty Manager’s decision in this regard is final and dog owner must comply with any direction given by the Duty Manager whether they agree with it or not.
- Bar staff / Duty Manager to monitor and ensure all dogs are in the designated area at all times.

Incidents

- All incidents involving dogs and their owners must be reported to the Duty Manager.
- Duty Manager to report all incidents to the CEO and House Events Manager and/or Venue Manager and log in the register of complaints.