

Club Membership Rules & Directives

- BMBI members will first be a NAMBA member.
- BMBI membership will be annual by calendar year.
- Annual membership fee will be due January 1st
- Members will participate in the activities of the club or be considered “non-active”.
- Members should attend meetings called from time to time to discuss upcoming events, workdays, club business, and to have a voice in how the club’s activities are carried out.
- Members in good standing will have one vote each to cast regarding any motion brought to vote at a club meeting.
- Officers will be elected annually at the first meeting of the year by a simple majority of active members present at that meeting.
- Members have a responsibility to educate themselves as to the NAMBA and BMBI rules, with particular attention to the safety rules.
- Members will have access to facility and support equipment provided they remain in good standing.
- A member who does not follow the safety or operational rules of the club will be considered not in good standing for a period of time to be determined by club officers and thereby denied access to facility, support equipment, and other privileges of members in good standing.
- Members deemed not in good standing will be notified in writing of the decision of club officers.
- New members will be accepted on a probationary basis and will be identified as such via membership card. New members will not be given unrestricted access to club equipment until off probation. End of probation will be decided by Board of Directors vote.

- All BMBI members will be required to display their membership card while participating in boating activities by attaching it to their clothing in a conspicuous area easily seen.

Guest Policy

- All club members have an equal responsibility for assisting new boaters.
- New boaters will be encouraged to participate in our club. Any new boater must be a member of NAMBA and accompanied by a member of BMBI to operate his/her boat at our facility.
- A BMBI member may operate a boat for a new member who is not yet covered by NAMBA insurance.
- New boaters not yet BMBI members may run their boats at our facility one time before being required to join BMBI. They must be a NAMBA member and be accompanied by a member of BMBI.
- Experienced NAMBA members who are not currently members of BMBI may be allowed to run on an infrequent basis at the discretion of club officers.
- Only BMBI members will be allowed to operate BMBI equipment, including but not limited to the retrieve boat.

Penalties

- Any member found to be in violation of club rules will be denied access to club facilities for a period of one (1) month.

- Repeated violations will result in disciplinary action to be decided on a case by case basis by club officers. This may include expulsion from BMBI club.

Access To Lake Property

- Access to Dover District Park lake site is through a chain gate immediately east of the North entrance into the park.
- Use of the Park for running boats is allowed on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm.
- A combination lock is provided for member access. A county keyed lock is also present for county emergency access.
- When unlocking, it is best practice to re-connect the lock to the chain links at the top of the post in order to prevent it from getting lost or ruined in the dirt.
- Chain gate should be secured at the end of the day by the last person out.
- Access to hot pit area is also protected by combination lock.
- All combination locks for access have the same combination.
- When unlocking hot pit area, latch locks onto fence at the top and next to gate, again to avoid loss or damage from dirt.
- Hot pits should be secured at the end of the day by the last person out.
- Only persons with current NAMBA membership are allowed in the hot pit area when running boats. It will be the responsibility of all members to assure that only NAMBA members are in the hot pit area.

- Parking at the lake site is not currently allowed unless your vehicle has a valid handicapped tag. Vehicle access is for loading and unloading only. Vehicles must be moved to approved parking lot after loading and/or unloading.
- When driving vehicles on the walking path, you must give right of way to people using the walking path. Do not stop on the walking path. Pull off onto the grass whenever possible.
- Do not block or obstruct the walking path with equipment, canopies etc.
- Do not set up on, drive on, or damage the Soccer Fields.
- Please deposit all trash in the proper trash receptacles.
- At all times be courteous to other users of the Park.
- **ABSOLUTLY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED IN THE PARK.**

Use of Retrieve Boat

- The Club's retrieve boat is stored on the Park property in a storage shed next to park security residence.
- Only properly instructed members of BMBI may operate the retrieve boat.
- The Mercury 9.9 HP motor is a four stroke and requires regular unleaded gasoline. **GASOLINE SHOULD NOT BE MIXED WITH TWO STROKE OIL.**
- The hitch ball required is 1 7/8". A club owned hitch ball is available for member use if you have a 2" square receiver on your vehicle. Please remember to leave the ball in the storage shed after use.
- Boat should be launched at the designated launch area only.

- Use electric start whenever possible. Use manual start only if electric start fails.
- Make sure life preservers are in the boat. Best if worn while operating on the water.
- There are two life preservers. This means that no more than two passengers are to be in the boat at the same time.
- Be careful when operating around the edges of the lake. Do not run into shallow areas, especially when docking at the seawall area.
- The retrieve boat is not to be operated while model boats are running on the water. Do not launch your model boat while the retrieve boat is operating on the water.
- Keep the retrieve boat clean. Empty trash and debris when returning to shore.
- Use the dock line attached to the front of the boat to hold the boat at the shore. Clip line to fence at nearest convenient spot.

Safety Line

- The purpose of the safety line(s) is to trip up a runaway boat so that it doesn't continue to travel across the lake. As a boat's rudder or strut hits the line, the boat should be upset and stop running.
- Before running any model boat, a safety line must be in place across the lake from the boat launch area to the opposite shoreline. Attach the safety line around the tree on the shoreline opposite the boat launch and leave the other end attached at the safety line reel. Secure the safety line reel to the boat trailer once the retrieve boat is in the water and before deploying the safety line. This will prevent the line reel from being dragged into the water.

- For race events, a four line safety trip line grid is deployed at the same spot as the normal safety line and in place of this single line. This grid system is designed with snap together parts to ease assembly. Three large foam buoys should be tied to one of the grid lines to help drivers identify where the grid lines are in relation to their driving lanes.
- When deploying the four grid lines, they should first be laid out on the ground back towards the parking lot so that they can be pulled into the water without getting tangled. Pull one at a time and attach to the 2x4 holders on the hook eyes provided. Pull the lines taught and secure to trees.
- When storing the safety lines, wind into large loops carefully so that they don't become tangled. Hang lines on designated hangers in the storage shed.