

RMYS RECIPROCAL RIGHTS POLICY

Reciprocal rights are a means by which members of an affiliated yacht club (affiliated through a recognised world sailing body) are able to have restricted access to the facilities of the visited club. Reciprocal rights mean a person can enter an affiliated club provided they sign the Visitors Register.

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS) encourages and welcomes visitors to the Squadron. It is one of the most social and friendliest clubs on Port Phillip, having a very active all year racing program along with many functions held throughout the year. However, in order to respect the rights of RMYS members, the following reciprocal rights for visitors from an affiliated club are applicable:

- Proof of affiliated club membership is required through a member's pass, Yachting Australia Card or some other form of club identification such as a Letter of Introduction.
- No more than 2 visits per month. This enables a weekend visitor to come on both Saturday and Sunday and encourages frequent visitors to join the club.
- Reciprocal rights visitors are requested to identify themselves at the front door upon entry and sign the Visitors Register. Office staff will then take them on a tour of the club and show them the facilities or arrange this through a member.
- All visitors to the club (including those under reciprocal rights) who want to crew in a race are required to possess a valid Temporary Member Day Pass.
- A reciprocal rights visitor is expected to dress and behave in accordance with the rules and regulations of RMYS, which in most cases would model those of any other club around the world. Infringement and abuse of these requirements would result in follow-up action back to the visitors club where it is expected that their club would take the appropriate disciplinary action.
- Misuse or abuse of reciprocal rights may result in the affiliated club's reciprocal right privileges being withdrawn.
- A reciprocal rights visitor with a boat is able to store their vessel and use the facilities of the marina at rates applicable to those of the public. This includes access to slipping facilities.
- A reciprocal rights visitor, who wishes to enter their boat in a club race, can do so by submitting an entry form and paying the prescribed fee. This fee is the same as that paid by any other non-RMYS boat.