



# Jacomo Yacht Club

## Sailboat Cove & Dock Etiquette

To ensure things to run smoothly, there are a few rules we ask all of our members to abide by.

- ▶ **Be Safe & Follow the Rules** - We ask that all members follow and abide by the rules, regulations, and laws set forth by Jackson County Parks + Rec., the state of Missouri, and all applicable US Regulations.
- ▶ **Be Courteous and Respectful of All Members** - Treat your fellow Fleet members with respect and try to get along. If a problem arises, please try to calmly discuss the issue with the members involved and/or an Executive Committee Member. We are all family and can get along.
- ▶ **Limit Your Time at the Dock** - We have limited dock space. When possible limit your time at the dock. When necessary to remain at the dock for charging batteries or sleeping, be accommodating to other lake patrons. Make space for incoming and outgoing boats and raft up if needed.
- ▶ **Keep it Neat** - Stow your lines, cords and hoses neatly and don't have them cross the dock if you can avoid it. They are tripping hazards, especially at night. Don't stow gear on the dock. It's a tripping hazard and an obstruction to those trying to move carts, coolers and other supplies down the dock.
- ▶ **Keep it Clean** - Jacomo Yacht Club is responsible for maintaining Sailboat Cove and keeping it clean. Please make sure your trash is placed in the provided trash receptacles and recycling bins. Don't leave food or garbage out in the cockpit or on the dock: it attracts raccoons, birds and flies.
- ▶ **Slow and Steady in the Cove** - Keep your speed down when entering Sailboat Cove. Not disturbing your new neighbors will keep them happy.
- ▶ **Music at the Dock** - Keep music at a reasonable volume, especially after dark and be respectful of your neighbors.
- ▶ **Protecting Your Boat = Protecting All Boats** - Proper mooring and docking tackle and practices are not only essential in keeping your boat safe, it keeps all boats in the cove safe. Improper or worn mooring and dock lines can break during severe weather leaving your boat to play an expensive game of pinball as it bounces off all the other boats.



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## Mooring Instructions

The following instructions either meet or exceed the requirements set forth by the Jacomo Sailboat Cove Mooring Permit. They incorporate common regional practices as well as practical advice from direct experiences of those mooring at Sailboat Cove.

1. It is common practice and recommended that the mooring system consist of two mooring pendants, one of which carries the primary load and the second as a safety that is left slightly slack.
2. Pendants shall be attached to the swivel at the top of the anchor chain, not to any part of the mooring ball. *(It is strongly advised to utilize a rope thimble where the mooring pendant is attached to the swivel to reduce chafe. It is also advised to add either a piece of "keeper" wire or a slip tie to each shackle pin.)*
3. Mooring lines must be of high quality 3-strand nylon of the proper size for your boat.
4. Mooring line must be at least 2 1/2 times the freeboard of the boat being moored. Free board is the distance from the water line to the rail.
5. The boat end of the mooring lines shall be secured to a deck cleat, not the bow eye. It is permissible to tie a safety/secondary line to the bow eye as long as it is longer than the primary pendant and bears no load under normal mooring conditions.

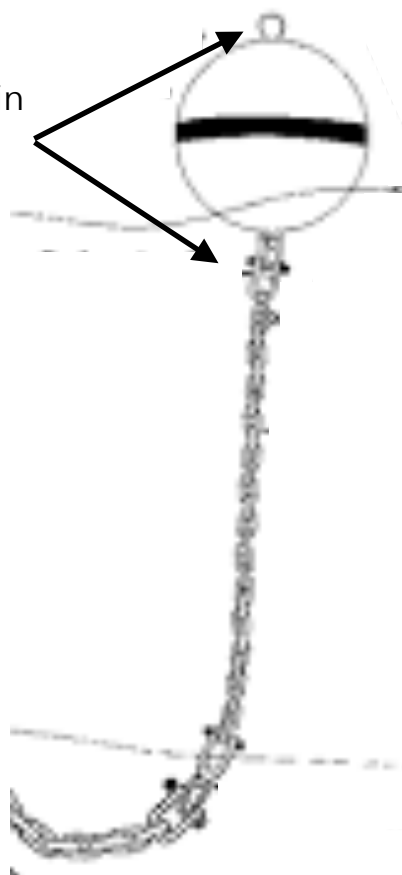
### **Additional Tips**

- ▶ Adding floats to the mooring lines will assist in picking them up when returning to a mooring. In addition they tend to reduce the likelihood of the lines becoming tangled below the mooring buoy. Common practice is to use swimming "noodles" with the mooring pendant running through the center.
- ▶ Lines entanglement is always an issue. some have found that adding either zip ties or small line to loosely hold the mooring pendants together reduces this.



**Mooring Illustration**

Attach Mooring Pendant in one of these locations.





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## Lake Map

