

SORRENTO DOCK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. Proof of ownership of a qualifying property in Sorrento South Subdivisions or Sorrento East Subdivisions and proof of a dock ownership, such as the original Dock Owners Certificate, must be presented if requested by the SDOA Board of Directors.
2. Prior to **renting** their dock, the dock owner is required to fill out the “Dock Rental Form” and submit it to the President for Board approval.
Before **selling** their dock, the dock owner must first provide the prospective buyer’s name and address to the President of Sorrento Dock Owners Association. The President will consult with the Sorrento South Property Owners Association Board to confirm that the prospective buyer qualifies for membership. Upon approval for membership by both Associations, the dock sale may proceed. The former member shall surrender the old certificate and a new certificate will be issued to the new dock owner. Approved rental is subject to \$100 annual administration fee.
3. If an original dock owner’s certificate is lost, the Board will re-issue a duplicate certificate, making the old certificate null and void.
4. Boat docks may only be rented to residents that live in Sorrento South Subdivisions and Sorrento East Subdivisions, Sorrento Inlets, Sorrento Place, Sorrento Villas Condominiums Section III and Blackburn Shores. However, residents of Sorrento South and Sorrento East Subdivisions who are located on non-navigable waters shall always be given preference in any rental. If a dock is rented, it is the responsibility of the Dock Owner to provide his/her tenant with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Sorrento Dock Owners Association and to require that the tenant adhere to these Rules and Regulations.
5. Boat Registration numbers or Documentation numbers of every boat moored in the Sorrento South Boat Basin must be registered with the Sorrento Dock Owners Association. A current copy of the registration must be provided to the Sorrento Dock Owners Association annually. The boat registration and Insurance Certificate of the member, renter or co-owner of a boat moored in the Boat Basin must include the owner's name and their qualifying address.
6. Each boat moored in Sorrento South Boat Basin, whether a dock owner or renter, is required to carry a minimum of \$100,000.00 liability insurance. The boat owner is to contact their insurance company and request that a certificate of insurance be sent directly by mail to Sorrento Dock Owners Association, P.O. Box 190, Nokomis, FL 34274-0190 or by email, sdoainc@gmail.com. An updated certificate of insurance must be sent each year.

7. Only pleasure boats in good working condition and under their own power shall be permitted in the boat basin.
8. No charter boats, boats for hire, commercial or business use, are to be operated within the boat basin.
9. Each member or renter shall keep their boat, slip, and if applicable, their boat lift in good state of preservation and cleanliness. Owners shall not sweep, throw, or permit any refuse, garbage or substance from entering the boat basin.
10. Boat slips to be occupied by boats no longer in length than 6 feet more than the length of the slip. All boat slip lengths are 20 feet from the head of the slip (perpendicular walkway) to the end of the finger dock walkway. There is no measurement rule. Simply, nothing can be placed and/or projected further than 6 feet beyond the end of the finger dock. For lift piling placement, see Rule #15.

The exceptions to the above rule are:

- Oversize slips 211B, 212B, and 213B may be 8 feet more than the length of the slip.
- Slip 102A, a wet face dock, located adjacent to the entrance to the boat basin, may be occupied by a boat within the confines of a 30 foot length by 9 foot wide footprint.
- Slip 101A, a wet face dock, may be occupied by a boat within the confines of a 26 feet length by 9 foot wide footprint. In the interest of safe maneuvering of all boats entering and exiting the Basin, any vessel that occupies this slip shall be tied up with the bow facing South.

Boat owners shall not moor their boats in a manner that obstructs or creates a hazard to pedestrian traffic. The Dock Owners Association shall determine whether such a hazard exists.

Mooring of more than one watercraft in a slip may be allowed subject to written approval by the Board of Directors as long as it does not obstruct other boats in the basin.

11. If dock owner wants the convenience of having electric and water at his or her dock, they must request it from the Board. No changes are permitted to existing wiring or outlets or plumbing fixtures without the written approval of the Board of Directors. All work must meet electrical and plumbing codes of Sarasota County. Any electric cord used in the boat basin shall be suitable for outdoor use and kept in good working order.
11. The use of polypropylene, insufficient or worn mooring lines is prohibited.
12. Boat owners shall not store supplies, dinghies, material, accessories or debris on walkway, docks or piers, and shall not construct any lockers, chests, cabinets or similar construction. Use of tarps in place of boat covers is prohibited. Only custom fitted canvas boat covers are acceptable.
13. It is the responsibility of each dock owner to report any loose boards, leaky faucets and electric issues to the dock master in order to secure necessary repairs.
14. Any attachment to the dock, finger docks, and/or pilings by an owner or renter is prohibited without prior written approval from the Dock Owners Association Board of Directors.

15. Any attachment to the dock finger docks and/or pilings by an owner or renter is prohibited without prior written approval from the SDOA Board of Directors. Please refer to our website sorrentosouth.org/sdoa and download the "Dock Change Request Form" and submit to the SDOA Board of Directors.
Boat lifts:
 - Job and contract drawings must be presented, reviewed and approved by the SDOA Board of Directors before work may commence.
 - Placement of the two outside pilings must not exceed 24" on center from the 2 finger dock pilings and all pilings must be in line with them.
16. Docks and waterways of the boat basin shall not be obstructed or used for any purpose other than ingress and egress from the slips.
17. The applicable Rules of the Road and Navigation Laws apply to all vessels entering or leaving the boat basin. Boaters must observe the no wake zones and be cautious of manatees in the boat basin and Sorrento South canals.
18. Cleaning of fish in or around the Sorrento South Boat Basin is not permitted.
19. No person shall discharge oil, spirits, flammable liquid or oily bilges into the boat basin.
Spillage of any amount is punishable by Federal law by a \$5,000.00 fine.
20. Overnight occupancy is not permitted in the boat basin.
21. Laundry is not to be displayed on boats, docks or finger piers in the boat basin.
22. All animals must be on a leash and must have a valid rabies tag. Owners are responsible for picking up after their pet.
23. Noise is to be kept to a minimum in the boat basin and Sorrento South canals.
24. Children are prohibited from the docks and the boat basin unless accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.
25. Swimming, diving, fishing, crabbing and other similar pursuits are prohibited anywhere in the boat basin.
26. Any member who repeatedly violates these rules and regulations may be subject to a board of inquiry in accordance with the by-laws.
27. If a property owner of Sorrento South or Sorrento East is renting his/her home and owns a dock, the renter occupying the home may only rent the dock that goes with the dock owner's home and is not eligible to rent another dock in the boat basin. The property owner is also not eligible to rent another dock in the boat basin.
28. These rules may be added to, amended or repealed at any time by resolution of the Board of Directors.