

CLOVER ISLAND YACHT CLUB BUOYS

Description/Rules for Use

Rules for the use of these buoys are posted on the side of the buoys. Basically they are a first come, first serve, with no reservations. There is no cost for using these buoys but there is a time limit of 72 consecutive hours. Long term moorage to an anchor buoy is not permitted. The rules for the use of the anchor buoys are enforced by local law enforcement agencies.

The numbering of the anchor buoys is related to their river mile location. When there are several anchor buoys located near each other, a letter is added to the river mile number with the downstream buoy identified as "A," the next upriver buoy "B," and so on.

All the buoys are set in such a way as to allow the boat to swing around the buoy without going aground. Many of the anchor buoys are set in locations that will provide some protection from the prevailing wind driven wave action. Appropriate locations that would allow complete protection from all wave and wind action are few and far between, so some compromises had to be made in the placement of some of the buoys.

Each anchor buoy has an anchor consisting of approximately 4000 pounds of concrete attached to 45 feet of heavy hot dipped galvanized chain. **Please use a length of nylon line to attach your boat to the anchor buoy. The nylon is necessary to reduce the shock load when the line comes tight so you do not rip out your deck cleats or other fittings.** While these anchor buoys do not have radar reflectors, there is a sufficient amount of metal in them so they will show up on the radar screen at several hundred yards or so.

If you have any questions about these anchor buoys, or if you want to donate toward the cost of installing additional anchor buoys, please contact the Clover Island Yacht Club in Kennewick, WA for further information.

Disclaimer

The information in the list of CIYC anchor buoys was compiled by Russ Hughes of the Richland Yacht Club. The data was taken from the GPS unit and the depth finder on Mr. Hughes' boat as it was presented. Normal care was taken to insure reasonable accuracy of the readings but accuracy is not guaranteed. The depth readings were based on a transducer located 2 1/2 feet below the water line so actual depth may be greater than indicated. If the river level is lowered, then actual depth may be less than indicated. Uncharted or unknown objects could also exist underwater in the vicinity of the anchor buoys. Use caution in any case, as you alone are responsible for safely navigating your vessel. **Use of the information in this list is, therefore, entirely at your own risk!**