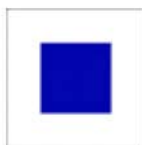
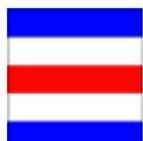
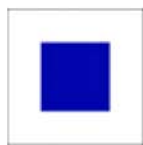




# Sea Cliff Yacht Club

*established 1892*



# Members Handbook

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## Office Hours

### Off Season

Tuesday following Labor Day through mid June

Monday Closed

Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 12 noon

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday. Sunday 9am to 5pm

### Summer

Mid June through Labor Day weekend

Tuesday through Sunday 9am till 5pm.

## Pool Hours

### Off Season

Pool season ends the Tuesday following Labor Day

### Summer

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend

12pm 8pm daily.

## Launch Service

The Club operates a launch service for Members. Launch services and guest moorings are available for visitors. The launch monitors channel 9. Hours of operation are:

### May

Monday through Friday "On Call". Please call a day ahead for service. Saturdays and Sundays 8am till 6pm.

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend

Monday through Thursday 9am till 9 pm

Friday through Sunday 9am till 11pm.

Please check with the office for extended holiday weekend and season hours.

# WELCOME

The Board of Governors welcomes you to the Sea Cliff Yacht Club. In order that you and your family enjoy all that the club has to offer and understand how we operate, we have put together this informative pamphlet on the history, tradition, structure and a few of the rules of the Sea Cliff Yacht Club. The Sea Cliff Yacht Club offers a wide array of programs, amenities, and social activities which include:

The Cruising Division

The Ideal 18 Program

Team Racing

Wednesday Night Racing

Ladies Sailing

Junior Sailing

Swim Team

Children's Program

Around Long Island Regatta

Winter Frostbite Sailing

Winter Trap Shooting

Our Club is operated by our members by using a committee structure. Joining a committee is a great way to get involved and meet fellow members. There is a committee for every interest and the Club depends upon the volunteer spirit of its members. For information about any of the programs, please call the Committee Chairpersons listed in the Annual Members Handbook, or see the Club Manager.

A full list of committees is located in the Members Handbook which is published every May prior to the start of the sailing season and can be picked up in the main office.

## History

On Memorial Day in 1893, the Sea Cliff Yacht Club burgee was raised for the first time at the Club House, a sprawling Victorian structure resplendent with porches and a gazebo, standing high on a cliff overlooking Hempstead Harbor. The Club was relocated to quarters at the Sea Cliff Pavilion from 1932 to 1944. It has been at its present location since May, 1945. The Club has gained renown in yachting circles, and has attained many notable honors and distinctions. Members racing onedesigns have won World Championships in the Star and Snipe classes and recent North American Championships in the Sonar class. Other members sailing Internationals, S. Boats, Etchell 22s, Ensigns and Blue Jays have continually turned in outstanding performances in championship and regional events. Cruising yachts flying the Club's burgee have campaigned successfully on the Sound in regional competitions, as well as in the Around Long Island Regatta which the Club has proudly hosted since its inception in 1977. They have also been involved with long distance competitions including the Block Island, Vineyard, and Bermuda races. Sea Cliff Yacht Club has repeatedly won the Arthur P. Davis trophy for outstanding contribution to yachting on Long Island Sound. The cornerstone of the Club is sailing, but the focus is on our member families having fun and expanding their horizons in many different arenas.

## Atmosphere

Although the Club is primarily a sailing club, its atmosphere has always been family friendly, sponsoring events that go beyond the sport of sailing. Children are encouraged to make use of our programs and facilities, but we ask that parents be aware of their children's actions, and to help to maintain an atmosphere that is pleasant for all members.

## Management

The Club is governed by a Board of Governors, which meets monthly. Heading the Board is the Commodore, assisted by the Vice Commodore, the Rear Commodore, Treasurer and Secretary. There is a Committee system staffed by members that supports the Board and Flag in the operation of the Club. The Board of Governors employs a professional staff headed by the Club Manager, who is responsible for the daily operations of the Club.

## Employees

Employees are here to help provide a safe, courteous and pleasant experience for all members, children and guests. Part of their responsibility is to remind members, discreetly, of the Club rules. In the unlikely event that you encounter a problem with an employee, please discuss it with the Club manager in private, not with the employee in front of other members, guests, and employees.

## Reciprocity Yacht Clubs

Reciprocity means that one club, in this case the yacht club, extends a welcome to another yacht club's members to use all its facilities at any time. The Sea Cliff Yacht Club has reciprocal privilege agreements with a large number of yacht clubs throughout Long Island Sound, the United States, Canada, and several other foreign countries. Although the extent of privileges may vary slightly, generally a Sea Cliff Yacht Club member can expect to be allowed to use all of the welcoming club's available facilities and services, including short term berthing, meal and bar service, heads and showers, etc. Some clubs charge for the first night's berthing, others do not, and it seldom matters whether you come by boat or car. Please check with the main office, or our website for a list of reciprocity clubs.

# TRADITIONAL EVENTS

## Colors Rule 53

Since time immemorial, seaman and yachtsmen have paused in their activities to honor the flag (or “the Ensign” as it is nautically known) as it is lowered at sunset. Like all other yacht clubs on Long Island Sound, Sea Cliff continues to honor this tradition. At sunset each day, while the Club is in Commission, a club employee will ring the colors bell near the flagpole. Members, guests and children should stand, remove their hats, and remain silently facing the flag pole as a single cannon salute is fired and the Club burgee and the Ensign are lowered. The ceremony ends when the Club employee rings the bell and calls out, “As you were”.

## Commissioning

On a late Saturday afternoon in early spring, the Commissioning ceremony is held on the deck. This signals the formal start of the Club sailing and swimming season. After a brief ceremony, members retire for cocktails and dinner. Attire is jacket and tie for adults and children.

## Memorial Day

The Club observes the unofficial start of summer as the Club officers join in the Sea Cliff Village parade. Traditionally this is followed by an “all you can eat” pancake breakfast and an evening barbecue after a day of fun and sun.

## Fourth of July

Usually the busiest day of the year, Independence Day at the Club features an afternoon barbecue specials from the snack bar and a terrific view of the fireworks display in Hempstead Harbor.

## Labor Day

We celebrate the unofficial end of the summer with an afternoon Lobster Feast at the snack bar.

## Annual Meeting

On a Friday night usually in late October, the Club Officers and Chairpersons of various committees report to members on the year's activities and the new officers for the upcoming year are elected.

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### Change of Seasons

Held on a Saturday evening in early November, this counterpoint to Commissioning signals the end of the sailing season. As at Commissioning, there is an early evening ceremony on the deck, followed by cocktails and dinner. Attire is jacket and tie.

### Trim a Tree

While children have their own party on a Saturday afternoon, on a Friday night early in December adults celebrate the season at this holiday dress event. The fireplace is roaring, carols are sung, and the tree is decorated by the members; feel free to bring a nautical ornament!

### New Year's Day Brunch

One of the most popular events of the year as families relax with Mimosas, Bloody Mary's and an extensive brunch buffet.

## EVENTS FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

### Junior Sailing Awards

Hiking boots and rash guards give way to high heels and blazers on the Thursday night before the last day of Junior Sailing as the program honors the summer's successes and views a slideshow of the season's highlights. Attire is jacket and tie.

### Swim Team Awards

This event takes place in the Clubhouse on a weeknight shortly after the Swim League Championships in early August. Achievements are honored and a musical slide show recaps the season. Team members often show their appreciation to coaches and parents by "inviting" them into the Pool.

### Snapper Derby

The only time while the Club is in Commission that fishing is allowed off the Dock and float. While this is a catch and release program, there are prizes for most snappers caught and biggest fish caught.

### Halloween Party

On a Saturday afternoon in October witches, ghosts and goblins bob for apples at this annual event for the children.

### Brunch With Santa

Santa comes ashore at his favorite port of call.

# SAFETY & COURTESY

## At the Pool

Safety is of course the Club's foremost concern at the pool. The Club employs only certified lifeguards and adheres strictly to all county and state water safety regulations. It is essential that members, children and guests observe all safety rules, particularly the following:

1. Lifeguards are responsible for the health and safety of everyone in the pool and the pool area. Their instructions must be obeyed promptly. Lifeguards are empowered to eject persons who do not follow their instructions from the pool area for the remainder of the day. (Rules 51 & 52)
2. Running on the pool deck is prohibited. (Rule 48A)
3. Only one person at a time on the diving board.
4. Children who are not fully toilet trained are permitted in the main and wading pools only if they wear waterproof swimming diapers. (Rule 49C) The Club adheres to government regulations that require us to CLOSE THE POOL if an "accident" occurs. Please do not let your child be the reason the pool is closed on a hot summer day. (Rule 49)
5. Diapers should be changed on the changing tables in the rest rooms and should not be changed in the pool area, on the deck, beach or Clubhouse. (Rule 22B)
6. For safety of your fellow members, no toys, floats, swim fins or face masks can be used in either pool. (Rule 45)
7. Catch can be played only with an inflatable beach ball or a water absorbent "squishy". Footballs are not acceptable.
8. Children unable to swim (in the judgment of the lifeguard) will not be allowed in the pool area without the direct supervision of a parent. (Rule 43) Similarly, children in the wading pool area must be supervised by a parent. The safety of infants and nonswimming children is the responsibility of the parent, not the Club. (Rule 44)
9. Strollers are not permitted in the pool area. (Rule 46)
10. No towels, beach wear or articles of clothing are to be hung on the fence surrounding the pool area. (Rule 46)

11. All pool guests must be signed in at the pool.

## On the Beach and Dock

- 1 Swimming in the Hempstead Harbor from our beach is at your own risk. The Club lifeguards do not patrol the Club beach. Swimming from the dock, dock float, or Club vessels is prohibited.
- 2 On the dock and on the launches, the Dock Master is responsible for the safety of members, children and guests. His or her instructions must be obeyed.
- 3 New York State Law requires that children 12 and under wear a life jacket on the dock, dock float, and launch, even if the child is accompanied by a parent or guardian. Members should respect this rule and the Dock Master is required to enforce it at all times.
- 4 Fishing from the dock or dock float between May 1 and September 30 and sitting on the dock railings are prohibited at all times. (Rule 33)
- 5 Dinghies, canoes, kayaks, catamarans and similar vessels may not be left on Club property unless registered with the Club office and the relevant sticker applied. Unregistered boats will be assumed to have been abandoned. (Rule 28)

## In the Clubhouse, on the Deck and on the Dock

1. All sports equipment is prohibited on the deck, on the dock and in the Clubhouse. It may be brought into the locker rooms when the equipment is to be stored in a locker. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to: balls, fishing poles, lacrosse sticks, footballs, hockey sticks and pucks, basketballs, baseball bats and gloves, and canoe and kayak paddles. Fishing poles can be brought from the street to the beach via the driveway.
2. Children under fourteen years of age are allowed on the Club premises only under certain conditions. (Sec. 6)
3. Parking in Club parking is available to members who hold parking spaces. Violators of this rule will be assessed a fine. (Sec. 24)
4. Pursuant to New York State Law, smoking is prohibited in the Clubhouse, on the Deck, in the pool area, on the dock, the dock float and the launches. (Rule 21)
5. Only adults can be served at the bar. Children should not be present at the bar and should not request service from bartenders who are prohibited by New York State Law from serving them. (Rule 16A)
6. Friday night dinner is the most formal dining night at the Club, with many members entertaining guests and business associates. Dress is always "smart casual". Dungarees, cutoff shorts, beach attire, sports team uniforms and tee shirts are not allowed. Gentlemen and boys should remove their hats while dining. From Labor Day to Memorial Day, gentlemen and boys

are requested to wear suit jackets. Friday is an excellent opportunity to have a “parents’ night out” by using one of the members children who provide babysitting services. A list of babysitters is available at the Club office.

7. Wet bathing suits are not allowed in the Clubhouse, except for the locker rooms.

8. The first floor bathrooms should not be used as changing rooms. The locker rooms located in the lower level of the Clubhouse are available for this purpose.

9. Adults and children must wear shirts and shoes in the Clubhouse at all times, except for the locker rooms. (Rule 15)

10. Members are asked to make reservations when they intend to dine at the Club and attend social events.

A complete list of the Club rules, By-Laws, and Constitution is located in the Annual Members Handbook.

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

For over 110 years the Club has had record of financial stability. To continue this record, the Club relies on all members to acknowledge and pay all their debts promptly.

The Club welcomes any person as a guest of a member up to five times per year. If you have a guest (of any age) who uses the pool, the beach or Ideal 18s, you must sign that guest in at the office. If he uses the pool, he must sign in at the pool. If he sails on an Ideal 18, he should sign in with the Dock Master.

Members are billed at the end of each month for scheduled dues and assessments as well as goods and services provided to them during that month. Payment of this bill is due by the end of the following month. (Rule 12 and Bylaw 3)

For example, February charges will be summarized in a statement mailed in the first few days of March. Payment is due by the due date of March 31.

If payment is not received within 15 days of the due date – in this example, April 15 – the member's name will be posted for non-payment. Posted members may not use the Club, even as guests of other members, until their accounts are paid in full. Lists of posted members are sent to reciprocal yacht clubs monthly.

If payment is not received within 90 days of the due date, in this example, June 30<sup>th</sup>, the member may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Governors without further notice. Such members will be referred to the Club's collection agency.

Membership in the Club is on an annual, calendar year basis. Members resigning during the year remain responsible for all dues, assessments, service charges and monthly minimums through December 31.

Members facing temporary financial difficulty can seek alternative payment schedules. Such schedules must be approved in writing by the Treasurer.

Using another member's charge number is a very rare and very serious offense that will result in expulsion from the Club.

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