



WEEKAPAUG YACHT CLUB

To: Members of the Weekapaug Yacht Club

From: Board of Governors

Re: Membership Categories, Dues, and Member Privileges for the 2020 Season

Date: April 1, 2020

The Board is excited about the significant growth we saw in our membership last year and especially the increased participation of WYC members and their families in the sailing program and at many fun and well attended social events. There is a good buzz around WYC and we want to keep it going!

The amendment of our by-laws last summer brought into focus the question of what it means to be a member of WYC. This is important because WYC's members get to elect the Board and its officers and enjoy the privileges of membership, including participation in the sailing program, eligibility to have a mooring, and the right to attend social events, have free use of kayaks and paddle boards, and park at the club. At the same time, the club has encouraged broader participation in its sailing program, social events, and other club activities by establishing a variety of non-voting membership categories and this has greatly expanded our reach in the community we serve.

In looking at the club's membership categories the past few years, the Board determined that it needed to define them more clearly, to rationalize the dues structure, and to be more explicit regarding what club privileges each membership category is entitled to. In doing so, our goals were: 1) to ensure that the value proposition for being a full member of WYC continues to be compelling and helps us attract new members, 2) to attract more young adult members (some who may have "graduated" from their parents' family membership), and 3) to make the club more accessible to our community by creating more flexible membership categories such as for families visiting our community for shorter term stays or for those primarily interested in club social activities.

Accordingly, the Board authorized the following membership framework and guest policy for the coming season:

Full Family and Individual Memberships

There will be two types of full memberships; a *Full Family Membership* and a *Full Individual Membership*. Full members are eligible to participate in the sailing program including fleet racing, are given parking access at the club, are welcome at all club social events, have free use of kayaks and paddleboards, can rent lockers, and are eligible to have a mooring in the harbor. Full members are also entitled to vote at club meetings with two votes allowed for each *Full Family Membership* and one vote per *Full Individual Membership*.

A *Full Family Membership* will extend all the above privileges of the club to a head of household, their spouse or domestic partner, and all children under age 26 (and visiting grandchildren if unaccompanied by their parents) with dues for the 2020 season of \$625. A *Full Individual Membership* will extend all the privileges of the club to only one individual with dues for the 2020 season of \$375.

Visiting Family and Individual Memberships

Shorter term visits to our pond community have become more common. With that in mind, the club will offer a *Visiting Family Membership* and a *Visiting Individual Membership* for those wishing to join the club for two weeks or less. These memberships will be non-voting and will extend to those members all the privileges of the club except the right to have a mooring. This will allow visiting families to enroll their children in the sailing program and attend social events during their visit. Dues for the 2020 season will be \$325 for a *Visiting Family Membership* and \$225 for a *Visiting Individual Membership*.

Individual Junior Membership

This summer the club will offer those in our pond community who are between 21 and 30 years of age a new non-voting *Individual Junior Membership*. This membership will extend all the privileges of the club, except the right to have a mooring, to the individual member with dues for the 2020 season of \$250.

Social Memberships

Families and individuals who will not be participating in the club's sailing program including fleet racing, do not need a mooring, but who want to attend club social events, park at the club, and rent boats, kayaks and paddleboards, can sign up for a *Family Social Membership* or an *Individual Social Membership*, with dues for the 2020 season of \$350 and \$250 respectively. Social memberships will be non-voting.

Non-Resident Memberships

The club's by-laws generally limit membership to individuals who own or rent a home in the communities that surround Quonochontaug Pond, including Weekapaug, Haversham (South of Route 1A), Shelter Harbor, Shady Harbor, and Quonochontaug. However, the by-laws provide that in the interest of building and enhancing its sailing program, the Board may offer a limited number of non-resident memberships to accommodate special or unique circumstances. For the 2020 season, the club will offer a limited number of non-resident memberships in the same general categories and dues levels offered to resident members, except that non-resident memberships will not be entitled to a mooring nor to vote. Prospective non-resident members must apply for membership directly to the Board and must be sponsored by two full members of the club.

Guest Policy

Members are welcome to bring guests to the club, whether to attend social events, as crew in fleet races, or to enjoy our beautiful pond in a kayak or paddle board. It is the club's policy that guests must be accompanied by a member at all times as members are responsible for the behavior of their guests and any damage to club property. Guests will be charged a rental fee for using kayaks and paddleboards and must sign required waiver forms. There is no strict limit on the number of times a member can bring a particular guest to the club, but in the spirit of fairness to club members, the Board asks members who bring frequent guests to encourage them to become members in any of the many membership categories available.

Spread the Word!

We look forward to seeing your membership applications beginning in April when we expect online registration to open on our website. We also encourage you to let your friends, renters, and new arrivals to our pond community, know about WYC and all the fun events and activities available during the summer. Encourage them to join! WYC is more than its excellent youth sailing program. It is a gateway to beautiful Quonochontaug Pond on our boats, kayaks, and paddle boards, and a welcoming place for family and friends, young and old, to gather and enjoy each other's company at fun social events throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you at the club this summer!



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2020 Season Dues and Club Benefits by Membership Category

Club Offering	Membership Category			
	Full*	Visiting*	Junior	Social*
Sailing Program	x	x	x	
Fleet Racing	x	x	x	
Mooring Access	x			
Social Events	x	x	x	x
Parking	x	x	x	x
Locker Rentals	x	x	x	
Free Use of Kayaks & Boards	x	x	x	
Kayak & Board Rentals				x
Dues (Family/Individual)	\$625/\$375	\$325/\$225	NA/\$250	\$350/\$250

*Family and Individual