

Prospective Member Packet



HUGUENOT YACHT CLUB

— *Founded 1894* —

LAT. 40° 53' 21" LONG. 73° 46' 56"

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Thank you for your inquiry about membership in the Huguenot Yacht Club. Enclosed please find information about the club and the necessary application form. Also visit our web site www.huguenotyc.com. The membership committee would be pleased to discuss any points of particular interest with you, and to meet with you should you have any questions.

Individuals joining our Club are establishing what our club will be like in future years. New Provisional Active Members and House Members are encouraged to integrate into our activities, and our committees. Thanks to the many members that take administrative roles in maintaining the club, we are able to have a fully functioning club that is more like a community. The summer and seasons may come and go, but the HYC keeps going with many activities throughout the year. It's all about camaraderie and helping your neighbor so that everyone enjoys the time they spend here.

Before the Board can consider your application, you and your sponsor should:

1. Walk through our club facilities so you are aware of what HYC is all about and has to offer.
2. Read the brochure and Application Form.
3. Have a basic understanding of the role of our Board of Trustees, and the different Committees that are available.
4. With the understanding that the club encourages participation and contribution by its members, new members should consider the committees that they can contribute to.
5. Review the club fees, dues, bonds, and minimum spending requirements.
6. Review marina / floating dock assignment process with your sponsor and have realistic expectations.
7. Attend at least two lunches, dinners, or events with your sponsor at the Club so that you can meet members of the Board and/or Membership Committee.

Application submission:

1. Prepare the application and attach a letter as to why you would like to join HYC, and how you believe you can contribute to the club.
2. Both Sponsors should also submit a brief note introducing you to the committee and detailing why you should be considered for Membership.
3. Submit application to the Membership Chairman.

The Interview Process

1. Meet with the Membership Committee to introduce yourself and discuss membership. Your Sponsors will join you.

During Provisional Period

1. Maintain an active role by engaging in HYC activities, events, and committees.
2. Your provisional membership will be reviewed at your first year anniversary and then again at the end of the two year provisional period.

Huguenot Yacht Club History

Huguenot Yacht Club was organized in 1894 as Neptune Yacht Club (after Neptune Island). The Club opened officially on New Year's Day 1895, renamed in honor of the Huguenots who came to New Rochelle in 1688 from La Rochelle, France. Originally located in two small buildings leased from Adrian Iselin next to what was then a chain ferry to Glen Island, the Club began construction that February on "one of the neatest and most practical houses on the Sound."

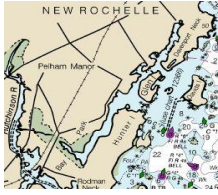
The Clubhouse opened May 1895 amid celebrations, including a "stunt race," whose only condition was that each sloop, catboat and schooner should "carry one or more ladies." Today the Huguenot has updated that tradition with a ladies skipper race with ladies at the helm and men and women as crew. As a founding member of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound and the Junior Racing Association of Long Island Sound, its mission is to continue the sport of sailing and its traditions.

The club grew in membership and influence through the First World War, hosting visitors to the America's Cup yacht, Defender (moored in front of the Club for four years after she successfully defended the Cup (1895-1899). The club organized dances and theatrical presentations and earned honors in numerous regattas and races throughout Long Island Sound, all of which were reported on a regular basis by metropolitan area newspapers



Timeline

- 1920s Rowing, Fireworks
- 1927 Trap Shooting
- 1939 World War II patrol
- 1950 Pea Island storm
- 1965 Jan 16, Clubhouse destroyed by fire. Necessitates purchase of the present clubhouse formerly lived in by Lillian Gish. The expanded marina allowed for more members to join.
- 1973 Can One association was organized by HYC member F. Neil Magrath. Three neighboring clubs, HYC, NYAC YC and Glen Island YC formed the association that exists to this day.
- 1992 Pea Island improvements destroyed by storm.
- 1996 Frostbiting in JC 9s starts
- 2000 Formation of Rhodes Fleet
- 2004 Addition of Lasers to the Frostbiting Fleet
- 2009 HYC is awarded the New Rochelle Heritage Award



As one of the oldest clubs on Long Island Sound, HYC has a long history promoting sailing, and was a founding member of US Sailing's fore runner the North American Yacht Racing Union.

HYC continues this legacy by hosting several regattas throughout the season that invite other Long Island Sound sailors to participate. The parties afterward are full of fun and laughter. Everyone gets to share his or her stories of mishaps or victory. The HYC Junior Sailing program is active in all other YRALIS participating club races encouraging sportsmanship for the next generation. Sailing continues throughout the winter with a very active Frostbiting fleet that meets every Sunday.

Today some Huguenot hosted sailing events are as follow:

- Frostbiting
- [Expressly for Fun](#)
- Commodore's Cup
- [Mayor's Cup](#)
- Turkey Day Reach
- Racing Rules
- [Can One](#)
- Rhodes 19
- Ladies of the Evening Regatta (women at the helm)
- Junior Sailing Program

Location is key. But it's even more important when looking for a safe place to berth your boat. HYC is protected by Glen Island, with a drawbridge on one side and a sheltered bay at the other end of the channel.

The club-owned Pea Island is a nice place to visit by kayak or just moor your boat and have a picnic on the beach. Members have even been married on our own private island, one of the most romantic locations on Long Island sound.

Head east on the weekends or take a day cruise and have lunch or dinner or just a drink at one of the many other clubs in the vicinity that offer reciprocity. There are too many places to visit you to see them all in one summer.

The turn of the century clubhouse sits on a hill overlooking the New Rochelle lower harbor and Long Island Sound. Here you can relax on the deck and recount the long weekend of sailing and socializing with other members. The club also provides barbecues for members to use throughout the summer.

Club sponsored events throughout the year include;

- Commodore's Cocktail Party
- St. Patrick's Day Party
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Mother's Day Brunch
- Children's Pool Party
- Big Band Night
- Children's Christmas Party
- Christmas Party
- Winter Olympics
- Commissioning
- Blessing of the Fleet
- Club Cruises
- Fishing Tournaments
- Decommissioning

QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED BY NEW MEMBERS

Note: Many of the answers to these questions are directly related to club By-Laws and Rules/Regulations and as such are subject to change at the direction of the Board of Trustees and/or the membership.

1. Age of Members: Members vary in age from early 20's to retirement years.

2. Families with Children: Many members have children and grandchildren that attend club functions. Several club activities are set up for the kids each year.

3. Temporary use of the dock: Members assigned to floating docks may be authorized by the Marina Chairman to use unoccupied marina space for one four hour period per week at no charge.

4. Car Stickers: Members cars must display a sticker while on club property.

5. Club Burgee: The club burgee must be flown at all times the boat is on club property or on the water.

6. Cruises: Club members do not normally travel as a group, but select a destination and meet there, (mostly because of boat speed differences). Many members do travel in groups of two's and three's for comfort and fun. New members can easily find someone to cruise with if they are uncertain of the trip. Cruises are very informal. Many times some sort of potluck affair is planned, so pack accordingly. If you arrive and find the dock is full, usually members will gladly allow you to raft. Please ask.

7. Dances: Vary from the formal Commodores Ball, to semi-formal events and several casual events. See the calendar for upcoming events.

8. Questions: Don't be afraid to ask, remember we all started out as new members.

9. Meetings: A general membership meeting is held twice per year. Everyone is invited to attend however only Active members may vote. The Board of Trustees meets monthly to conduct club business.

10. Committees: The best way to meet and get to know other members is through work on committees. These include Entertainment, Regatta, House, etc. See one of the Committee Chairs for more information. You get out of the club what you put in.

11. Reciprocity: HYC has reciprocity with a number of clubs in the Long Island Sound. Please see the list of clubs located in the club house entrance. You must show your valid membership card.

12. Pet Friendly: HYC offers a pet friendly environment however courtesy is expected at all times.

13. Rules, Regulations, and By-laws: Members are provided each spring with an updated club yearbook