



# Newport Yacht Club

## Prospective Member Information

Membership Chair:

Donna Bour

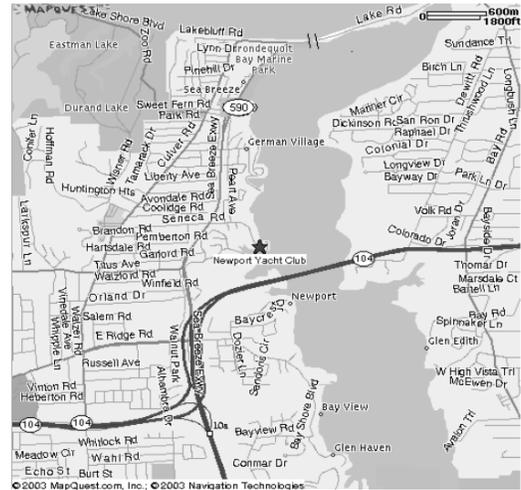
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694 Seneca Rd.

Rochester, NY 14622

(Off of NY Route 590 at the blue water tower)



## Environment and Facilities

Newport Yacht Club is at the east end of Seneca Road in the town of Irondequoit, a suburb of Rochester, NY. The Club is located on the west shore of Irondequoit Bay which opens into Lake Ontario. The Bay is four miles long and 1/3 to 1/2 mile wide. The greatest depth shown on the chart of the Bay is 73 feet, but there are extensive shallows at the north and south ends. Wooded hillsides of up to 150 feet border the Bay on the east and west.

Predictable thermal breezes from the North due to the presence of the cool Lake and the funneling action of the steep hillsides on the east and west results in excellent sailing on the Bay.



Waterfront facilities include dockage for more than 30 cruising boats, 16 Snipes, and 32 Lasers, Optimists or other rack-stored boats such as canoes and kayaks. A launching ramp and boat hoist are also available. Dock space is allocated by the Harbormaster and the Fleet Captains with preferences given to the racing classes. To support the racing program, the Club has a committee boat and additional safety boats, all equipped with radios.

The clubhouse is located in the historical “Birds and Worms Hotel”

Members can rent the clubhouse for a nominal fee to host parties and family events. The clubhouse is utilized all through the year for private and club events, meetings, lectures/demonstrations and entertainment.

Our beautiful waterfront lawn complete with picnic tables and grills sits just out the front door adjacent to the spacious open air porch.

In addition to sailing, members regularly come to enjoy the club and relax with one of the best waterside views in the region.

The parking lot can accommodate approximately 60 cars if care is taken.

## Newport Yacht Club History

Newport Yacht Club was organized in 1936. Its charter as a membership corporation under New York State law states its purpose: “To promote the sport of small sailboat racing and sailing.”

The Club was first located on Newport Island, just across the Massuag Cove from the present site. In the fall of 1943, Newport moved to the Birds and Worms Hotel, which is our present day clubhouse. In 1946, several senior members acquired the role of landlord to the Club in the name of the 694 Seneca Road Realty Corp. In 1973 we secured our mortgage with free, clear title to the property.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes severely damaged the NYC waterfront facilities, but with an SBA loan, a grant, and hard work by the members, a new seawall was built the following year, which is a foot higher than the record high water. Extensive renovation of the clubhouse was performed in 1977-1978.

Following the opening of the Bay to Lake Ontario in 1985 and the increased boat traffic and wake problems, the Snipe and Lightning floating docks were replaced by ramps and finger piers secured to pilings. Several additional ramps were added to the Laser area. In all these instances, the bulk of the work was done by the membership.

The Snipe was the first one design sailboat class raced at Newport. This class has grown with the Club and for some years Newport’s Snipe fleet has been one of the largest and most active in the country. We celebrated with our 80-year anniversary Briody Regatta in 2016. The Lightning fleet was added in 1946. In 1953, the Comets and Lightnings of the Algonquin Yacht Club joined Newport, having been flooded from their previous home. The Snipe fleet from the Nine Mile Point Yacht Club joined our ranks and several Jolly Boat owners were members for a few years beginning in 1957. In 1976, the Laser fleet was added. The Club added Optimist Dinghies in 1992 for the Junior Sailing program. The Club added the non-one design Cruising Fleet in the late 1990s and in 2018 added the Catalina 22 as a one design cruising Fleet.

## The Fleets and Boats



## Snipe Fleet

The Snipe was the first class sailed at Newport after the founding of the Club in 1936.

The Snipe is 15 and 1/2 ft long, carries a mainsail and jib, and is sailed by two people. Several members of this fleet campaign their boats at both local and national regattas. Boat prices vary from \$9,800 (new) to \$1,000 (used). The club hosts the Snipe Briody Regatta annually, and 2016 was the 80th sailing of the Briody Regatta as well as the District 1 championship. The Snipe Class website is [www.snipe.org](http://www.snipe.org).

## Laser Fleet

This fleet was formed in 1976. The Laser is a 14 foot, single- sail, one-person boat. The first Laser was built in 1970 and by the mid '90s over 150,000 had been sold worldwide. The Laser was selected as an Olympic boat in 1994. The yearly Empire State Games sailing competition is held in Lasers and was hosted by Newport in 1998.

Prices of the boat range from \$5,000 (new) to \$800 (used).

The North American Laser Class website is [www.laser.org](http://www.laser.org).



## Cruising Fleet

This Fleet is drawn together by their love of sailing and consists of various craft from small dinghies to 30-foot cruising boats with auxiliary power. The Fleet was formed by non-one design boat owners in the Club in the late 1990s.

The Fleet sponsors barbecues, overnight sails, moonlight cruises, and other social activities throughout the year.

## Catalina 22

Catalina 22 is the newest fleet being recognized in 2018. It is now chartered internationally as Fleet 141. The Catalina National Sailing Association is located at <https://www.catalina22.org/>.

The American Sailboat Hall of Fame in 1995 honored the design citing, "Simplicity, trailerability, durability and the endearing and enduring qualities of the Catalina 22 helped to launch the trailer sailing market".

**Original Catalina:** It has a length overall of 21.50 ft (6.6 m), a waterline length of 9.33 ft (2.8 m), displaces 2,490 lb (1,129 kg) and carries 800 lb (363 kg) of ballast. The boat has a draft of 5.00 ft (1.52 m) with the centerboard down and 1.67 ft (0.51 m) with the centerboard retracted.

A fixed keel version was introduced in the 1970s. The fixed keel version of the boat has a PHRF racing average handicap of 270 with a high of 280 and low of 243. Both have hull speeds of 5.89 kn (10.91 km/h).



**Catalina Mark II:** This model was introduced in 1995 and produced until 2004. It has a length overall of 23.83 ft (7.3 m), a waterline length of 19.33 ft (5.9 m), displaces 2,290 lb (1,039 kg) and carries 765 lb (347 kg) of ballast. The boat has a draft of 3.50 ft (1.07 m) with the standard keel and 2.50 ft (0.76 m) with the optional shoal draft wing keel, while the centerboard-equipped version has a draft of 5.00 ft (1.52 m) with the centerboard extended and 2.00 ft (0.61 m) with it retracted, allowing beaching or ground transportation on a trailer.

## Other rackable boats

Kayaks, canoes and other rackable boats are welcome at Newport. Our racks can accommodate many different shapes and sizes!

## Sailing and Social Activities

### Racing

The sailing season starts with the spring work party in late April and ends with the fall work party in mid-October. The fleets generally divide the season into spring, summer, and fall series with racing taking place on Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings. Several annual regattas are hosted by the fleets drawing competitors from throughout the region, several nearby states and Canada. In the past, the Club has hosted national and international regattas.



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The Club also takes turns with the Rochester Canoe Club in hosting the Brown Jug Regatta annually on Labor Day. This regatta is open all sailboats on the Bay. Newport Yacht Club also supports iceboat racing with members also belonging to the Irondequoit Bay Ice Boat Club. When conditions permit, their races are held at Newport.

### Events

Numerous social events are held during the year sponsored by the Club or the individual fleets.

The four yearly general membership meetings are preceded by dinners hosted by the fleets. Members gather for pot-luck dinners and fleet events throughout the year.

The end of the sailing season is celebrated at the Cups and Flags Banquet in the fall. Everyone enjoys the good food and fellowship. The management of the Club is passed from the old to the new Board of Directors and special recognition awards are presented. At this banquet, the fleets award racing trophies for the past season and any special, sometimes humorous, sailing awards.



## Member Responsibilities

The Club is successful largely because everyone participates at work parties, on special projects, and as officers or committee members.

As member/owners of the Newport Yacht Club, we owe it to ourselves to maintain the facilities in good working order. There are at least two work parties per year, and all members are expected to participate in at least one full day. Each member is also expected to attend the four yearly General Membership meetings in person or by proxy. Members who do not meet these obligations fined \$75 for non-attendance for at least one work party a year, and \$15 for each membership meeting not attended in person or by proxy.

Timely payment of dues is essential. Club dues can be paid in one lump sum by March 1st, or in two equal installments by March 1st and June 1st. A penalty of 15% will be charged on any late payment. The names of any member delinquent as of July 1st will be posted on the bulletin board and submitted to the July General Membership meeting with a recommendation for expulsion.

Resignations are accomplished by writing a letter to the Club Secretary before March 1st.

## New Members

Those interested in joining Newport Yacht Club can obtain an application from the chair of the Membership Committee or from the Newport Yacht Club website (See Below). Completed applications should be submitted to the Membership Chair, at which time the Chair will answer any questions and review the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Before the Board can recommend approval of the application, a check for the total years' membership dues and boat fees (if applicable), made payable to the Newport Yacht Club, must be received. After the Board of Directors accepts the application for membership, the Chair recommends approval by the membership at the next General Membership meeting, the members vote, and then the applicant's acceptance is official.

During the time between the Board approval and the vote by the membership, applicants are invited to make full use of the Club facilities.

### **Newport Yacht Club Annual Dues and Fee Schedule**

NYC charges a Membership Fee, Boat Fee, Initiation Fee and miscellaneous Other Fees, most of which are required to have New York State sales tax charged.

For the current fee schedule, see our Membership page at [www.NewportYachtClubRoc.com/membership](http://www.NewportYachtClubRoc.com/membership)

### **Fleet Dues and Dock Fees**

A member who keeps a boat in or on one of the slips, haulouts or racks at the Club may owe additional one-time and/or annual fees to the fleet which controls and maintains that docking/storage facility. These fees are set by the individual fleets and used to maintain the docks, haul-outs, slips, and racks as well as support the racing program and fund fleet

membership in various sailing/racing organizations. Members who participate in the racing program but do not store their boat at the club also pay a fleet racing fee to support the racing program.

### **Snipe Fleet**

Members of the Snipe Fleet pay membership dues of \$30 a year.

### **Laser Fleet**

A one-time fee of \$15 is due at the time a rack is assigned. Members of the Laser fleet also pay dues of \$5 a year.

# Newport Yacht Club Application for Membership

Mail to: Newport Yacht Club Membership Chair, PO Box 17193, Rochester, NY 14617

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_\*

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_\*

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (you) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (you) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation & employer \_\_\_\_\_\*

Spouse's occupation & employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone (you) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone (spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Children (names & ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: Boat Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Boat Owner \_\_\_\_\_

If Boat Owner: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_

If Crew: Name of Skipper \_\_\_\_\_

Safety: Do you swim? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, do you agree to wear a life vest when sailing? \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Skills:** Since many maintenance tasks are performed by the membership, please indicate your work skills (see also additional sheet).

**Sailing Interest:** Please write a brief statement of your interest in sailing, previous sailing experience, and your purpose in applying for NYC membership.



# Newport Yacht Club Member Database Information

Please return this questionnaire with your application and payment

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please provide information on sailboats you currently own, even if you do not sail them at NYC

Boat Type	Boat #	Trailer License #	Boat Name	Color	Kept at NYC?
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2. Please indicate the highest skill level for you or your spouse for the categories listed below:

Little or none = leave blank, basic = 1, medium = 2, master = 3

_____ Accounting/Bookkeeping	_____ Landscaping
_____ Boat Repair (Fiberglass)	_____ Legal Services
_____ Boat Repair (Wood)	_____ Motor Repair (Inboard)
_____ Canvas Repair	_____ Motor Repair (Outboard)
_____ Carpentry	_____ Painting (Boat)
_____ Catering/Event planning	_____ Painting (House)
_____ Computer	_____ Plastering
_____ Cooking	_____ Plumbing
_____ Electrical Work	_____ Protest Committee
_____ Gardening	_____ Sailing Instruction

3. Please list any other skills, which you think might be useful to NYC:

4. Please list any equipment you have which might be helpful to the club: (Examples: chain saw, arc welder, backhoe)