



SENECA YACHT CLUB
FOUNDED 1929

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

When my wife and I moved to Geneva in 1998, a friend invited us to Seneca Yacht Club (SYC) for dinner. We didn't know what to expect ... would it be a blazer and ascot club, or would it be an intimate, family-oriented club? It was the latter, and we fell in love with it immediately. With its cozy clubhouse, sand beach, green lawn, and barbecue grills, SYC is a small, private, sailing club located on the shores of the largest Finger Lake.

For nearly 100 years, families have gathered at SYC for friendship, recreation, and to build summer memories. I've heard SYC described as a "home on the lake," and I think it is an apt description. Whether you are an experienced sailor looking forward to Sunday racing, a junior sailor learning to skipper an Opti across the lake, a kayaker watching an osprey dive, a family cooking burgers on the grill, or just an individual taking a moment of solitude to watch the best sunset on the lake, SYC welcomes you.

Sailing has always been a central focus at SYC, and it is part of our mission to spread the joy of sailing and love of the lake to as many people as possible. We maintain an exceptional junior sailing program, affordable adult sailing lessons, multiple racing fleets, and a vibrant women's sailing network. If you'd like to be involved in any of those activities, keep your eyes out for announcements in *Telltales*, our club newsletter, or ask anyone on the Board of Directors how to get involved. *Telltales* is also your source for announcements about punchbowl celebrations, club dinners, regattas and racing opportunities, our opening and closing clean-up days, and our annual meeting.

While sailing is our mission, the heart of the club is its membership. Many hands make for light work, so we encourage you to get involved at whatever level you would like. We have exciting volunteer opportunities available for members on several committees, including: Social, Racing, House/Grounds, Waterfront, and Membership. We are happy to help you find something that meets your interests and serves your needs. Contact information for the committees and the chairpersons is located in this Membership Handbook and on the SYC website at www.senecayc.org, where you will also find information on our history, programs, and activities.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions you may have. I look forward to meeting you at the lake.

Richard Salter
Commodore
2023 - 2024

CLUB MANAGEMENT

The Club is managed by a 12-member Board of Directors consisting of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, Fleet Captain and seven directors-at-large. All are elected each year at the Annual Meeting held at the conclusion of the Club's season. The list of officers, directors, and committee members below is also posted annually on the clubhouse bulletin board.

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STEWARD: The steward is a part time employee of the Club whose responsibilities include cleaning and sanitizing bathrooms and kitchen, maintaining all floors, and emptying trash cans and recycling. The steward completes clubhouse maintenance tasks as requested by the Board of Directors. For questions or concerns about club upkeep contact Richard Salter. The Steward for 2024 is EJ Michaels.

COMMITTEES:

HOUSE chaired by Holtze

GROUNDS chaired by Miracle

WATERFRONT chaired by Fazio with support from Phillips, Kendrick, Wilson

MOORINGS AND DOCKS chaired by Fazio with support from Kendrick

FLEETS AND RACING

- CLUB POWER BOATS chaired by Baker with support from Phillips
- RACE COMMITTEE chaired by TBD
- FLEET RACING (3 or more boats constitutes a fleet)
 - Cruising Class Fleet Captain - Tom West, 585-410-8464, twest@haleyaldrich.com
 - Thistle Class and Flying Scott Class Fleet Captain - Aaron Holland, 315-751-4037, sailnmusic@gmail.com
 - Star Class Fleet Captain - Tom White, 607-280-3417, prospect8157@gmail.com
 - Laser Fleet Captain - Bill Wilson, 585-727-4120, williamwilson@frontiernet.net
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BOARD NOMINATING	Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer		

Seneca Yacht Club Equality and Diversity Vision

(Last updated: January 30, 2024)

Seneca Yacht Club is committed to equality of opportunity and aims to ensure that all present and potential members, instructors, competitors, board members, and employees are treated fairly and on an equitable basis irrespective of sex, age, disability, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, gender identity or social status.

Seneca Yacht Club Board of Directors is committed to:

Ensuring boating is accessible and attractive to the widest audience.

Working to make boating in all forms an activity that is genuinely open to anyone who wishes to take part by joining the club or visiting in accordance with our guest policy.

Increasing and embracing the diversity of our members, instructors, and employees.

What you can expect from SYC Board of Directors:

We will do our very best to make the club a safe and welcoming place where all can be themselves, feel accepted and valued and get the most out of the activities both on and off the water.

We will treat everyone with respect

We will not tolerate discrimination, unfair treatment or other insensitive or offensive behavior

What we expect from our members:

To treat others with respect and do their best to make all feel welcome and included.

To always act within the law and club rules and refrain from engaging in discriminatory behavior or language or encouraging others to do so.

CALENDAR 2024

SYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS meet the first Thursday of every month from February - October at 7:00 p.m.

SSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS meet the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

FLEET RACING season begins Memorial Day weekend and concludes Labor Day weekend. Races are run weather and wind dependent and typically end around 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINGHY RACING takes place every Wednesday night (weather and wind dependent) beginning late June through late August. The races begin at 6:00 p.m. and end around dusk.

MARCH	7	Thu	7 p.m.	SYC Board Meeting
	23	Sat	2 p.m.	Burning of the Socks
APRIL	4	Thu	7 p.m.	SYC Board Meeting
	8	Mon		Solar Eclipse
	27	Sat	10AM	Clean Up Day
MAY	2	Thu	7 p.m.	SYC Board Meeting
	25 - 27	Sat - Mon	10 a.m.	Memorial Day Fleet Racing Series
	27	Mon	1 p.m.	Memorial Day Punchbowl
JUNE	1 - 2	Sat - Sun	All Day	Senecanoe Thistle Regatta (no Sun fleet racing)
	6	Thu	7 p.m.	SYC Board Meeting
	9, 16, 23, 30	Sun	10 a.m.	Fleet Racing
	30	Sun	?	Celebration of Life for Dr. Charles Wisor
JULY	4	Thu	1 p.m.	Fourth of July Punchbowl
	4, 6 - 7	Thu, Sat, Sun	10 a.m.	Fleet Racing - 4th Series
	11	Thu	7 p.m.	SYC Board Meeting
	14, 21	Sun	10 a.m.	Fleet Racing
	27 - 28	Sat - Sun	All Day	NYS Star Championships
	?	Sat		Cruising Class Regatta - TBD
AUGUST	1	Thu	7 p.m.	SYC Board Meeting
	4, 11, 18, 25	Sun	10 a.m.	Fleet Racing
	TBD - Bill?			Douglas Wisor Memorial Laser Regatta
	17	Sat	6 p.m.	Commodore's Dinner
	24	Fri -Sun		WILSON WEDDING
SEPTEMBER	8/31 - 9/2	Sat - Mon	10 a.m.	Fleet Racing - Labor Series
	2	Mon	1 p.m.	Labor Day Punch Bowl
	5	Thu	7 p.m.	SYC Board Meeting
	7 (8*)	Sat, (Sun*)	10 a.m.	Cruising Class Barge Race (* Rain Date)
OCTOBER	3	Thu	7 p.m.	SYC Board Meeting
	26	Sat	10 a.m. 1 p.m.	Fall Cleanup and Closing Hauling Out Party Lunch and Annual Meeting

Membership Process

Membership to the Club is encouraged though limited to the scale of the club facilities. Prospective members interested in membership must be proposed by an existing member. The 1 page application is to be completed by the sponsoring member and submitted to the Board of Directors for review. Acceptance of membership is not implied until the Board takes action. Once the Board reviews the application and takes action, the prospective member is notified by the Secretary and billed by the treasurer.

Membership Dues and Privileges

The annual dues and initiation fees are as follows effective October 2023. A one time initiation fee equal to one year's dues and one year's dues are assessed at the time of membership approval. The annual dues and fees are billed February 1. One-half of the charges are payable March 1 and one-half June 1. All members in arrears April 1 and July 1, respectively, will be posted and if still in arrears after 15 days will be eligible for suspension. Any person entitled to privileges of the club as a member of the family of a person holding a Family Membership may upon marrying or attaining the age of 21 years, or upon termination of such family membership, take out active membership in the club, without the payment of initiation fee, subject to the vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has discretion to grant a demit to any member in good standing requiring a leave of absence. In case a resignation is submitted and accepted and the person thereafter wishes again to become a member, an initiation fee will be necessary. No person elected to membership will qualify as a member or be entitled to the privileges of the club until initiation fee and dues are paid in full. Prices listed below include sales tax.

Example: family membership approval -> \$472 initiation fee + \$472 annual dues = \$944

Family Membership \$472

Family Membership entitles all members of the immediate family, except sons and daughters 21 years of age or over (unless in college, temporarily in military service or legally dependent) to all privileges of the Club.

Senior Family Membership* \$238

Single Membership \$327

A Single Membership entitles an individual, but not their family, to all privileges of the Club.

Junior Single Membership \$TBD

A Junior Single Membership is limited to individuals who have not reached their 25th birthday as of January 1 of the membership year, and does not require an initiation fee. The dues shall be ½ the amount of a single membership and junior single members shall have all privileges of the Club except that of voting at the annual meeting. The purpose of this classification is to promote active participation in the sailing programs and the board shall have discretion to deny applications under this class which are primarily social.

Senior Single Membership* \$164

Non-Resident Membership \$67

Non-Resident Membership is applicable only to persons who have neither a residence nor a place of business and do not maintain a boat within 50 miles of the Club. It shall carry the same privileges and restrictions as a Family Membership.

Honorary Membership is granted at the discretion of the Board

* A member in good standing of any classification who has been such for 20 or more years and who is 65 or more years of age shall upon written application by him to the Board of Directors be made a Senior Member.

Membership Dues (required)

Family	\$472
Senior Family	\$238
Single	\$327
Senior Single	\$164
Non Resident	\$67
Honorary	\$0

Membership Fees (required)

Family Initiation	\$472
Single Initiation	\$327
Senior Family Initiation	\$238
Senior Single Initiation	\$164

Boat Storage and Mooring Fees (elective)

South Rack/Lot	\$56
East Parking Lot	\$56
North Lot	\$110
Winter Storage North Lot	\$150
Apron	\$220
West Mooring Field	\$220
North Mooring Field	\$330

Locker Fees (elective)

Ladies' Room	
EWLR - East Wall Ladies' Room	\$33
NWLR - North Wall Ladies' Room	\$22
SWLR - South Wall Ladies' Room	\$44
Men's Room	
EWMR - East Wall Men's Room	\$33
WWMR - West Wall Men's Room	\$44
NWMR - North Wall Men's Room	\$44
Lounge	
EWL - East Wall Lounge	\$44
WWL - West Wall Lounge	\$44
SWL - South Wall Lounge	\$44
Loft	\$22



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Established in 1927

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application to be completed by the sponsor and submitted to the Commodore of Seneca Yacht Club for review at the next Board meeting (first Thursday of the month).

Date of Application: _____

Date of SYC Board of Director's Review: _____

Membership Type:

_____ Single - one person in the household utilizes Club - 2024 Annual dues \$327*

_____ Family - more than one person in household utilizes Club; immediate family only - 2024 Annual dues \$472*

_____ Junior - person who has not reached 25th birthday as of January 1st of the membership year - 2024 Annual dues \$TBD*

_____ Non-Resident - persons who do not reside, work, or maintain a boat within 50 miles of the Club - 2024 Annual dues \$67*

* plus a one time initiation fee of same amount (e.g., \$944 family membership = \$472 annual + \$472 initiation due upon acceptance)

Applicant(s) Information

Applicant(s) Name(s): _____

Applicant(s) Phone Number(s): _____

Applicant(s) E-mail Address(es): _____

Applicant(s) Mailing Address: _____

Applicant(s) Occupation(s) / Employer(s): _____

Applicant(s) children: Name/Age: _____ Name/Age: _____

Name/Age: _____ Name/Age: _____

For questions below, complete all that apply. None required.

Candidate(s) former Yacht Club membership? _____

Candidate(s) past boating experience? _____

Watercraft Owner? None _____ Paddle Board _____ Kayak _____ Canoe _____ Power Boat _____

One Class Design Boat (Star, Thistle, Laser, Flying Scott, Sunfish, other) _____ Type: _____

Cruising Class Boat (swing or fixed keel) _____ Type: _____

Would candidate(s) wish to participate in the sailing program offerings?

_____ Pleasure Sailing _____ Racing _____ Youth Sailing Lessons (ages 7 - 17) _____ Adult Sailing Lessons

Please provide 3 references: (include SYC members if possible):

Ref 1: _____ Ref 2: _____ Ref 3: _____

Sponsor: _____ (print) _____ (signature)

CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse is managed by the House Committee with daily assistance from the club's steward. The clubhouse features a lounge and kitchen, men's locker room / restroom, women's locker room / restroom and loft for use by members and guests. Maintaining the clubhouse requires the cooperation and effort of all members and guests to utilize the club's facilities and equipment with care, leaving things in reasonable order so that others may access and enjoy them too. The clubhouse key, provided by the treasurer at the time of membership, works on all exterior doors and the north and south gates. The last person at the club is responsible for turning off all lights and locking all doors and windows (7 doors - 1 ladies locker room, 1 lower loft, 1 upper loft, 2 men's locker room, 1 lounge, 1 kitchen). Keys must be returned to the treasurer upon resignation from the club.

The clubhouse is a seasonal use structure which opens the last Saturday of April and closes the last Saturday of October. Opening and closing is a volunteer effort in conjunction with the Board of Directors. Members assist with a variety of tasks including moving boats, cleaning locker rooms, lounge, kitchen and loft, yard work, picnic table repair, and beach clean up. Lunch is provided immediately following clean up completion. The Board also holds work parties to complete larger tasks such as dock launching/repair, beach clean up, and clubhouse repair.

AED

An AED is located on the west wall between the lounge door and the men's locker room door. The AED provides automated directions when activated for use. If the AED is used call 911 immediately.

Chairs

Outdoor chairs are available for use. Please return them to the clubhouse before leaving.

Fireplace

Use the fireplace at your own risk. Bring your own wood and place leftover wood in the adjacent built in boxes.

Ice Machine

The ice machine is located in the kitchen and is available for use with the exception of filling large coolers. Store beverages and food in the refrigerator, not in the ice machine. Retrieve ice using ice scoop provided; never retrieve ice with personal or glass container.

Kitchen

Members and guests have full use of the kitchen refrigerator, stove, sink, and items made available in unlocked cabinets (e.g., paper towels, reusable plates, cups, utensils, basic condiments, etc). The stove top and oven run on propane. Do not turn off the gas to the stove. In the event the pilot light goes out, please contact the Commodore. Perishable foods need to be removed from refrigerator daily as the refrigerator is cleaned out on a weekly basis. Clean and return any club kitchen items to kitchen cabinets in a timely manner. Clean up spills in refrigerator, on stove, counters or floor immediately.

Land Line Telephone

A landline telephone is located in the lounge on the east wall adjacent to the ice machine and can be used to make local or 911 calls.

Locker / Rest Rooms

A limited number of lockers are available for seasonal rental in the men's and women's locker rooms and the loft. To request a locker contact the treasurer. Clubhouse floors get slippery when wet. Please wipe up wet areas in changing or shower area after use and ensure children using showers are supervised by an adult. Use outdoor faucet on south side of clubhouse for sand removal; avoid tracking sand into clubhouse and shower. Store personal chairs and grilling equipment and materials inside lockers.

GROUPS

The Club's grounds are managed by the Grounds Committee with weekly assistance from a lawn maintenance company and occasional assistance from work parties composed of member volunteers. The grounds include the fenced in yard area surrounding the clubhouse, the parking lot east of the clubhouse, the south lot and the north lot (adjacent to the neighboring marina). Maintaining the club's grounds requires the cooperation and effort of all members and guests to utilize the areas with care, leaving things in reasonable order so that others may access and enjoy them too.

Front Porch and North Pavilion

The front porch and north pavilion areas are high traffic zones at the Club and need to be kept clear of personal items. The front porch benches and north pavilion area will be cleared regularly with unclaimed items relocated to lost and found. In the event of inclement weather, picnic tables and chairs maybe relocated to these areas temporarily. Please return chairs to clubhouse and tables to lawn prior to leaving the club. The front porch and north pavilion areas are reserved for use by the social committee for all club sponsored events such as regattas, punch bowls and the Commodore's dinner. See the club calendar for dates. The north pavilion area is available on a first come basis. Seneca Sailing Academy utilizes this area Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. throughout the summer. The north pavilion area can be reserved in advance for private parties by contacting the private events volunteer on the social committee.

Gas Grills

There are two gas grills located under the north pavilion that are available for use during club events and private parties for a fee. Grills must be reserved in advance by contacting the private events volunteer on the social committee. The private events volunteer will unlock the grill, set up the gas hose and provide access to grilling tools cabinet in the kitchen just prior to use. Please close and lock grills and kitchen cabinet prior to leaving.

Charcoal Grills

There are a number of stationary charcoal grills along the perimeter of the lawn available for use. Bring your own grilling tools. In times of high demand users are encouraged to share the grills and coals. Do not store leftover charcoal and/or lighter fluid in public spaces in the Clubhouse. Instead, take them home, donate leftover charcoal to the communal charcoal tub next the the front porch, or store them in a locker.

Lawn Maintenance

The Club contracts with a provider for weekly or as needed lawn and hedgerow maintenance. The timing of the service is determined by the provider and varies from week to week. **No dogs are permitted on the club premises at any time!**

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Members and guests are encouraged to provide their own reusable cups and tableware for all events. Trash must be placed in metal trash cans located throughout the Club and bottles and cans can be placed in green totes throughout club.

Parking

Vehicle parking is permitted in the east lot and along both sides of the road north of the clubhouse. Please be mindful when parking to not block or restrict other vehicles.

Picnic Tables

Picnic tables are available to members and guests on a first come basis. Tables can be moved about the grounds to accommodate members and guests. Banquet tables located inside the clubhouse are for club and private events. To utilize the banquet tables contact the private events volunteer on the social committee.

Camping

Camping on SYC property, with the exception of camping on boats at the docks or moorings, is permitted only with the permission the SYC Grounds Chairperson. Any member(s) wishing to camp for longer than two nights in the Club lawn, east or south field must get permission. Members who are parents of minors (up to and including age 18) may apply to the SYC Grounds Chairperson for permission to allow such minors to camp on SYC property with approved adult supervision. Upon receiving a camping request and granting approval, the SYC Grounds Chairperson must notify the full Board of the granted permission at their earliest convenience. (e.g., names of approved campers, duration of stay, camping location, name of supervising adult of any minors). Camping is only permitted inside the fence during regattas by regatta participants and only for the duration of the regatta. All tents and camping gear must be removed by 9:30 a.m. Camping in the clubhouse is not permitted unless approved by the Board of Directors.

Children

The Club is a great place for families to enjoy with their children (youth under age 14). Children must be supervised at all times while at the Club. Children should not play around or on boats, lifts, racks or hoists.

Guests

Non-members may have the privilege of Club use for up to 4 days in one season when accompanied by a member. This restriction does not apply to house guests. Members of recognized yacht clubs may have privileges of the club. The Board of Directors may extend privileges of the club to non members for periods of time at its discretion.

Private Events

Private parties which include more than 20 non-members require registration with the SYC Social Committee and SYC Board approval in advance. Parties with 40 or more members and/or non-members also require registration and approval. Party reservation requests must be made by an SYC sponsor member. During the sailing season, SYC reserves the right to reject applications for parties of any size that would significantly limit use of the Club by the membership on weekends or holidays. The Seneca Yacht Club Board of Directors also reserves the right to deny any application for party reservations at its sole discretion.

Seneca Sailing Academy (SSA)

Formerly SYC's junior sailing program, SSA was reorganized as a 501C3 organization to further the mission of teaching students how to sail and cultivating a sense of responsibility that will keep Seneca Lake a place that all can enjoy. SSA offers programming for children ages 7 and up and adults ranging from entry level instruction to racing. Private instruction is also available. To learn more visit senecasailingacademy.org

Telltales

Telltales is a monthly and as needed email newsletter communication to keep members updated on the Club throughout the season. Event details and notifications are often sent out via Telltales.

Women's Sailing Network (WSN)

The Women's Sailing Network launched in 2021. The goal of Women's Sailing Network is to provide a space for female-identifying adults to sail together, learn, and develop skills and confidence in a supportive and inclusive environment. The group meets on Friday evenings from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. throughout the season for solo sailing or group sailing followed by camaraderie and a potluck meal. Educational and fellowship gatherings take place throughout the off-season.

POLICIES RELATED TO DOCK USAGE, LAUNCHING, MOORING & STORAGE OF BOATS

SYC permanent docks are shared facilities for the use of the membership and SYC guests. Members may use the docks freely for boarding, provisioning, and repairs, when necessary. Policies related to the use of club property and equipment by boating members and the Mooring Committee, comprised of the Commodore, Treasurer and Co-Chairs of the Waterfront Committee, will oversee guests of the Seneca Yacht Club.

The SYC Board will set fees for moorings, storage on the apron, racks, and winter storage. Any change in winter storage fees will take effect the following season, NOT the immediate winter season.

The policies of Seneca Yacht Club with regard to member and guest docking, launching, storage, mooring and related use of club grounds and equipment of boats at the Club shall be as follows, as amended July 1, 2019.

Docking, Crane, and Gin Pole Policy:

1. Docks anchored on the stone jetty (North Docks) are to be used for short-term dockage or repair only. All boats must tie up parallel to the dock being used.
2. All boats owned by SYC members or guests may use the docks in case of severe weather.
3. No boat shall be left at the docks for more than one night unattended unless the member or guest is aboard or on SYC property. Members may apply to the Commodore or Vice Commodore for longer dockage to perform repairs to a boat or its mooring. In no case shall a boat remain at the dock for more than 2 consecutive nights without express permission of the Commodore or Vice Commodore. All boats left at the docks for more than 2 nights without permission will incur a fee of \$10 per night paid to the SYC Treasurer within 15 days of the policy violation.
4. Occasionally, regattas require overnight mooring/dockage of participating boats. Notice of regattas will be posted in advance. When the club sponsors a regatta, the docks are reserved for racing and committee boats and may not be used by members, except those racing or being used by the race committee, with exception for member boats awaiting repair or use of the Gin Pole. The SYC Sunday Racing Series takes place every Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the sailing season (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend). At this time members are asked to move their boats forward on the docks to maximize the available docking space.
5. Members are asked to leave the dock space surrounding the Gin Pole available to members for stepping and unstepping their masts, particularly before Memorial Day weekend and after Labor Day weekend.
6. Any member shall be permitted to launch any class of boat from the Club cranes (maximum 1,700 lbs.), and ramps. All boats shall be required to conform to storage policies.
7. The Club Gin Pole is to be used by members only and only used on member's boats
8. Personal Watercraft (i.e. Jet Skis, Wave Runners, etc.) are not permitted at the club.

Mooring Policy:

1. Members have access to two mooring areas for sailboats. The first is in front or due west (West Harbor) of the Club and offers water depths of four to 12 feet. The second area is the small harbor to the north of the Club (North Harbor) and offers depths of six to ten feet.
2. Members wishing to moor their boats at the Club must apply to the Mooring Committee and have their space approved and recorded. It is required that *Chapman's* be consulted regarding proper mooring design. Swing room must be minimized to accommodate as many members' boats as possible.
3. The construction and installation of the mooring is the member's responsibility and the member bears sole liability for any damages to his/her boat or neighboring boats that result from an improperly installed or inadequately maintained mooring.
4. It is the responsibility of mooring user to immediately reposition any mooring that inadvertently is dragged into the swing zone of another member's mooring.
5. If a mooring will not be used for one season on a temporary basis, due to health, boat maintenance, travel or other legitimate reason, a written request must be submitted to the Mooring Committee, and based on approval, "loaned" by the assigned user to another member on the waiting list for up to one season.
6. The North Harbor is reserved for sailboats with a berthing below deck, minimum draft of four feet or greater and a length that is a minimum of 25 feet but no more than 30 feet. The West Mooring Field spaces are open to any sailboat.
7. North Harbor eligibility is open to all members who request a mooring, are registered on the waiting list and who have or agreed to purchase a qualifying boat within 60 days of securing a mooring assignment.
8. Members wishing to apply for a mooring shall make a request in writing to the Mooring Committee and shall be placed on a waiting list that will include name, date of request and total years of membership seniority. Assignment will be based first on seniority, and if seniority is equivalent, the member with the earlier date of membership will be assigned said mooring.
9. The Mooring Committee will maintain and post the waiting list for both the North and West Mooring Fields, ranked by total years (not continuous years) of membership seniority. Those Club members who own or agree to own a conforming cruising class sailboat will only be considered if they are registered on the waiting list.
10. Assignment of mooring spaces will be made on a first refusal basis to the most senior members on the waiting list to accept or decline. If a mooring is declined, that members name will remain on the list until such time as they inform the Mooring Committee they no longer wish a mooring.
11. When an applicant is granted a mooring, they have 60 days from notification to put a conforming boat, owned by the applicant, on the mooring. For mooring assignment purposes, no boat will have more than one owner. The 60-day period shall run from May 1 to November 1. If notification is given fewer than 60 days prior to November 1, the balance of the 60-day period shall begin the following May 1.

Mooring Policy continued:

12. No member may sell or “inherit” a mooring space. Moorings spaces are assigned to Members, not boats. While the club reserves the right to assign and revoke mooring spaces, mooring equipment maintenance, repair and repositioning (ground tackle) are the responsibility of the assigned member.
13. When a mooring space is vacated, the member has the right to remove any and all mooring materials and equipment, but is obligated to leave a suitable chain and floating marker to indicate the location for that space.
14. If a member vacates a mooring space and elects not to remove mooring tackle, if and when the mooring space is reassigned any consideration of equipment costs are to be negotiated between the former and newly assigned mooring user. If negotiations fail to reach an agreement the newly assigned user is free to install a new mooring in the same location. If no applicant is immediately assigned, reimbursement for costs will be waived after one season if the mooring tackle is not removed.
15. One Dinghy/Tender for boats on moorings is included with the mooring fee and will have a dedicated area for loading.

Storage Policy:

1. Storage areas include a) the paved Apron lot inside the SYC gate; b) Racks and Beach areas along the fence and adjacent to the boat ramp and floating docks; c) the Parking Lot field behind the parking lot directly north of the club, and d) the storage lot directly east of the former RR Bridge Abutment. Again, fees will be assigned by the Board of Directors and published.
 - 1.1. Apron Lot: Eligibility for in season storage will be limited to boats on trailers with a weight no more than 2000 lbs, and length of no more than 24 feet. All members with eligible boats shall be permitted to store boats on the apron area on a first come first served basis, with Fleet Boats given priority. No Off-Season storage is available on the apron.
 - 1.2. Racks and Beach Area: Racks use is prioritized for 1) Seneca Sailing Academy boats, and 2) Fleet Class boats. These slots will be marked. Any additional member canoes, kayaks and other small non-powered craft may be stored on the racks on a first come first served basis. Rack space will be assigned based on the same seniority ranking by the Mooring Committee as for mooring in the North Harbor.
 - 1.3. Parking Lot Perimeter: Trailers and registered boats on trailers can be stored along the parking lot perimeter during the Memorial Day through Labor Day season. Only boats that launch from south dock ramp can park along the parking lot perimeter and assigned space. Exceptions permitted with permission of the Board.
 - 1.4. North Storage Lot: Trailers and registered boats on trailers can be stored on and/or off-season.
2. All boats and trailers must be removed from the Club by December 1st and may not be brought back to the Club before March 1st, unless being officially stored in the North Storage Lot or Rack Area. Any boats remaining on Club grounds after December 1st will be charged a winter storage fee at the owner’s expense. Any member who wishes to sail after December 1st and before March 1st may apply in writing to the Mooring Committee for an exception to the rule, which may be granted in the discretion of the Mooring Committee.

Private Party Request Process

Private parties which include more than 20 non-members require registration with the SYC Social Committee and SYC Board approval in advance. Parties with 40 or more members and/or non-members also require registration and approval. All party reservation requests must be made by an SYC sponsor member. During the sailing season, SYC reserves the right to reject applications for parties of any size that would significantly limit use of the Club by the membership on weekends or holidays. The Seneca Yacht Club Board of Directors also reserves the right to deny any application for party reservations at its sole discretion.

TO REQUEST A PARTY

1. Contact Social Committee Member, Julia Mattick, at 315-719-5970 or jmattick@verizon.net to determine if your party date is available. You can preview the schedule of Club events on the website calendar: www.senecayc.org/calendar
2. At least **two weeks** in advance of the requested party date, complete and submit the Party Reservation Request form below, along with payment fee and deposit to:

SYC Social Committee
Julia Mattick
233 High Street
Geneva, NY 14456

3. Once the Social Committee receives the completed party request form (below), the request will be presented to the SYC Board of Directors for review.
4. The Social Committee will notify the sponsor member regarding the Board's review/approval.
5. The Social Committee will then work with the sponsor member to reserve the necessary facilities at the Club, arrange for specific needs, and assist with arrangements for vendor services, if required.

PLEASE NOTE: the use of either of the Club's propane grills must be arranged with the Social Committee in advance as they are locked and cannot be accessed without a key.

6. The sponsor member is responsible for the conduct of the party including but not limited to cleanup, trash disposal, and alcoholic beverage control (no sales are allowed on the premises). The SYC requires obedience to all New York State and local laws regarding alcoholic beverage consumption on the SYC premises.

7. Reservations must be made for large parties as defined above. We regret that our facilities do not allow for larger parties.

8. FEES - To defray the expenses of the club for use of the facility the following fees will be collected:

- From 20 to 50 non-members \$100
- From 51 to 74 people \$200

Anything larger to be approved by the board with appropriate contingencies agreed upon and guaranteed

- Fees subject to change

9. DEPOSIT - In addition, a refundable damage and cleaning deposit of \$100 (separate check) is required.

10. These guidelines apply to parties sponsored by the various fleet events as well as events sponsored by individual members or outside organizations. Club-sponsored events are exempt from the fees listed above.

Thank you!

The Seneca Yacht Club Board of Directors

Seneca Yacht Club Party Reservation Request Form

Please complete and mail this form, along with a check payable to Seneca Yacht Club for the required fee and a separate check payable to Seneca Yacht Club for the \$100 deposit to:

SYC Social Committee
Julia Mattick
233 High Street
Geneva, NY 14456

SYC SPONSOR MEMBER NAME:

ORGANIZATION NAME:

(If request is being made on behalf of an organization, please provide both organization name and SYC Sponsor Member Name.)

Mailing Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Email:

Phone:

Party Date Requested:

Alternate Date Requested:

Party Time Requested:

Party Duration (hours):

Number of People Attending:

Type of Party:

Please answer the following questions:

Where, on the Club grounds, will your party be set-up?

Will you need to use the kitchen stove?

Will you need to use the Club gas grill?

Will you be using a caterer?

Will you have a tent?