

SYC FAQs

Thank you for asking about membership in Squantum Yacht Club. These are some Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the cost of membership?

Regular members: For a new Regular member the 2018 fees are:

One-time Initiation: \$600.00.

2019 dues (\$487) and fees (\$73) total: \$560.00.

Social members: For a Social member there is no initiation fee and yearly dues are one-half that of Regular members. For the 2019 season, the dues for social members are \$243.50.

How do I apply to be a member?

Regular members: Complete an application and send it with a check for \$1160, payable to Squantum Yacht Club. The application will be posted at the club for 2 weeks and then voted on by the E-board the first Thursday of each month. Mail completed application with check to: PO Box 67, Quincy, MA 02170

Social members: You fill out an application and send it with a check for \$243.50, payable to Squantum Yacht Club. The application will be posted at the club for 2 weeks and then voted on by the E-board the first Thursday of each month. Mail completed application with check to: PO Box 67, Quincy, MA 02170

What are the rules about guests? Normally one member of the family becomes a member and the rest of the immediate family can come as guests. The spouse and all children under 18 are included with the membership.

Who can vote? Regular members only have the right to vote and attend meetings.

What are the social events at the club? This club is run by members. Members of all types are encouraged to run events for the club. There are regular events run by the entertainment committee. Every Friday, there is a dinner on the front deck with a jazz band playing. Social events typically include: Opening and closing night dinner dances, Commodore's dinner dance, Sunday Social hours, annual fishing tournament, Lipton Cup Regatta, annual November Cribbage tournament, chili cook-off, Red Sox play-off and NE Patriots game viewing and pot-luck suppers.

When does the club operate? The club opens in mid-May and the regular boating season runs till mid-October. During the rest of the year the club is open and run by volunteers when appropriate.

What is available for the kids? SYC runs a youth sailing program during the summer. The training is primarily in Optimists and Lasers, but it is possible to participate in N10s and 420s. Information can be found at our website: <http://www.squantumyc.org/spec/progindex.htm> There is a Juniors' program. The Junior members are aged 12-18. They elect their own officers, run their meetings, and hold their own events. More information is on the SYC Junior's web page: <http://www.squantumyc.org/jrmemb/jrindex.htm>

How do I get a mooring? It is the responsibility of the boat owner to provide and maintain their own mooring. Advice can be requested from experienced members as to what type of mooring to get and where to place the mooring. The club owns a work barge that is used to place and pull moorings. There is an electric chain fall on the side of the club that is used to lower and raise moorings to/from the work barge. The City Of Quincy harbor master requires a mooring permit and specific sized mooring based on the size of the boat. More information can be found at: <http://ci.quincy.ma.us/HarbormasterInfoPage155.html>

How do I get to my boat? We run launch service during the season. Early and late in the season, service is weekends only from 9AM-9PM. During the season, service is 9AM-9PM every day.

What is the work hours requirement for Regular members? Members are required to perform 10 hours of work per year. Five hours must be done on either the house or floats before the floats go into the water. This does not include work done the day that the floats are launched. The remaining five hours can be done before or after the floats are launched. Failure to perform work hours results in a fine of \$30 for each hour not performed. **Social Members** are not required to perform work hours but help is always welcome.

What is the security watch requirement for Regular members? Members are required to do security watch. This is one all night watch or two half night watches. The all night watches are 10PM-5AM on Friday or Saturday night. The half night watches are 10PM-2AM Sunday through Thursday. There are other nights that are all night usually around holidays and race events. This information will be in the watch signup calendar. If you don't sign up for security watch before the floats are launched, a watch will be assigned to you. Failure to perform security watches will result in a fine of \$40 for each watch missed. **Social Members** are not required to perform security watches.

Are there sailing races at SYC? Squantum Yacht Club one design class boats participate in Quincy Bay One Design (QBOD) races. Races are held in Quincy Bay. More information can be provided by QBOneDesign@gmail.com. These races are held most Saturdays except when other regattas are held (i.e. Lipton Cup, Quincy Bay Week, Carven Memorial Regatta and Hustler Nationals). QBOD Twilight races will also be held in the evening when the tide permits. The QBOD races are open to all one design classes. Trophies will be awarded to SYC participants at year end. The schedule for the season is posted at the start of the boating season. PHRF races are held in Hingham Bay. More information can be obtained at: www.hbphrf.org

Are any discounts available to Regular members? Squantum Yacht Club is a BOAT US cooperating group. This allows members to join BOAT US at half the regular membership price. BOAT US members receive discounts on fuel and dockage at Cooperating Marinas. Discounts are available on repair at Cooperating repair facilities. More information on membership can be found at: www.boatus.com.