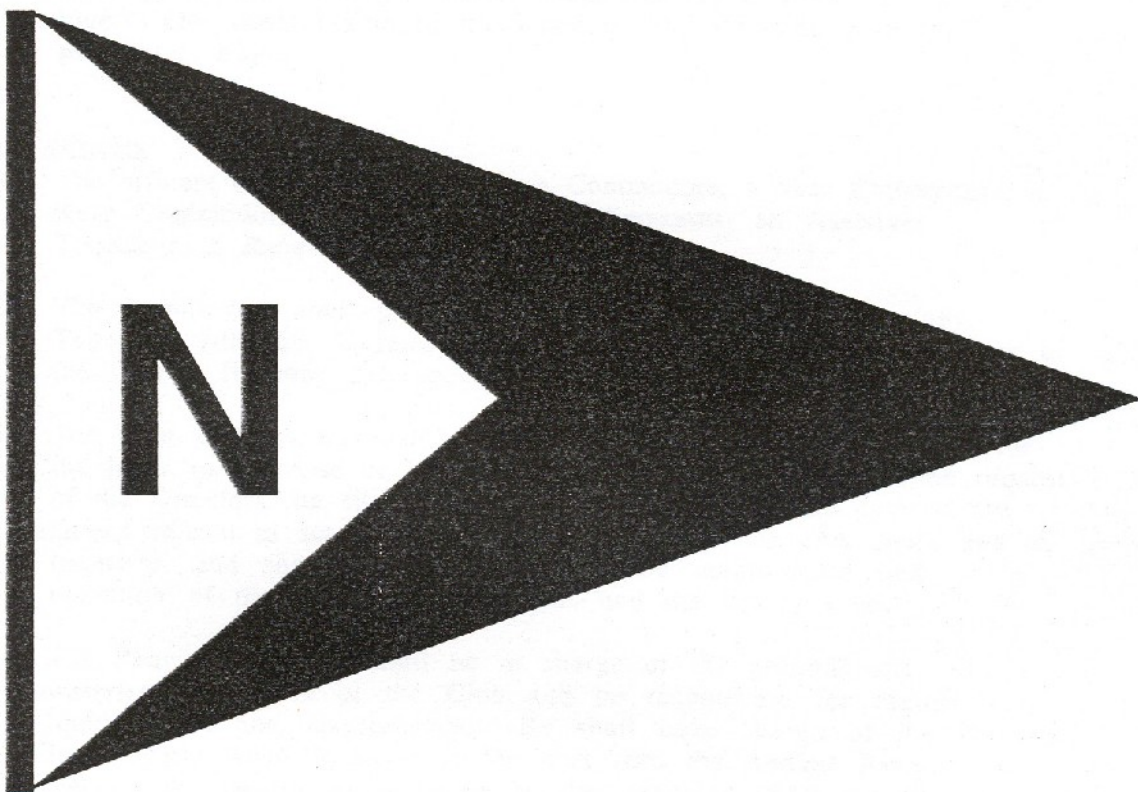


# Newport Yacht Club

*Information Handbook for  
Prospective Members*

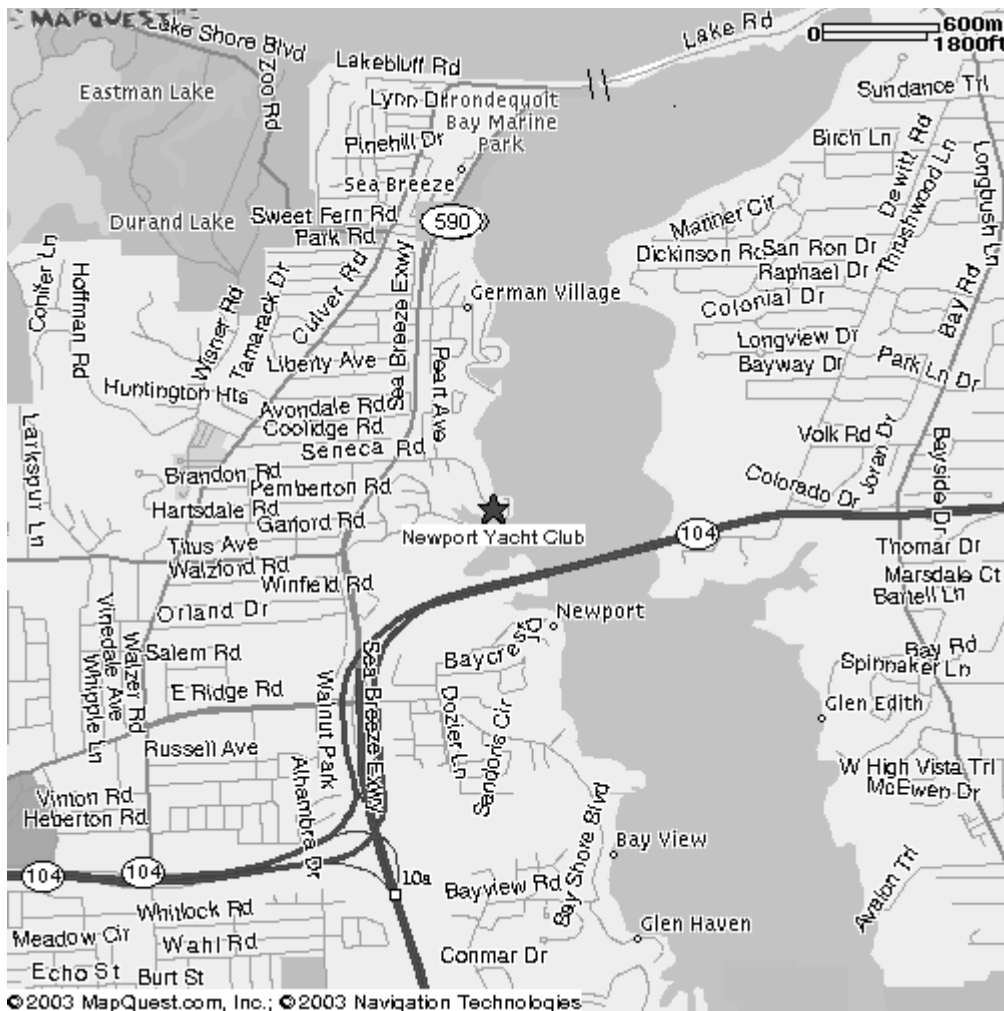


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### Newport Yacht Club History

Newport Yacht Club was organized in 1936. Its charter as a membership corporation under New York State law clearly stated 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. Their interests and those of the Club gradually diverged, and the question of which party owned the property was taken to court. In 1973, the courts decided in favor of the Club, and major improvements could be resumed with confidence. In 1972, Hurricane Agnes devastated the NYC facilities, but with an SBA loan, a grant, and much hard work by the members, a new seawall was built the following year. Extensive renovation of the clubhouse was performed in 1977-78. 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. The Lightning fleet was added in 1946. This fleet has also become one of the largest in its class in the country. 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.

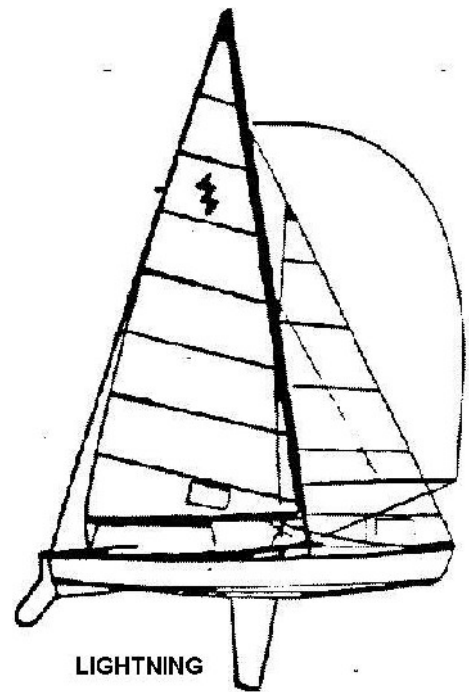
Currently, the Club enjoys sailing on both the Bay and the Lake.

### Environment and Facilities

Newport Yacht Club is at the east end of Seneca Road in the town of Irondequoit, a suburb of Rochester, New York. 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 35 Lightnings or cruising boats, 18 Snipes, and 32 Lasers, Optimists or other rack-stored boats. 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 contains a bar area, kitchen, two dining/meeting rooms, and several storage/changing rooms upstairs. In addition there is a foosball and ping-pong table available. The clubhouse can be rented by members for a nominal fee. There is no smoking permitted in the clubhouse. A pleasant lawn with picnic tables and grills borders the Bay in front of the clubhouse.

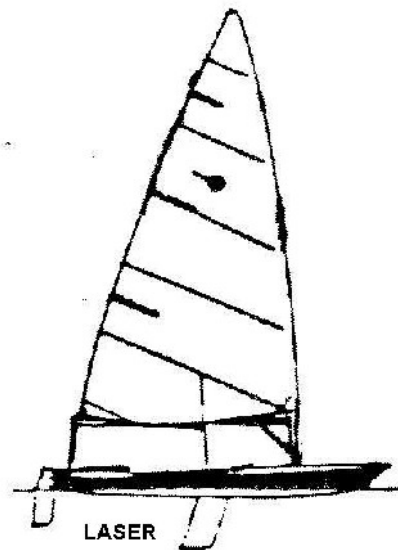


The parking lot can accommodate approximately 60 cars if care is taken. When parking in back of another vehicle, your keys should be left in the ignition. Parking is restricted to members and guests of members only.

### The Fleets and Boats

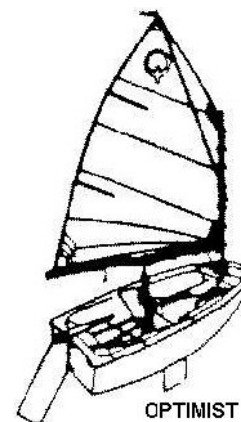
**Snipe Fleet** - The Snipe was the first class sailed at Newport after the founding of the Club in 1936. The Snipe is 15 and 1/2 foot long, carries a mainsail and jib, and is sailed by two people. Several members of this fleet campaign their boats at both local and national regattas. Boat prices vary from \$9,800 (new) to \$1,000 (used). The 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 '90's 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 \$1000-2000 (used). The North American Laser Class website is [www.laser.org](http://www.laser.org).



**Lightning Fleet** – The Newport Lightning Fleet was formed in 1946. The Class had its 60th Anniversary Regatta in Skaneateles, NY in 1998, which attracted over 180 boats from all over the country. Lightnings are 19 foot long, carry a main, jib and spinnaker, and are sailed by a crew of three. In 1990, NYC in cooperation with the Rochester Yacht Club hosted the Lightning North American Championship. In 2002, Newport was the site of the Lightning Youth World Championship. Prices of the boats range from \$18,300 (new) to \$2,000 (used). The Lightning Class website is located at [www.lightningclass.org](http://www.lightningclass.org).

**Cruising Fleet** – This Fleet is drawn together by their love of sailing and consists of various craft from small dinghies to 20+ foot cruising boats with auxiliary power. The Fleet was formed by non-one design boat owners of the Club in the late 1990s. The boats of this fleet are docked at appropriate facilities at the Club. The smaller boats can go on haulouts such as those used by Snipes and Lightnings. The larger boats require a slip on the east or west pier. The Fleet sponsors Moonlight Cruises and other social activities during the year.



**Junior Fleet** – The principal boat of this fleet is the Optimist Dinghy which is 7 foot 8 inches long and carries 35 square foot of sail. The boat is designed for one person, although two small people can be accommodated for instructional purposes. These stable boats are a popular choice for junior sailing programs. In the interest of encouraging junior sailing in our member families, the Club owns two Optimist dinghies. Other boats can also be used by the Junior Fleet. The activity of this fleet varies with membership family interest. Boat prices vary from \$2,500 (new) to \$1,000 (used). The Optimist Class sponsors local and national events. The Optimist Class website is [www.usoda.org](http://www.usoda.org).

### Sailing and Social Activities

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 Sundays and Thursday evenings in recent years. Several yearly 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. The Club also takes turns with the Rochester Canoe Club in hosting the Brown Jug Regatta held on Labor Day. This regatta is open to all sailboats on the Bay. NYC also supports iceboat racing with many members also belonging to the Irondequoit Bay Ice Boat Club. When conditions permit, their races are held at NYC.

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. Pot luck dinners and fleet gatherings are numerous and attendance is open to all. 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 only 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, half-day work parties per year, and all members are expected to participate in at least one. 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 will be assessed fines: \$50 for work parties, and \$10 for membership meetings.

Timely payment of dues is essential. Club dues may be paid in one lump sum before March 1st, or in two equal installments, before March 1st and June 1st. A penalty of 25% will be charged on any late installment. The names of any members 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 Secretary before March 1st.



## New Members

A membership application can be found at the back of this handbook or obtained from any of the members of the Membership Committee. It should be filled out and submitted to the Chairman of the Membership Committee. The Chairman will invite the applicant to the next meeting of the Committee at which time questions about the Club will be answered and the privileges and responsibilities of membership will be explained. Before the Committee can recommend approval of the application, a check for one-half the initiation fee, made payable to the Newport Yacht Club, must be received. After the Board of Directors votes on the application, the Committee recommends approval at the next General Membership meeting, the members vote, and then it's official. Following approval, the Assistant Treasurer will bill the remainder of the fees due. During the time between Committee approval and the vote of the membership, applicants are invited to make full use of the Club facilities.

### 2009 NYC Membership Committee

John Boettcher (Chairman)	671-9639 (H)	johnwb2@rochester.rr.com
Dan Pope (Lightning)	737-0798 (H)	dpope@frontiernet.net
Tom Lee (Snipe)	544-9601 (H)	tlee2@rochester.rr.com
Paul Riordan (Cruising)	461-9531 (H)	paulriordan@rochester.rr.com
Dean Clayton (Laser)	249-9489 (H)	dclayton@rochester.rr.com

### 2009 NYC Dues and Fees

Annual membership fee	\$280 (plus tax)
Associate membership fee	\$ 95 "

Special Septic Fee	\$ 55 (plus tax)
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#### Boat fees

Slip/Haulout	\$570 (plus tax)
Rack	\$290 "
2nd boat (slip/haulout)	\$285 "
2nd boat (rack)	\$150 "
Optimist	\$115 "
Canoe, Kayak (as avail.)	\$115 "
Locker fee	\$35 "

Initiation Fee	\$550 (paid over two years)
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\*see opposite side of this sheet for additional dock and fleet dues

### Application Process

- Contact Membership Committee
- Obtain and complete the membership forms following this page
- Submit forms together with 1/2 initiation fee to Membership Committee Chair  
John Boettcher, 510 Lake Road, Webster, NY 14580
- Board of Directors approval of application
- Membership approval at general membership meeting

## **Dock and Fleet Fees**

In addition to the Newport Yacht Club fees, a boat-owning member who keeps a boat in or on one of the slips, haulouts or racks at the Club may have to pay additional fees to the fleet which controls and maintains that docking/storage facility. Furthermore, boats participating in the racing program of a fleet may be required to pay a fleet racing fee to underwrite the cost of trophies presented at the end of the year. This fee can be assessed even if the boat is not stored at the Club.

### **Snipe Fleet** - \$30/year

This is the Snipe Fleet membership fee. The same fee is charged to non-Snipes who are approved by the Fleet Captain to use a Snipe haulout. These fees are used for maintenance of the haulouts, trophies, and miscellaneous fleet expenses, such as fleet dues for membership in the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA), regatta expenses, etc..

### **Lightning Fleet** - \$20/year, \$70 one-time haulout fee

A one-time fee of \$70 is due at the time a haulout on the East/West Dock is assigned. This is collected by the Lightning Fleet and used for the maintenance of the finger piers and hardware. All Lightning fleet members owe \$20/year fleet dues to support membership in national and district Lightning organizations, trophy purchase, and other fleet expenses.

### **Laser Fleet** - \$5/year, \$15 one-time rack fee

A one-time fee of \$15 is due at the time a rack is assigned. This same fee is charged to non-Lasers who are approved by the Fleet Captain to use a Laser rack. Laser fleet dues are \$??/year.

### **Cruising Fleet** - \$??/year, \$70 one-time slip fee (east/ west dock)

A one-time fee of \$70 is due at the time a slip on the East/West Dock is assigned. This is collected by the Lightning Fleet and used for the maintenance of the finger piers and hardware. Cruising fleet dues are \$??/year.

## Newport Yacht Club

### Application for Membership

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Children (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.

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**Affidavit**

I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Newport Yacht Club, attend requisite work parties and General Membership meetings, pay fees and assessments when billed, and do my share of the work necessary for the operation of the Club. .

I also understand and agree that Newport Yacht Club is not responsible for injury or loss of personal property of those using the Club.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors (signatures of two NYC members in good standing)

\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Committee Approval      Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

General Membership Approval      Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Newport Yacht Club Member Database Information

*Please return this questionnaire with your payment*

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

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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

	TYPE	BOAT	TRAILER NUMBER	BOAT LICENSE #	COLOR NAME	KEPT AT NYC? (yes or no)
1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

### 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

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| _____ Accounting               | _____ Landscaping             |
| _____ Boat Repair (Fiberglass) | _____ Legal Services          |
| _____ Boat Repair (Wood)       | _____ Motor Repair (Inboard)  |
| _____ Canvas Repair            | _____ Motor Repair (Outboard) |
| _____ Carpentry                | _____ Painting (Boat)         |
| _____ Catering                 | _____ Painting (House)        |
| _____ Computer                 | _____ Plastering              |
| _____ Cooking                  | _____ Plumbing                |
| _____ Electrical Work          | _____ Protest Committee       |
| _____ Flower 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)*