

The *Berkeley Yacht Club* (BYC) was founded in 1939 to foster, encourage, and further the sport of boating, to sponsor teaching of the art and science of navigation and sailing, and to promote the social interest and pleasures of its members. Club members built the clubhouse in its present location at the Berkeley Marina in early 1940.

A spectacular three-bridge view of San Francisco Bay makes the Berkeley Yacht Club one of the best locations for social activities and sunset watching in the area. Members have full access to the kitchen facilities, restrooms, showers, and the bar. While we do rent the clubhouse to private groups during non-prime membership hours, we make every effort to minimize the impact on our members.

Who We Are

Membership is open anyone interested in boating and related activities. You do not need to be a boat owner to join. We currently have approximately 270 memberships across all of the categories (of which approximately 200 are “regular” memberships). The spectrum of member interests includes both local and long-distance cruising and racing as well as social activities. Sail, power, and non-boat owners participate in an extensive series of social activities, races, cruises, and educational seminars. Members with boats frequently include members without boats on impromptu afternoon sails to nearby anchorages. It is expected that everybody will pitch in on work parties to do routine maintenance and occasional larger scale projects.

Additional spontaneous or one-time events occur as the occasion warrants (farewell to departing cruisers, informal movie nights, cabaret night, and the like). Most club events are under the direction of, and manned by, member volunteers. Events are publicized in our monthly newsletter *Now Hear This* (NHT) and at www.berkeleyyc.org. All members are encouraged to participate!

Racing

Club members are involved at all levels of sailboat racing, from local dinghy and big boat regattas to national and international levels of competition. Berkeley Yacht Club’s racing program features a scheduled race of some kind on every weekend throughout the year. We have the strongest summer Friday night series on the Bay with 20+ boats in three starts finishing downwind just off the bar deck. The Friday race series is designed to be both fun and educational so protest committee evidence gathering and deliberations are open to spectators.

Because Berkeley sailors also want to sail in the winter, we sponsor a winter chowder race series. Post-race, owners and crew retire to the club for a well-earned lunch of chowder or other hot soup. Chowder races are cancelled if it rains. This is not true of the BYC midwinters, our bay-area wide (as opposed

to club-level) midwinter series, which is the longest-running midwinter series on the Bay (100+ boats on the second Saturday of the month).

Other Bay Area racing events that we sponsor and administer each year include the two-day Rollo Wheeler Memorial Regatta (late March), the Woman Skipper’s Invitational (early October), and a variety of one-design Yacht Racing Association, intercollegiate, and Predicted Log events. It certainly helps that our volunteer principal race officers and their crews are known for providing some of the cleanest race execution on the Bay. Berkeley Yacht Club also acts as the de facto headquarters for the Pacific Cup race to Hawaii.

– race@berkeleyyc.org

Cruising

Each year, there are ten regularly scheduled cruises to other yacht clubs and anchorages. The schedule always includes an offshore cruise to Half Moon Bay, a river cruise up the Petaluma or Napa River, a Delta trip on the 4th of July, and the new year’s day “mystery cruise.” There is, of course, a social component to every cruise (see the yacht club cruising section of the bulletin board for details). Typically racers, cruisers, and/or “asphalt sailors” get together for special dinners at the destination location.

Social Activities

The principal “regular” social events are the monthly dinner meetings and the Friday night barbeques. The monthly dinner meetings feature guest speakers on topics likely to be of interest to the general membership. The Friday night barbeques occur every Friday during daylight savings time and accompany the Friday night race series. The downwind finish for the Friday night races is just off the yacht club deck outside the member’s bar. Summer Fridays always see more than 100 members and guests enjoying the yacht club BBQ social during and after the Friday night races.

Besides the various race-related parties, regularly scheduled Berkeley Yacht Club social events include the Commodore’s Ball, Opening Day events, the crab feed, the lobster feed, the halibut derby, the summer barbeque, and parties for the Super Bowl, Saint Patrick’s Day, Halloween, Christmas (with Santa arriving by boat with presents for the children), and New Years. Each February we also sponsor a swap meet where a great deal of valuable “stuff” is bought and sold.

Community Service

Berkeley Yacht Club has served as sponsor and host for a variety of programs that offer sailing and boating experiences to children of both members and the community at large. We also work with the city of Berkeley, the Berkeley Police

Department, the Cal Sailing Club, the Recreational Boaters of California, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Member Benefits

- Daily access to club facilities (see house rules)
- Reciprocal privileges at yacht clubs around the world
- Fellowship with others who love boating
- Regularly scheduled cruises
- Extensive racing program
- Classes offered in many areas of interest (radio, blue water cruising)
- FUN!

Member Responsibilities

- Serve as “Officer of the Day” approximately once per year
- Pay dues and bar tab on time
- Be responsible for family members and personal guests
- Help with maintenance, race committee, and leading cruises or social events as appropriate
- Bring your enthusiasm and love of boating to share with other members
- Exercise your voting rights at annual meetings

Membership

Type	Initiation (one-time)	Quarterly Dues
Regular	\$195	\$170
Associate	\$195	\$170
Youth	\$ 50	\$ 75
Junior	\$ 25	\$ 16
Inactive*	yearly dues are	\$ 75

Regular – Boat owners and spouses or domestic partners age 26 and over

Associate – Non-boat owners and spouses or domestic partners age 26 or over

Youth – Persons age 21 to 25 regardless of boat ownership

Junior – Persons under 21 years of age

Inactive* – This class of membership is available only by special request after six months of regular or associate membership and must be approved by the Board of Directors (see house rules for details).

– membership@berkeleyyc.org

BERKELEY YACHT CLUB
1 SEAWALL DRIVE, BERKELEY, CA 94710
Application for Membership

I hereby apply for membership in Berkeley Yacht Club as:

Regular Associate Youth Junior

Applicant

Name: _____

Name tag: _____

(e.g., "Pat Smith" instead of "Patricia Smith")

DOB: ____/____/____ SEX: Male Female
Month Day Year

Marital status: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

email: _____

Occupation: _____

Spouse / Domestic Partner

Name: _____

Name tag: _____

Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

email: _____

Occupation: _____

Yacht Sail Power

Yacht name: _____

Sail number: _____

Manufacturer / Class: _____

Berth location: _____

LOA: _____

I am interested in: cruising racing other

Formerly member of (name of previous yacht club):

My reason for wishing to join your club is:

I believe I can contribute to the success of your club with the following skills, talents, or work.

Misrepresentation on this application is grounds for denial or revocation of membership. I agree to abide by the bylaws, rules, and policies of the club and to be responsible for my conduct and that of my family members, domestic partner, and guests at the club. I will update the enclosed information as appropriate.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Spouse/Domestic Partner: _____

Two BYC sponsors (required) [sign legibly]

#1

#2

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

30 day application posting period began: _____ initial
(Date)

Application accepted by Board of Directors: _____
(Date)

Type of Membership:

Regular Associate Youth Junior

Applicant notified of acceptance: _____
(Date)

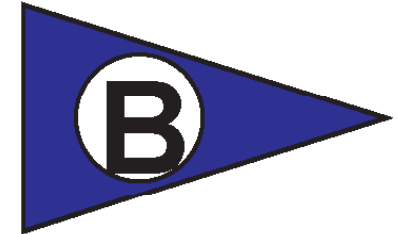
Initiation Fee: \$_____ received: _____
(Date)

Quarterly Dues: \$_____ received: _____
(Date)

Membership kit issued: _____
(Date)

Applicant introduced : _____
(Date)

Change in status (type of member, spouse/domestic partner, other) effective date: _____
(attach letter from member / explanation)



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