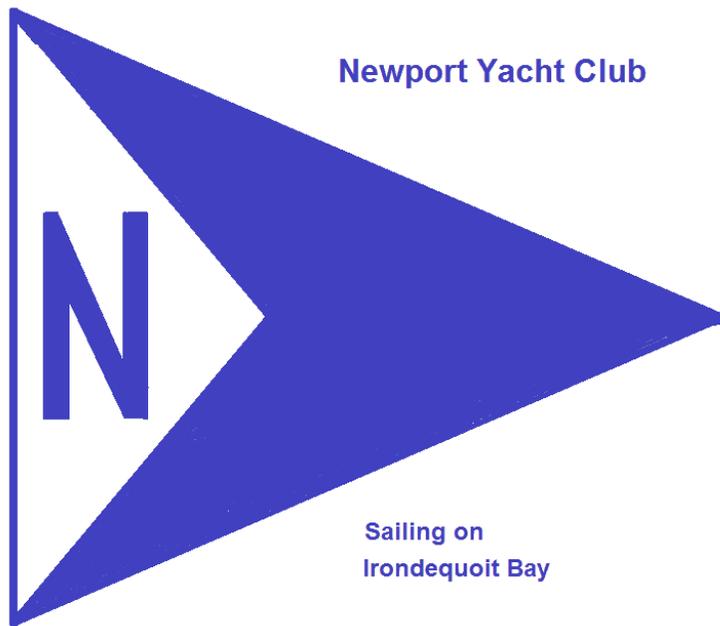


# Newport Yacht Club

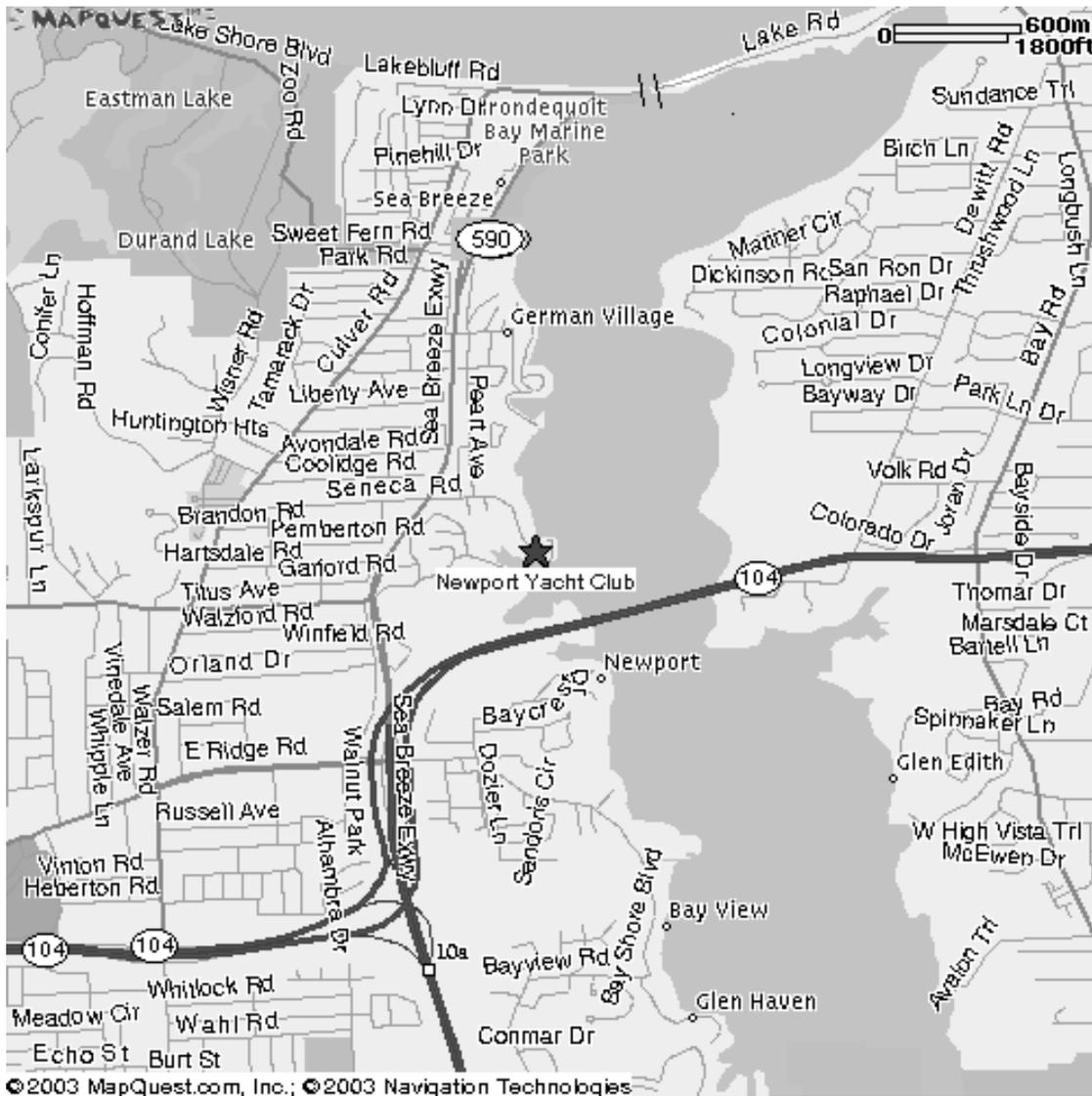
## 2017 Prospective Member Information

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## We Are on Beautiful Irondequoit Bay



### 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. 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 much 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.

## 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 Lightnings or cruising boats, 16 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 kitchen, a large great room, several storage/changing rooms and a game room upstairs. We are a BYOB facility with water, soda, and beer available for purchase on the honor system. Members can rent the clubhouse for a nominal fee to host parties, business meetings, family events, etc. Neither smoking nor pets are permitted in the clubhouse. A pleasant lawn with picnic tables and grills borders the Bay in front of the clubhouse. In addition to sailing, members regularly come to swim, entertain guests, read and enjoy the bay view.

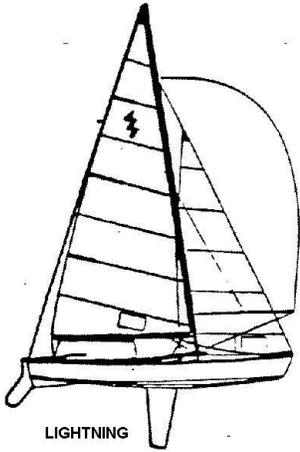
The parking lot can accommodate approximately 60 cars if care is taken. When parking in back of another vehicle, your keys should be left in the ignition. Parking is restricted to members and guests of members only. Winter storage of boats on trailers is available at a very competitive storage fee.

## 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 club hosts the Snipe Biody Regatta annually, and 2016 was the 80<sup>th</sup> sailing of the Briody Regatta as well as the District 1 championship. The Snipe Class website is [www.snipe.org](http://www.snipe.org).



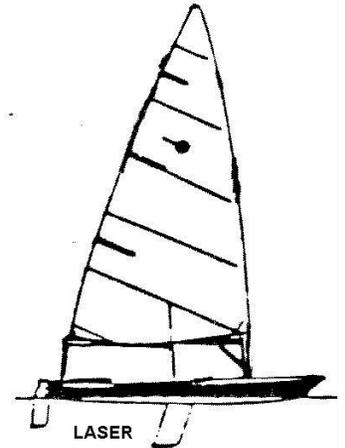


### Lightning Fleet

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 and again in 2016, Newport Yacht Club, 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. Boat prices range from \$18,300 (new) to \$2,000 (used). The Lightning Class website is [www.lightningclass.org](http://www.lightningclass.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 25-foot cruising boats with auxiliary power. The Fleet was formed by non-one design boat owners in the Club in the late 1990s. Catalina 22 boat owners comprise the majority of the fleet; they are now chartered internationally as Catalina 22 Fleet 141. The Fleet sponsors barbecues, overnight sails, moonlight cruises, and other social activities throughout the year.

### 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

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

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 at 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 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 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. 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 (2017)

### Membership Dues\*

Senior Member	\$375
Associate Member (limited activity, student, or junior)	\$125

### Boat Fees\*

Dock/haul-out primary boat (Cruising, Lightning, Snipe)†	\$780
Rackable primary boat	\$395
Associate dock haul-out boat	\$260
Dock/haul-out 2nd/additional boat	\$390
Rackable 2nd/additional boat	\$210
Optimist or similar junior sailboat	\$160
Canoe / kayak (as space is available)	\$160

### Initiation Fee\* \$600

A one-time fee. May be paid in three \$200 installments during the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> year of membership

### Other fees\*

Locker fee (if available)	\$50
Missed work party fine	\$75
Missed general membership meeting fine	\$15

\* Sales tax is added to ALL dues and fees

† Always considered primary if you also have a rackable boat

## 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. This is also charged to non-Snipe owners who are approved by the Fleet Captain to use a Snipe haulout.

### Lightning Fleet

A one-time fee of \$70 is due at the time a haulout on the east/west dock is assigned.

### Laser Fleet

A one-time fee of \$15 is due at the time a rack is assigned. This is also charged to non-Laser owners who are approved by the Fleet Captain to use a Laser rack. Members of the Laser fleet also pay dues of \$5 a year.

### Cruising Fleet

A one-time fee of \$70 is due at the time a slip on the east/west dock is assigned.

# Newport Yacht Club Application for Membership

Mail to: Maureen McDonald, Membership Chair ♦ 43 Elmdorf Ave, Rochester, NY 14619

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.

**Membership Application (continued)**

**Affidavit**

I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Newport Yacht Club, attend required work parties and General Membership meetings, pay fees and assessments when billed, and do my share of the work necessary for the maintenance and 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 (Two NYC members in good standing)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Board Approval**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**General Membership Approval**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 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?
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/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*)