

# Groton Long Point Yacht Club

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Membership

#### **Who can be a member?**

GLP property owners, their families, and residents/renters are all eligible for membership. All youth members (under age 25) must have an accompanying patron or adult membership.

#### **I notice you have several different membership categories. What's the difference?**

Membership is required to participate in all Yacht Club tournaments, races, social events, classes and other sponsored activities. Adult memberships include these regular benefits for those age 25 and older. Youth membership includes regular benefits for youth under age 25. Adult and youth memberships are on a monthly basis; to become a seasonal member, simply sign up for both July and August. Patron memberships are on a seasonal basis only and include regular membership benefits plus free entrance to the Hello and Goodbye cocktail parties, attendance at our special "Thank you" coffee, and exclusive Yacht Club glasses while providing additional financial support to Yacht Club programs and activities. Youth memberships must have an accompanying adult or patron membership.

#### **Can I participate in Yacht Club events without a membership?**

Generally no. You must be a member to participate in all adult, teen, and youth classes, activities, events, races and regattas, tennis tournaments, and to purchase tickets to Yacht Club sponsored events. Non-members are welcome only at select social events, and then only as the guest of a member.

#### **How do I sign up for membership?**

You can register on-line through the "Membership" link on this website. You can also mail in the form included with our spring mailing.

#### **Do you offer memberships shorter than a month?**

No, all memberships are either seasonal or monthly.

#### **I'm a member and having house guests. Is there any way they can participate in Yacht Club activities while visiting?**

We do not offer guest memberships, but you may purchase tickets for guests to events such as the Hello and Goodbye cocktail parties, Family Night, and other major social events. Check with the Yacht Club office for events at which guests are welcome to attend with you.

#### **How do I find out about programs and activities?**

Every summer we publish a calendar listing all our programs and activities. You can pick one up in the Yacht Club office. Events are also listed in the *Groton Long Point News*, the weekly newspaper, and on the white board in front of the Casino or in the glass-fronted case to the right of the bottom of the stairs. We will occasionally email you with Yacht Club information, so please provide us with your email address if you register by mail (your email address is automatically recorded when you sign up on-line).

## **Membership and Class Registration**

### **When can I register for membership and classes?**

Our spring mailing will let you know when our website links for membership and classes will be open. The membership link is usually available as soon as you receive the mailing; class registration usually opens June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m EST.

### **How can I find out what the class schedule is?**

Schedules for both youth and adult classes will be posted on our website once member registration is open. Please review the class schedule carefully for days, times, locations, and minimum and maximum age limits.

### **I've looked at the schedule, but am not sure which level or exact classes my child belongs in. What should I do?**

A list of class descriptions will be posted on our website. Check this to determine the best class and level for your child. If you have further questions, contact us at [glpychelpdesk@hotmail.com](mailto:glpychelpdesk@hotmail.com), or come to in-person registration. The instructors will assess your child's ability level the first day of classes and recommend changes as necessary.

### **You've offered the Connecticut Safe Boating class in the past but I don't see it on the schedule. Will you be offering it this summer?**

Email us at [glpychelpdesk@hotmail.com](mailto:glpychelpdesk@hotmail.com) if you are interested. If we have enough interest, we will run the class, probably on a weekend day during July. We will let you know the details once we have assessed interest and scheduled the class.

### **I'm new to GLP. Where do classes meet?**

Sports classes meet at the sports field on Atlantic Avenue, tennis classes at the kids tennis courts (closest to the Casino), adult tennis at the adult courts, swimming at Main Beach the first day (swimmers will be directed to subsequent lessons), seashells at the inner lagoon. Junior sailing classes (Optis and Blue Jays/C420's) meet on the deck outside the Yacht Club office. Golf meets at the putting green on Cross St. All other activities (yoga, theater, teen crafts, Club 4/5) meet in Clark Hall, the large hall at the back of the Casino. For evening events such as Sports Nights and Tween Teen Activities, please check the calendar. Kiddie dances and movies take place in Clark Hall.

### **My child is advanced for his age. Is there a way I can put him in a higher level class?**

Many of our programs have minimum and/or maximum age requirements for safety and liability reasons, and because of this we make no exceptions to age limits. In addition, your child will be more comfortable and have more fun in classes with his own age group. Remember, he will be making life-long friendships as well as learning in the Yacht Club classes.

### **Why is proof of age required to participate in the youth programs?**

As noted above, many of our programs have minimum and/or maximum age requirements. Proof of age (birth certificate, passport, etc.) is required to verify these, and youth are not allowed to participate without documentation. If you are new, please send your child's proof of

age to: Program Registrar, GLPYC, P.O. Box 3740, Groton Long Point, CT 06340. You do not have to submit one again if you have done so in prior years.

**I tried to register my child on-line and was informed the class was full. What can I do?**

While we have strictly enforced class enrollment limits for safety and instructional purposes, we do reserve a small number of spots in each class for participants who are unable to register on-line. These are available on a first come-first served basis during in-person registration July 1<sup>st</sup>, or in the office August 1<sup>st</sup>. In some cases, an alternate class may be available—check the class schedule for options.

**What type of medical information do you require?**

We require medical and contact information for all adult and youth participants. This includes: date of last tetanus shot, allergies, existing medical conditions, current medications, and complete medical insurance information. If you register on-line, you will be asked for this information as part of the registration process; if you register in-person, you must complete a medical authorization form. This is available on our website.

**What happens in inclement weather?**

Decisions will be made early in the morning on a class by class basis (for example, sports may be held while tennis is cancelled). You can call the Yacht Club at 536-0242 for a message or check the white board on the steps of the Casino. If classes are cancelled, rainy day activities will be held in Clark Hall.

**I'm looking for a boat to use in sailing classes. What's the best way to find one?**

Check the bulletin board in the hall outside of Clark Hall, with the sailing instructors, or with the Yacht Club office. You can also check the "current news" section of this website as members can list their boats for sale or rent through our website.

**I'd like to rent a dock for my C420. What do I do?**

Contact the Yacht Club office. Spaces on the Yacht Club Floating Docks are rented on a first come-first served basis. Please note that dock rentals are not transferable.

**Adult Tennis Tournaments**

**How do I find out the adult tennis tournament schedule?**

There is a list of the adult tournaments on this website; they will also be on our summer calendar. Please note that adult tournaments are for those age 16 and above.

**How do I sign up for a Tennis Tournament?**

You can register on-line before the end of June for July tournaments, and before the end of July for August tournaments. During the month you can sign up in the office. Cost to play is \$10 and includes the tournament, balls, and light refreshments.

**What if I'm looking for a partner for a doubles tournament?**

We don't maintain a list of potential partners, though you can put your name on the list as a single and see if there is anyone looking for a partner. You can also leave a message for our

tennis pro to see if he has a suggestion. And at GLP, being the tight knit community that it is, sometimes the best thing to do is just to ask around. Generally there will be someone willing to play.

### **How do I find out about the youth tournaments?**

Youth tournaments are listed on our summer calendar. Be sure to pay attention to the type of tournament (girls, boys, singles, doubles, etc.) and any age requirements. Youth tournaments are limited to those 15 and under. You must also be available to play during the specified tournament time.

### **Do I need to sign up for youth tournaments?**

Tennis instructors will be taking sign ups during classes the day before and day of the tournament. You can also sign up in the office before noon the day of the tournament. There is no charge to play, but we do ask you to respect our sign-up policy (and withdraw if you find you cannot play) as it helps our staff identify the best tournament format given the number and ability of those signed up.

### **Association Tennis Memberships**

#### **I'm a member of the Yacht Club. Why do I have to have an Association membership to use the courts?**

The tennis courts are owned and maintained by the Groton Long Point Association (the governing body for Groton Long Point). The GLPYC rents the courts from the GLPA for use during classes, tournaments and team practice. An Association tennis membership is required to use the courts for non-Yacht Club purposes. Use of the courts during Yacht Club tennis tournaments, team practice or play, or lessons is included in your Yacht Club fees.

#### **How do I sign up for an Association tennis membership?**

You can sign up on-line through this website (click on the "Tennis Membership" link) or in the Association office at the Casino during the summer.

### **Fireworks**

#### **Who sponsors the fireworks?**

The fireworks are sponsored by the Groton Long Point Yacht Club.

#### **How are they funded?**

The fireworks are funded entirely by your contributions, and each year we spend whatever we take in on the show (other than a small reserve that's carried over from year to year for annual deposits and pre-season expenses). No other Yacht Club money is used for fireworks, nor are fireworks donations used for any other Yacht Club programs or activities.

#### **How do I donate?**

You will receive a mailing in the spring asking for donations. You can return the form included in the mailing, or donate through the "Fireworks Donations" link on this website.

## **Other**

### **I've heard the Yacht Club is "going green" and eliminating paper mailings. How will I find out about what's going on?**

As long as we have your email address, you'll receive all our member communications. This will include at least our winter newsletter and spring mailing (membership, class registration, list of events, and other important summer information), but may include other notices, reminders, etc. If you prefer to receive the newsletter and spring mailing by paper mail, please let us know either by checking the box on the registration form and mailing it in, or by emailing us at [glpyc@hotmail.com](mailto:glpyc@hotmail.com). We do, however, ask for your email address for those additional communications. Please know that your email address will be used only for Yacht Club purposes and will not be sold or rented to any other organization or used for any other purpose.

### **I'm interested in helping out with Yacht Club events. How do I go about doing that?**

We welcome all sorts of help! Email us at [glpyc@hotmail.com](mailto:glpyc@hotmail.com), letting us know what you're interested in doing. We'll do our best to take advantage of your offer.

### **I see the sign for the GLPYC Outfitters in front of the Casino. What is the GLPYC Outfitters?**

The GLPYC Outfitters is the Yacht Club store, selling a variety of t-shirts, sweatshirts, tennis wear, and other items with the GLPYC logo. All proceeds from the store benefit the Yacht Club programs and activities, providing an additional source of income for Yacht Club activities.

### **What is the Groton Long Point News? Who funds it?**

The GLP News is a weekly newspaper independently published by Luise Bethencourt and delivered to each house on Groton Long Point every Friday during the summer season. The paper is free to households, but is subsidized by the Groton Long Point Yacht Club and by the Groton Long Point Association. The paper also sells advertising space. The paper delivery crew appreciates a tip left at the door.

### **I would like to take classes that are not on your schedule. How can I suggest something new?**

Please send an email to the Yacht Club at [glpychelpdesk@hotmail.com](mailto:glpychelpdesk@hotmail.com) with your suggestions and details about the activity. If you would like to volunteer to organize such an activity, please include your contact information in the email. While we may not be able to sponsor every activity due to staff and space constraints, we are always open to new ideas.

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