



“The World’s Greatest Sailing Club”

Dear Member,

Welcome aboard and congratulations on becoming the newest member of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. On behalf of the members, directors, and staff of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron we are thrilled you have made the choice to join our family.

In addition to the welcome letter you will receive a club identification card, burgee sticker, map of the property and “Squadron Essentials” letter. The “Squadron Essentials” letter emphasizes the importance of volunteerism at our club. Please let us know how we can best match your skills to the volunteer tasks and projects. Volunteerism is at the root of our success.

While we have staff to perform essential functions this is a member-run operation where we all tend bar and perform the chores that keep our facility humming along. Lending a hand is the surest way to make new friends. When you see a bit of litter on the ground have the pride of place to pick it up. If the table tops are dirty feel free to wipe them off. The members make this club what it is. There are no busboys to pick up when we leave.

Please feel free to monitor club and membership information and activities on the web at Sarasotasailingsquadron.org. This online resource contains our Clubs bylaws, rules and regulations. We also offer a bi-monthly e-news letter the “Breezy Blast” that comes directly to your email in box.

In our desire to promote recreational sailing, cruising, racing instruction, water safety and environmental responsibility, we support the following partner organizations: Sarasota Youth Sailing, The Luffing Lassies, Sarasota Bay Watch, Mote Marine Laboratory, The Audubon Society, Sarasota Police Department, the Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Coast Guard.

These are exciting times at the Squadron. We have racing, cruising, and a full slate of social activities. We are welcoming new forms of silent water activities such as kayaking and paddle boarding. There are new educational opportunities. Numerous facility enhancements are underway. We look forward to meeting you and hope to get you involved.

Sincerely,

Barry Millbourn,

Commodore





Squadron Essentials

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron was founded as a nonprofit organization by interested residents of the City of Sarasota for the purpose of promoting sailing. The Squadron grew out of the Sarasota Yacht Club's youth sailing program in the late 1930's, and was established by young adults who could not afford the higher dues of the yacht club. It was disbanded during WW II, but was reorganized under the auspices of the YMCA in 1946. We obtained our own charter in 1947.

The Squadron draws its membership from all strata of Sarasota society and from other states and counties. Since its inception, the Squadron has been dedicated to the promotion of recreational sailing, racing, cruising, sailing instruction, boating safety and youth sailing instruction. Until 1958 our club meetings were held at City Hall, in the Commission Chambers and sailing activities were centered around the old City Pier.

Mission Statement

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron is a non-profit club organized to encourage the sport of sailing, to promote the science of seamanship and navigation, to sponsor cruises, races, and instruction classes for adults and children, and to foster a spirit of good fellowship, courtesy and sportsmanship; and to provide social venues for members and their guests and serve as a community asset to the City of Sarasota and the surrounding area.



Sarasota Sailing Squadron's Founders



Useful Information

Gate opens at 7am and closes 1 hour after sunset 365 days a year.

Gate access code is available at the office upon request.

- Annual meeting and elections are held in November.
- Web site address is: <http://www.sarasotasailingsquadron.org> (event calendar is here)
- Events and Sailing: racing, cruising, educational, dinners and social events fill our calendar year 'round. The Club offers over 150 sailing and social events each year.
- Office hours are 9am to 6pm seven days a week. Tel #941-388-2355
- We offer a bi-weekly e-news letter. Please log into our website to register and stay in touch with our Club news and activities.
- We require you to participate in our tradition of volunteerism. Each membership is required to provide a minimum of 8 hours per year. You may view opportunities for volunteer service at <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/activities/volunteer/>. Volunteers are needed at every regatta and social event. We ask that you track your hours in a logbook located behind the bar near the register. If you choose not to or prefer not to volunteer, you can "opt out". The opt out fee of \$150 per year will be assessed. Work parties are held the 3rd Saturday of every month or join the year 'round Wednesday volunteers affectionately known as the "Ball Busters", nick-named after the Wednesday fixture Elmer Ball.
- Most of the year we operate on the members only "honor system" behind the bar. Please feel free to contact the office if you need a tutorial on how to operate the register.
- We offer services and amenities including: shower, laundry, lockers, camping, in & out launch service, 3 ton hoist, work area, and member only boat rental fleet.
- Please: park outside the fence whenever possible, especially when events and regattas are underway.
- Never: park in front of other members' vessels stored on trailers, or block access to the ramp or hoist.
- "Regatta Rules" are posted in advance of and are in effect during events and regattas to make room for participants.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron has been in existence for over 70 years and is the “World’s Greatest Sailing Club”. It offers the best sailing venue with sailing in beautiful Sarasota Bay as well as the Gulf of Mexico, has spectacular views, and year round events and regattas.

SOCIAL EVENTS: There are many social events scheduled throughout the year such as: New Year’s Eve Celebration, Easter Egg Hunt with visit from the Easter Bunny, Memorial Day Celebration, 4th of July Cookout and Fireworks viewing over the Bay, Thanksgiving Dinner, Holiday Boat Parade of Lights Viewing, as well as occasional Movie Nights. Also, the Sarasota Folk Club provides entertainment with singing and music at 7pm on the last Monday of the month.

REGATTAS: SSS is a very active sailing club with world renowned sailors. It hosts many regattas throughout the year such as: Hangover Regatta, Snowbird Regatta, Cherry Pie Multi-Hull Regatta, Laser Midwinters, Windsurfing Classic, Pot O’Gold, One Design Midwinters, Viper 640 Winter Series, VX One Winter Series, Sarasota Youth Sailing Sail Fest, Race Around Lido, Unkie, Suncoast Laser Series, Liberty Day Regatta, Full Moon Regatta, Labor Day Regatta, SUP Race, Buzzelli Multihull Rendezvous, Jeff Penfield Memorial Flying Scot Regatta, Lilly Kaighin Memorial Regatta, Drumstick Regatta, and the Commodore’s Cup.

LABOR DAY REGATTA: Sarasota’s longest running sporting event, this regatta has taken place on Labor Day Weekend for 70 years! Over 300 boats participate in the regatta each year on 5 different race courses throughout Sarasota Bay as well as the Gulf of Mexico.

ONE DESIGN RACING: Current One-Design Fleets that race regularly out of the club are: Flying Scot, E-Scow, MC-Scow, Viper 640, VX One, Opti, Sunfish, Laser, 420, F-16 & 18.

FRIDAY NIGHT RACING: PHRF racing on crewed boats takes place in Sarasota Bay on Friday nights at 6:00 March through August. “Docktail” Parties are held after racing on the final Friday of the summer months.

SUNDAY SERIES RACING: PHRF racing on crewed boats takes place in Sarasota Bay on Sundays at 12:00 noon throughout the year. It is a good way to get on a boat and get out on the race course.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING: Is run by the Sarasota Youth Sailing coaches during the summer months for 420’s, which can be rented from Sarasota Youth Sailing. Check-in is at 4:30pm. 3 races are scheduled.

SCOTS & SCOWS: Flying Scots (2-3 person boat) and MC-Scows (single-handed boat) race in Sarasota Bay every other Saturday, November-March. MC-Scows also race Friday afternoons.

E-SCOWS: E-Scows (3 person boat) race on Wednesday afternoons, September - mid-June and are always seeking skippers and crew. Show up at 12:00 noon to get on a boat. You can also visit our web site at <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/activities/sailing/racingevents/racingtools/want-to-crew/> to get more information for volunteering for crew.

LUFFING LASSIES: SSS women's group that sails and races one-design single handed sailboats (Sunfish, Pram) and crewed boats (420, Flying Scot) on Thursday mornings throughout the school year. They offer a Learn to Sail Class the last week in August every year for women interested in joining the group. For more information, see <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/activities/fleetlassies/>

SARASOTA YOUTH SAILING: Year round sailing is provided by Sarasota Youth Sailing. They offer Summer Camp for kids ages 5-17 and a year round racing team for ages 8-18. The boats that are sailed are the Opti, Laser, 420, F-16, & F-18. Adult sailing instruction is also available. Registration is available on their website at www.sarasotaysp.com. For further information, contact 941-504-4236.

Frequently Asked Questions

AMMENITIES & SERVICES:

- Boat Ramp,
Included with paid FOAM
- 3 Ton Hoist *
- Kubota Tractor Service*
- Snack Bar
- Kitchen
- Camping*
- Wash-Down Area
- Work Area*
- Showers
- Washer & Dryer*



*Fee for use/services.

BILLING: All members are billed annually in January via e-mail. Please maintain an updated e-mail address with the office, or update your profile at <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/wp-admin/profile.php> . Payments accepted are: Cash, Check, Visa, Master Card, and Discover. American Express is not accepted. All payments can be made in person, over the phone, on our website at our [on line payment page](#) with an appropriate credit card, or mailed in with a check. A current Price List may be viewed on our web site at [Member Fee Schedule](#).

BOATS for SALE: May be posted by members on the corkboard in the entryway.

BOAT STORAGE: On site boat storage is available for members in good standing. On-land storage accommodates sailboats on trailers & small boats (Opti, Sunfish, Laser, Kayak, Paddleboards) in racks. In-water boat slips are limited and there is currently a waiting list. A waiting list is maintained by the Club Manager. Lockers may also be rented. It is required that all stored boats must be used a minimum of once a month for at least 6 months of the year. Non-compliant stored boats will be assessed a monthly "Dead Boat Fee" and be asked to be removed. **Please contact office for storage rates & availability.**

BOOKING a PARTY: The facility may be rented for events and parties. Members and non-profits are preferred. *No parties will be scheduled during regattas.* You may check the calendar on the website for already scheduled regattas and events. Contact the office for rates and for more information.

BREEZY BLAST: Bi-Monthly publication of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron distributed via e-mail. Subscribe online at <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/information/online-media/> to keep up to date on Squadron information and activities.

CALENDAR of EVENTS: Posted on the website at <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/calendar/>. Includes regattas, social events, education, meetings, sailing activity, etc.

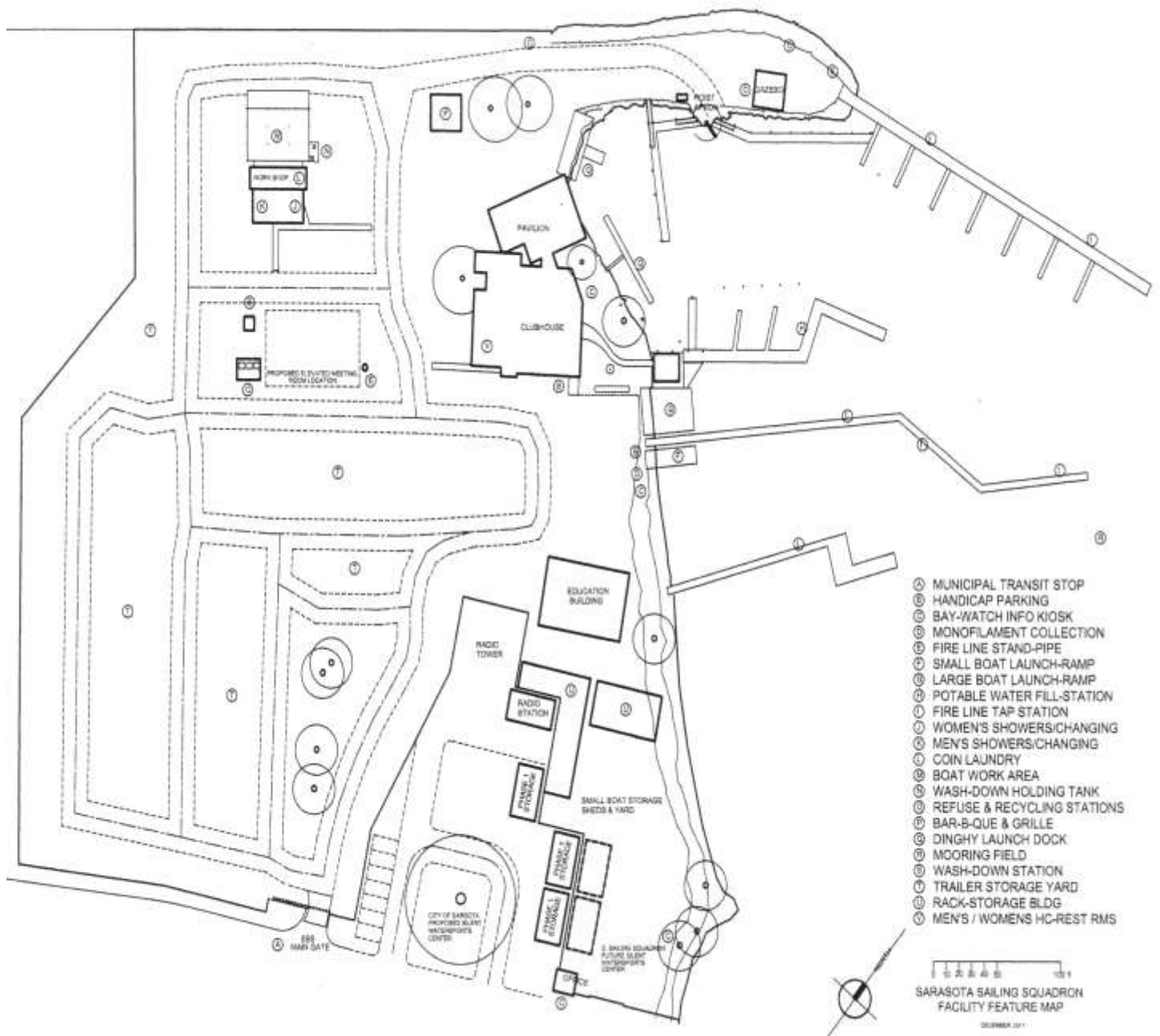
DOCK CARDS: Must be filled out by members and transients if your boat will be on the dock overnight. Dock cards are available in the clubhouse and must be submitted to the office.

DOCKING: Temporary overnight docking is possible for members and transient non-members based on availability. Members that pay the FOAM fee are eligible for 8 days of docking each calendar month free of charge, \$15/night for the next 5 nights, and \$30/night thereafter. (No privately owned boat may temporarily dock for more than 30 consecutive days) Members that *do not* pay a FOAM fee may dock for \$15/night for 8 nights and \$30/night thereafter. Transient non-members are charged \$30/night. If docked in the Red Zone for over 1 hour you will be charged \$50/occurrence and will be moved at owner's expense. *NO* overnight docking is available during regattas.

RENTAL BOATS: Daysailors, stand-up paddle boards, and kayaks may be rented by members for \$325/year unlimited use, \$50/day, or \$25/half day. Call the office to schedule. 24 hour advance notice is required to get on the schedule.



We built a LOT of docks!



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