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Membership & Boat Rental Information

Your 12-month Membership with DC Sail will commence the first day of your course (if taking Beginner Lessons) or in mid-May when our Monday Members Only and Wednesday Social Sails start. You are invited to join us at the docks on these days from 5:30 PM to Sunset and will be able to sail, even before your Lessons. Our Dock Manager on duty for the events will assign you to a boat with an experienced skipper. These events are included at no charge as a benefit of your DC Sail Basic Membership. On the first Wednesday of June, July, August and September, we host a BBQ event on the tent barge, serving grilled food, snacks, and beverages. There is a small charge of only \$10 to help cover the cost of food and beverage.

Membership registration can be found by [clicking here](#).

Other Benefits of Membership with DC Sail:

- Ability to register for courses such as Intro to FJs (racing course and provides, “relevant experience,” on our Flying Juniors, which can then be available to you for Boat Rental.)
- Discounted tickets (50% reduction) in cost to register for our Sunset Sails aboard *American Spirit*, our 65-foot schooner. These events are held every-other Friday evening from May through October. You may purchase up to four discounted tickets. Pack a picnic, bring along your favorite food and beverage and set sail to watch the sunset and enjoy a cruise on the Potomac River! Information on Schooner Sailing with DC Sail can be found [here](#). (Discounts on tickets only apply to [Sunset Sails](#).)
- **[Racing Program](#)**: Our Racing Program typically runs year around and is weather and minimum registration dependent. We have a wet or dry suit requirement for cold weather sailing but it lifts in the late spring/early summer. Racing is Thursday evenings from June-September. Sunday afternoons October-May.
- **Boat Rentals**: Once you have completed your Learn to Sail course, or have sailing experience/certification from another sailing school or facility, your Membership allows you to reserve a boat – a Flying Scot, or one of the Flying Juniors (see requirements posted above) for a three-hour sail on Saturday or Sunday (fees will apply for those with Basic Memberships.) **Boat Rentals are only available on the weekends, typically in the afternoon from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** Your Skipper check out sail will take place during your first boat rental. Dock Manager will tow you out and will move you through a series of maneuvers such as tacking/gybing, person overboard drills, etc. If the Dock Manager is comfortable with performance, you'll be waived off and sail for three hours. If not, you'll return to the docks and will be provided with information on areas to practice.
- **Please note, DC Sail has a very limited inventory of boats and rentals are extremely difficult to reserve.** Boat Rental availability will be posted on the website shortly before the weekend in most cases. We wish to specifically address this area as DC Sail is more of a training facility rather than a sailing club. With only 6 Flying Scots, securing a rental is available on a first come/first reserved basis online. Flying Juniors are far more available and we encourage you to register for our Intro to FJs course later in the season, if new to sailing, as this will make it much easier for you to register

for a rental by checking out a Flying Junior. **Also, the District of Columbia requires that you secure a Boating Safety Certification** prior to any rental of one of our fleet on the weekends as you will be sailing independent of our programming (i.e.; lessons, Monday Member Sails, Wednesday Social Sails, etc.) Please review Boat Rental policies by [clicking here](#).

- **Member Area on Website:** When you are logged into your DC Sail profile, you can find a link on the bottom left for Member Area. Contained in this section are our “Discussion Forum.” We encourage the usage of these bulletin boards to seek fellow DC Sail Members looking for other Members to sail with and make connections.