

GREAT BAY YACHT CLUB WELCOME LETTER

Welcome to GBYC! Thank you for your interest. This welcome letter is intended to tell you about our club and to encourage you to fill out an online application if this feels like a good fit.

GBYC was founded in 1958, and per the Preamble to the By Laws is “organized to foster the sport of sailing in the community around the Great Bay Area of New Hampshire.”

We are a volunteer organization, which means that our members are expected to volunteer and help out with the activities of the club. This approach has enabled us to keep the costs to our members down and to have an engaged membership. Membership is limited to 50 so that the club does not become overburdened.

GBYC’s location is 21 Wentworth Terrace, Dover, NH. Come check it out! Facilities currently include a dingy dock, a mooring field (currently 8 moorings for lease to members only), a launch ramp, a Handy Cat, a deck with an awning for shade, a shed, a grill, tables and chairs, and a lawn for members to park on. With this we say that we are the most unpretentious yacht club in New England.

What do we do to foster the sport of sailing? We hold races and regattas, generally 4 or 5 per season. We give priority for our moorings to sailboats. This year we hope to host a Gundalow Kids Sailing Week to get younger kids out in sailboats and teach them a little sailing. Members are expected to volunteer at some of these events. We also organize informal weekday evening sailing nights to get members out sailing on the river.

Usually in April we have Docks In, when the members put the dingy dock in, rake up the leaves and generally get the property ready for the season. In late October or early November we have Docks Out when we close up the club for the winter.

We also have a Spring Social dinner event and a Fall Social dinner that doubles as our Annual Meeting.

Beyond these activities there are occasional calls for volunteers to repair something or spruce up something. And of course we all enjoy using the GBYC property to launch our kayaks or to just relax and enjoy the view.

If this sounds like a club for you, we encourage you to visit our website – greatbayyachtclub.org – click on membership, and submit an application for membership. There is currently no waiting list for membership.

If you are interested in joining GBYC for the purpose of renting a mooring, please also fill out a mooring rental application. Moorings are offered first to the prior year users, and second to the prior year GBYC Members. Any remaining moorings are made available on a first come, first served basis with priority given to sailboats over motor boats.