

What is the Oasis Sailing Club?

The Oasis Sailing Club is a function of the Friends of Oasis in Newport Beach. It is a recreational sailing and social club designed to make sailing opportunities available to the whole community. The Club sails a 30 foot Newporter & a 32.5 foot Catalina sloop nearly every day. Unless weather conditions preclude it all sails are in the open ocean.

Do I need to know how to sail?

Absolutely not. Every time you go out you will be given the chance to pilot the boat (weather conditions permitting) but you never have to take the helm if you don't wish to. You can just enjoy being on the ocean. The skippers are very happy to share their knowledge but this is not a sailing school. We recommend some of the excellent courses offered by Orange Coast College, School of Sailing and Seamanship for those who want to learn more.

How may I join?

It is very easy. There are only three requirements: 1) You must be a member of the Friends of Oasis (\$7 per year), 2) You must fill out an application form and 3) submit the application with a check for \$25 made out to the Oasis Sailing Club. This will be put towards your first sail, a name badge, and club hat.

How much does it cost?

There are monthly dues of \$15/month billed quarterly. Each regular sail is \$15/sail and \$15/guest if you wish to bring one. There are special sails and social events which are individually priced.

How do I schedule a sail?

Once you are a member there are several different ways to schedule a sail. The best way (and we encourage this) is to come to our monthly meeting held on the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30 at the Newport Beach Main Library on Avocado. At this meeting a calendar for the next month is circulated and you can sign up for any open slot. If you cannot make the meeting the schedule can be obtained in one of three different ways. If you have e-mail and can open an Excel spreadsheet the schedule will be sent to you one or two days after the meeting. If you have an internet connection but cannot receive or read an Excel spreadsheet you can go to our website <http://oasissailing.scyaweb.org/>. The schedule is posted there a few days after the meeting. Finally if neither of the above will work for you we will send you a hard copy by normal mail. In any of these cases you simply look for a sail date with an open slot (normal sails are limited to six people) and call the skipper in charge of that day. Ask if there are still open slots. If there is the skipper will schedule for that day. If not the skipper may suggest being put on a standby list.

What should I bring?

Adequate clothing, lunch for most regular sails and water. Many people like to bring something to share with the rest of the crew but this is not mandatory.

What should I wear?

This is a difficult question. It is best to dress in layers and be prepared for cool winds almost anytime during the year and hot sunny days in the summer. Often you will see both so be prepared. What is important is that you have sun protection. This includes sunblock, a large brimmed hat, long sleeves and pants and some sailors like gloves to protect their hands. Your shoes should not be slippery and definitely non-marking. Tennis shoes or sailing shoes are best.

When do you sail?

Regular sails are from 10:30 am to about 5 pm. Often half day sails are scheduled and these are from noon to about 4 pm. Sunset sails are scheduled in the summer and run from 5:30 to about 9 pm. Holiday Light Cruises are also scheduled in the evening during the holidays and stay in the harbor.

May I bring a guest?

Absolutely. When signing up on the schedule always put Guest of and your name. Do not put your guests name on the schedule use your initials and "GS". You will be charged a sailing fee for yourself and a sailing fee for your guest.

What if I can't make a sail that I have signed up for?

If you cannot make a sail for which you have signed up, please call the skipper in charge of the sail at least 24 hours prior to the sail. Obviously emergencies or sicknesses may arise that prevent 24 hour notice but these should be rare. You may be charged for sail for which you have registered but do not show up or notify the skipper.

Are sails ever cancelled?

This happens occasionally due to weather and/or boat conditions. The decision is up to the skipper. The skipper will notify you as soon as is possible if the sail has to be cancelled.

Where are the boats?

Both boats are in Balboa Yacht Basin. There are maps on our website <http://oasissailing.scyaweb.org/>.

Where can I park?

There is good parking at the marina.