



“FAQ” about LYC

- 1. Does the Lewes Yacht Club have a joint membership for unmarried couples?**
No. The only current joint membership offered is for individuals in a marital relationship recognized as a legal by the State of Delaware. For unmarried couples joining the Lewes Yacht Club, there is now a category of membership termed the "Designated Member". For details, please read the Membership Rules available at our web site under "Membership".
- 2. What are dining minimums?** This is a \$200 charge each membership pays beginning with their second year of membership. The dining minimum, paid at the time of dues billing, is credited to your LYC “swipe” card (you pick up the swipe card from the Club Manager). It is a pre-payment for food and drink at LYC to encourage our members to use the bar and dining room. The Swipe cards are to be reused, don’t discard yours at the end of the year! New members receive their cards at the beginning of their second year but may request one sooner from Adrienne if they wish.
- 3. How does one make Dining Room reservations?** Call 645-8596 and leave your name, requested date/time, the number in your party and a call back number. Someone will return your call to confirm the reservation. Requests for specific tables will be considered but it may be impossible to honor everyone’s requests. Call early!
- 4. Do I need to bring my membership card with me when I use the Club?** Yes, our staff can’t possibly remember everyone’s face and has no idea if you have paid your dues. They are instructed to ask to see everyone’s card, no exceptions.
- 5. How can I/we become involved in our Club?** One member suggested “have a big mouth”! Actually, either call the Committee Chair if you have a specific interest or attend the monthly Board meetings (open to all members) and see where LYC has a need of the kind of help you can give.
- 6. Who can run for office at LYC?** Any member in good standing in the LYC may run for any elected position at LYC. It is a good idea to let the Nominations Committee (appointed in May of each year) know of your interest. Check your Bylaws to see which positions are elected.
- 7. May I bring guests?** Yes. However, our guest policy (see the Membership Rules on the Club website) limits an individual nonmember guest to 6 visits to LYC per year (this includes all of the Club’s facilities including the marina and the pool). Check the Membership Rules, there are a couple of exceptions to this rule.
- 8. How do I find the LYC web site?** Go to *lewesyc.com*. You can also get the newsletter on-line; it is a bit quicker than the regular mail and saves LYC some money.
- 9. May I have private parties at LYC?** Yes, but generally not during “the season” (about mid June to Labor Day). Call the Club Manager (645-8596, prompt, “6”) and she’ll discuss all the details with you.
- 10. Can I go to other clubs now that I am a member at LYC?** Yes, there is a book at the upstairs bar with the national list of clubs offering reciprocity. You will need your membership card (your card is valid from May 1 to April 30 even

though our dues “year” is Oct 1 to Sept 30 so you can use your card in places like Florida and not have to worry about getting your “new” card before you leave to escape the snow).

11. **Can I sail in the Sunday races?** Anyone can sail so long as they have a Sunfish or Mobjack (our two current classes that race). You may rent a Sunfish from the Club for a nominal fee if you don't own one. Just contact the sailing school (645-5582). The races generally start at Noon and finish about 2:30-3:00PM. The “burgers and beer” in the bar afterwards are great fun!
12. **I don't sail; can I get lessons?** Yes, call the sailing school and they can set up adult or children lessons. These lessons are open to nonmembers, as well as members, of almost all ages. There are also week-long sailing school sessions in the summer.
13. **Where can I park at the Club?** There are many marked parking spaces on the Club grounds including six handicapped spots. The large area in front of the front entrance is reserved for boat trailers and their vehicles during fishing season. This area is clearly marked with signs, please respect this restriction. The parking rules will be vigorously to restrict parking to LYC members and their guests. Everyone will need to display their membership bumper sticker or a valid guest tag, otherwise they risk being towed.
14. **I have my own boat; can I get a slip at the Club?** Yes, if you live long enough! The list is long and moves slowly. Contact the Marina Chair, or stop by the Marina to sign up. You must be a member to be on the list. The Marina phone number is 645-8525.
15. **May I store my boat at the Club if I don't have a slip?** You may leave your trailer/vehicle at the Club in the designated parking area across from the main entrance while you are out in your boat. Overnight parking of your rig (unless you are out night fishing) is not permitted nor is off season storage during the Fall and Winter months. **NB** This area is reserved for boat trailers and their pulling vehicle only! Also, the City of Lewes has an ordinance prohibiting the parking of boat trailers on the street so don't use Cedar Street as a place to leave your boat and trailer.
16. **I have heard there is a water aerobics group, how can I get involved?** Call Connie Miller (645-8239) and she'll give you all the details.
17. **How do I get my child on the swim team?** There is a link on the web site with information about the swim team, contact information, and the ability to sign-up.
18. **Is our pool protected by life guards?** Yes, Most of the time we have fully certified life guards on duty while the pool is open, otherwise you can choose to swim at your own risk. Additionally, there is a new system that will warn of lightening and thunder storms in the area so the pool can be cleared of people before the storm hits.
19. **May I “run a tab” and be billed for my Club expenses (or my dues) at the end of each month, at the end of the Club year?** No, there are no “tabs” allowed at LYC. Payment is due at the time the service has been rendered and all bills are due when presented. Virtually all of our “billing people” are volunteers. This keeps costs down but also restricts privileges like “running a tab”.

20. **If I have a suggestion for the Club, how can I make it heard?** The best way is to come to the monthly Board meetings and “say your piece” during the time set aside for member input. You can also call or write the appropriate Committee Chair. Member input is greatly appreciated!
21. **May I buy some the art work on display at the Club?** Usually you can; call the artist to see what is available.
22. **Does the Club have “special events” during the off season?** Yes, there are several parties such as New Years Eve, St Patrick’s Day, Valentine’s Day, the Christmas Craft Show, Lasagna dinners, and others. Watch your newsletter, the web site and the “Quick Notes” for the details.
23. **Someone told me I could buy liquor and wine at LYC for my personal use at home; is this true?** Yes, you may. Contact the club manager for the details and the restrictions.
24. **I have children who might want to become members; will they get priority?** Yes. It is a bit complicated to explain here but briefly, any child under 30 gets priority. If the child was under 21 when you joined, there is a major savings in the “joining fees” for the child. Check the Membership Rules under “Children of Members” for all the details.
25. **I know very few members at the Club; How can I meet people?** One way is to simply “hang out” at the Club. Another would be to attend the “new members” functions scheduled for May (see the Newsletter or Quick Notes) or go to “Pub Night” which is held in the “Squid (downstairs) Bar” every Tuesday night. No reservations are needed (it is a first come, first served affair).
26. **I am interested in Yoga (or art lessons, writing, dancing, Lewes history, etc.); is a group doing this at LYC?** Perhaps, but not at the moment. We would encourage you to form your own group and to get things started; put a notice in the newsletter, in Quick Notes, on the web site, or on our bulletin board; get some names of other members who share your interest and then contact the House Committee.

Visit our website at www.LewesYC.com for additional contacts and information.