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DC Sail Membership Information

If you are taking out a new [Membership](#) with DC Sail, **without lessons**, your membership will typically be activated within 48 hours.

For our students taking our [Beginner Lessons](#), your membership will be activated a few days prior to your first lesson.

Membership with DC Sail is for 12-months from the activation date.

*(*DC Sail Memberships are for those age 18+. We do not offer family Memberships nor discounts for multiple family members.)*

Benefits of Membership with DC Sail:

- **Weekday Evening Sailing Programs for Members:** [Monday Members Only](#) start mid-May and run to mid-September. You are invited to join us at the docks on these days from 5:30 PM to Sunset and will be able to sail with other members of DC Sail. DC Sail members may bring guests for our [Wednesday Social Sails](#). The guest just pays \$20 at the dock entrance to join the event. Our Dock Manager on duty for these events will assign you to a Flying Scot boat with an experienced DC Sail skipper. These events are included at no charge as a benefit with DC Sail Admiral, Basic, Instructor, Lifetime, and Super Membership levels. Experienced Flying Junior sailors are able, with another member, to take out an FJ during Members Only and Social Sails. Please click on the links above to review additional and helpful information about how we manage these events. Please note there is no single-handed sailing permitted. Events are subject to weather conditions and may be cancelled in the event of threatening weather, excessive heat, high winds, or light air.
- **Advanced Sailing Lessons:** Ability to register for our more advanced course, [Intro to FJs](#) (Training in racing rules and tactics, and provides, “relevant experience,” on our Flying Juniors, which the fleet can then be available to you for Boat Rental.)

- **Schooner Sunset Sails:** 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 mid-May through early October. You may purchase up to four discounted tickets. Pack a picnic, bring along your favorite food and beverage (beer and/or wine are permitted – no spirits, please.) 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](#). (Member discounts on tickets only apply to [Sunset Sails](#).)
- **Adult Racing Program:** [Racing Program information can be found here](#): Our Racing Program typically runs from May through early September 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 May-September.
- **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.

DC Sail Boat Rental Information

DC Sail Membership is required to have access to Boat Rentals. Additional certification is also required by the District of Columbia when renting a DC Sail vessel.

Once you have completed your Learn to Sail course, or have relevant 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 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.** The Dock Manager will assign you to your rental upon arrival. You will be required to rig and de-rig the boat without assistance. If the Dock Manager is comfortable with performance once underway, you'll be waived off to sail within our boundary areas for three hours. If not, you'll be asked, or towed, to return to the docks and will be provided with information on areas in which you need to practice.
- **Please note, DC Sail is a terrific training facility with opportunities to sail with us during Member and Social Sails, but we have a very limited inventory of boats and rentals can be difficult to reserve.** We wish to specifically address this area as DC Sail a fairly small operation, rather than a large sailing or yacht club organization.
- **Booking a Boat:** Rentals will run mid-April until early October. Securing a rental is available on a first come/first reserved basis online once rentals are posted. Available rentals are posted a few days prior to the “upcoming weekend” when we have available inventory confirmed. We have just six Flying Scots, which the majority of our members are eligible to sail. Flying Juniors are far more available as we have a fleet of 18 FJs. For those who do not have relevant FJ experience (i.e.; years of high school and collegiate racing experience, or who have taken our Intro to FJ Course,) we encourage you to register for our Intro to FJs Course that we host in June, July and August. You will need to have completed our Beginner Learn to Sail Lessons or come to us with basic certification from another facility, prior to taking the Intro to FJ Course This will make it much easier for you to register for a rental by checking out a Flying Junior rather than a Flying Scot. Experienced FJ sailors who are members are permitted rentals of the FJ fleet.

- **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](#). If you have a BOAT US certification from another state, please contact BOAT US or the DC Police Harbor Patrol office to inquire about reciprocity.

Dock Locations:

Our Flying Scots and Flying Juniors are located at Diamond Teague Park Piers, 99 Potomac Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20003. This is the location where lessons, racing, and Members Only and Social Sails take place.

For the Sunset Sails and our other schooner events, “American Spirit” is located at The Wharf, 600 Water Street SW, Washington, DC 20024. [Please click here](#) for a map to her dock location.

Both of our Marinas’ location directions can be found by [clicking here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to the DC Sail community!