



Blue Water Sailing Club

Membership Information and Application Kit

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BLUE WATER SAILING CLUB ACTIVITIES

Founded in 1959, the BWSC pursues safe boating, cruising, racing, and good fellowship among sailors all year round. BWSC is a virtual club with no permanent clubhouse or dock, but is more active than many yacht clubs, sponsoring a wealth of events all year. Currently, our membership includes more than 175 boats from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New York, Connecticut, Chesapeake Bay and Florida. Volunteerism is the lifeblood of our organization as all of our events are run by our members.

Our educational programs are far-ranging and well-attended. Recent seminars include:

- *Electronics*
- *Medical emergencies at sea*
- *Offshore cruising*
- *Preparing to live aboard*
- *Couples cruising*
- *Running and standing rigging*
- *Sail trim*
- *Weather*
- *Diesel Care*

Social events include a ski weekend, a Spring Dinner and a Fall Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner, in which cruising friends reunite over cocktails and dinner. Participants and race winners are honored at that time and a new Board of Governors is welcomed.

We have organized charter flotillas at destinations in such faraway places as Turkey, the BVI's, France, Croatia and Greece. Every third or fourth year, Club members head up to Canadian waters for more remote cruising.

Each year we sponsor an all woman's cruise, a cruise along the south shore of New England, a down east cruise, plus smaller regattas at every holiday weekend through Columbus Day. In addition, we have informal rendezvous throughout the season to supplement the planned events. Club racing is present at almost every on-the-water event.

BWSC is one of the three clubs founding the Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race, and has been an active sponsor since the first race in 1977

BWSC Racing ranges from casual to hotly contested events. Blue Water tends to be well represented at offshore events such as the Halifax Race and the Marion to Bermuda Race. Our members are frequently found in the Caribbean and are always ready to extend a warm welcome to fellow yachtsmen.

Typical BWSC Calendar of Events

Event	Dates
SEMINAR: Multihull Sailing Experiences Seminar, Beverly	1/12
Ski Weekend – Bretton Woods	1/24-1/27
SEMINAR: Art & Science of Sailing Seminar, Marblehead	2/9
What's New in Rigging Seminar, Plymouth	3/8
SEMINAR: Reading Weather Yourself, Beverly	4/5
Spring Dinner, Lexington	4/26
Annual Women's Cruise	6/26 – 7/2
July Fourth Weekend Cruise (North)	7/4 – 7/6
July Fourth Weekend Cruise (South)	7/4 – 7/6
Southern Cruise (2 weeks)	Mid-End July
Maine Cruise (2 weeks)	8/2 – 8/16
Labor Day Cruise/Fall Regatta, Gloucester	8/30 – 9/1
Cape Cod/Buzzards Bay Fun Cruise	9/6 – 9/13
Columbus Day Weekend Cruise, Buzzards Bay	10/11 – 10/13
Blue Water Sailing Club Annual Meeting, Danvers	11/6

Sailing Rendezvous'

New as of 2006 are the Blue Water Rendezvous gatherings! A "Rendezvous" in Blue Water terms, is an informal gathering, spontaneous or scheduled, where boats come together for a day or two with no pre-arranged agenda.

"Hosts" establish a location and date for their Rendezvous. It is normally expected that this will be within a few hours sailing distance from their home port, but might easily be a location in the midst of their summer cruise. It is also anticipated that most Rendezvous will be a Saturday/Sunday event but that is not a requirement.

There are no reservations or cruise charges. The boats that show up are responsible for their own moorings, meals and activities. The Host may call for a beach party, or a Pot Luck dinner or dinner on shore. If there is some minor joint expense, members can throw a few dollars in the pot at the time. The key word is FLEXIBILITY!

Guest boats are welcome, and it is an excellent way for prospective members to develop an interest in the Club.

KidSail

New as of Fall 2007, a program geared towards families with younger children, which demonstrates the commitment of Blue Water Sailing Club to being a family-focused sailing organization.

Younger families as well as older members (grandparents) are encouraged to participate in all KidSail events with their children and grandchildren.

The KidSail team organizes targeted activities, both on their own as well as in conjunction with other club events taking place simultaneously. Examples of some family-focused events planned for 2008:

Swim party at the Franklin Y with Pizza party following at member's home -

Ski weekend in January (combined with all club members, with special activities planned for the kids)

Memorial Day sailing/weekend event

June sailing rendezvous (Boston Harbor islands)

Fourth of July weekend sailing event

August sailing rendezvous (Scituate)

The Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race

The 17th biennial Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht race will get underway on June 19, 2009 from the Beverly Yacht Club (Marion, MA)! The Blue Water Sailing Club is proud to be one of the three sponsoring organizations of the race!

The race is open to amateur sailors aboard cruising yachts. Participants will have the opportunity to compete in an open ocean passage with a group of friendly competitors.

In 1975, W. David Kingery was very busy with various sailing activities. He was a member of the Beverly Yacht Club, on the Board of Governors of the Blue Water Sailing Club, and interested in doing a single-handed race from England to Newport. To qualify for the race, David chose to do a single-handed voyage to Bermuda and on this trip was struck with the concept of organizing a race to Bermuda for cruising yachts and family sailors.

Having successfully completed the Bermuda trip, he discussed his idea with Dickie Bird of the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club and then with Leo Fallon, Commodore of the Blue Water Sailing Club, and with various members of the Beverly Yacht Club. Support was promised from all three clubs; the 1977 Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race began with supporting clubs at each end and an additional staff of enthusiastic volunteers from the Blue Water Sailing Club.

The first Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race in 1977 saw 104 starters cross the line. The next race in 1979 saw 128 starters plunging into 25-knot southwesterly winds. In 1981, 143 yachts crossed the starting line. The race continues to grow in participation!

Over the past 16 races, thousands of yachts (many repeat entries) have participated in the "premier ocean racing event for bona fide cruising yachts and cruising crews". History has proven that there is, indeed, a demand for this biennial event.

An integral part of the Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht race is the Symposium, **Preparing for an Offshore Passage to Bermuda**, that covers all aspects of safety and preparation for this offshore event. This event is hosted by the Blue Water Sailing Club.

For further information, contact the Marion-Bermuda web site: www.marionbermuda.com

APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP

Applicant's Name(s)

(Print or type)

(Print or type)

Primary Mailing Address

(Street)_____

(City, State & Zip)_____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT(S)

I/We hereby apply for Membership in the Blue Water Sailing Club, Inc., and if elected agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Racing Rules of the Club. I/We further affirm that the following information is correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

(Date)_____

(Applicant's **SIGNATURE**, not printed or typed)

(Street)_____

(City, State & Zip)_____

(Home Phone)_____

(Mobile Phones)_____

(eMail address)_____

Summer Address (if different from above)

(Street) _____

(City, State & Zip) _____

(Telephone) _____

TO FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT(S)

Name _____

Occupation/position _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____

Name _____

Occupation/position _____

Business Address _____

Telephone _____

Names and date of birth of Children and Grandchildren (if applicable)

Describe sailing experience/interests

List the Yacht Clubs and Sailing Associations of which you are a member

List any Club Member, other than Sponsor and Seconding Members with whom you are acquainted. _____

Yacht Name	Hailing Port
Class or Design	Sail Number

(e.g. C&C, Tartan. Custom)

Overall Length _____

Water Line Length _____
(must be at least 20 feet)

Rig _____

Radio Call Sign or MMSI # (Maritime Mobile Service Identity)

Does your yacht meet the U.S. Coast Guard equipment and safety requirements for a yacht of its size?
(Yes or No)

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION!

Please FAX back to Liz Stott at (866)847-6418 and we will start the process for you – described here. Questions? Please contact Membership Chair, Liz Stott at (617) 590-2610, or liz.stott@penton.com

1. Membership Chair will help recruit 3 current members of Blue Water Sailing Club who will act as your Primary and Seconding sponsors.
2. Membership Chair will contact those potential sponsors, forward your application to them, and help arrange for an in person and/or phone meeting for you.
3. Membership Chair will coordinate all pieces of your application, will review with Membership team, and will present your application for approval to the Board of Governors at monthly Board meeting.
4. Once approved, you will receive a Welcome Letter, along with your Club Burgee, Nametags. At this point, you will be asked to submit your Initiation Fee (\$200) and Annual Dues (\$150).

NOTES TO SPONSORS

To insure action on this application, it must be filled out completely, and all other requirements fulfilled. Sponsors must arrange for the introduction of candidates to the Membership Committee if requested.

A letter from a Primary Sponsoring Member must support this application. The Sponsoring Member or at least one Seconding Member must have been a Member of Blue Water Sailing Club in good standing for the preceding three years. Supplemental letters from other Members are helpful but not required.

The Sponsor shall collect all of the necessary papers of the Applicant(s) and submit them at one time to the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Once the applicant becomes a New Member, the responsibilities of the Primary Sponsor (with the intention of helping the new member integrate into the club and feel comfortable) may include:

1. Regular contact with the new member
2. Escorting or hosting the new member at BWSC events
3. Introduction of new member at events
4. Encouraging the new member to chair seminars, events and/or cruises

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE PRIMARY SPONSOR

How many years have you been a Regular Member of the BWSC?

How many years have you known the Applicant(s)?

What social contact have you had? _____

Describe any business relations?

How well do you know the Applicant(s)? _____

If there are children, do you know them personally? _____

Knowing Blue Water Sailing Club to be a family club, are you willing to recommend the applicant(s) without reservations? _____

Further comments on letter below. (It is best to assume that the Committee knows nothing whatever about the Applicant(s).)

SUPPORTING LETTER

I am personally acquainted with the applicant(s) and believe, if elected, they will be desirable member(s) of the Club.

(Date) _____

(Sponsor SIGNATURE) _____

(Telephone Number) _____

(Print Sponsor Name) _____

(Address, City, State & Zip) _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY SECONDING MEMBER (1)

How many years have you been a Regular Member of BWSC?

How many years have you known the Applicant(s)?

What social contact have you had?

Describe any business relations?

Would you be willing to entertain the applicant(s) in your home? _____

Knowing BWSC to be a family club, are you willing to recommend the applicant(s) without reservations? _____

Further comments in letter attached. (It is best to assume that the Committee knows nothing whatever about the Applicant(s).)

I am personally acquainted with the applicant(s) and believe, if elected, they will be desirable member(s) of the Club.

(Date) _____

(Seconding Member SIGNATURE) _____

(Telephone Number) _____

(Print Name) _____

(Address, City, State & Zip) _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY SECONDING MEMBER (2)

How many years have you been a Regular Member of BWSC?

How many years have you known the Applicant(s)?

What social contact have you had? _____

Describe any business relations?

Would you be willing to entertain the applicant(s) in your home? _____

Knowing BWSC to be a family club, are you willing to recommend the applicant(s) without reservations? _____

Further comments in letter attached. (It is best to assume that the Committee knows nothing whatever about the Applicant(s).)

I am personally acquainted with the applicant(s) and believe, if elected, they will be desirable member(s) of the Club.

(Date) _____

(Seconding Member SIGNATURE) _____

(Telephone Number) _____

(Print Name) _____

(Address, City, State & Zip) _____