



Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club Information for Members

An Introduction to Yacht Club Reciprocity

Welcome to one of the nice benefits of membership in Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club — reciprocal privileges. Your club has reciprocal agreements with almost 100 other yacht clubs from Olympia at the southern end of Puget Sound to the Broughtons at the northern end of Vancouver Island.

What's Reciprocity?

Reciprocity means you can moor your boat free for at least one and often more nights, paying only for electrical hook-up, at any of our reciprocal clubs. Additional nights may be available after the free nights, usually at cheaper-than-commercial rates. This privilege is also extended to you at our own club dock, for two free nights every four weeks.

Armchair Planning

There are three sources of information for planning your trips using reciprocity — the SNSYC Member's Annual, the SNSYC web site, and Wall Charts.

- The SNSYC Members Annual booklet includes listings of all our reciprocal clubs, as of January 2010. Yacht clubs are listed by area for B.C. and Washington, including a very brief description of location and moorage. An alphabetical listing of the clubs and a location map is also included.
- The SNSYC web site includes an up-to-date list of all the clubs, including changes between publication of the Annual. You can sort the list by club, cruising area, and location. A PDF map showing the location of all clubs is also on the website.
- Wall charts of our local cruising areas are set up behind the fireplace in the clubhouse. Red dots show the location of our reciprocal clubs. It is not as up to date as the web site map.

Preparing To Go Cruising

The above listings of reciprocal clubs are for planning only, none has enough information for using reciprocity on your trip.

Detailed information about each of the local reciprocal clubs is available on the website for SNSYC members. Each yacht club has a separate information sheet. The sheets are full of essential details about moorage, hazards and shallow water warnings, docking procedures, registration, telephone numbers, and club & marina facilities, as well as general information on provisioning, leisure & sightseeing activities, and local services.

Note that many clubs are first-come first-served, but for some, reservations by phone are suggested and in some cases required. Also note that for some clubs you must pay a public marina for moorage, and then get reimbursed from the reciprocal club. One club requires coupons.

Before departing on your cruise, print out the "Reciprocity Guidelines" sheet to take with you, from the *Information for Members (Reciprocity PDFs)* section of the website. Then print the updated information sheets for all the clubs in the areas you plan to cruise from the *List of Reciprocal Clubs* — log in to the Members Only section, then click on *View* next to each club you want. To check that you have the latest update, check the *Last Updated* date on the list. If you do not have web access, phone or email me and I will get copies to you.

More questions?

For any assistance or further information, contact me at my email address reciprocity@snsyc.ca or phone me at 778-678-2007.

Best wishes for some great cruising,

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