

Philadelphia Sailing Club

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April 16, 2025 General Meeting, 8 PM, at the Radnor Valley Country Club, 2025 Sail Program on page 6. Berths available on Solomon's Island, Maryland, and Lake Michigan trips

View From the Helm

Angela Rowland, Commodore

Ahoy PSC Sailors,

The day we have been waiting for is only moments away, the launch of the PSC 2025 sailing Season! We're kicking off the season with an exotic adventure to the British Virgin Islands, where 24 sailors across four boats will explore the stunning landscapes and tranquil waters. Thanks to the meticulous planning of Ray and Jan Enger, this journey promises to be one for the books. But this is just the beginning!

For those looking for a more local adventure, our Memorial Weekend trip on the Chesapeake offers the perfect blend of nice winds and peaceful anchorages. Last year's voyage proved just how special this trip can be! In August, we'll set sail for Lake Michigan, where open waters and picturesque towns await. A few spots remain for sailors eager to join—check out our website for a full list of trips, including seven more voyages with open berths.

There's nothing quite like the promise of a new sailing season—a chance to embrace the tranquility of the open water, the camaraderie of our sailing community, and the simple joys that come with each journey. Sailing isn't about schedules or final destinations; it's about embracing the wind and waves, cherishing the moments shared, and creating lasting memories.

This season, let's celebrate our shared passion by deepening our connections and encouraging involvement. From lending a hand at club events and meetings to sharing your favorite cruising stories and anchorage spots, each experience brings richness to our shared experience. PSC is more than a group of sailors we are a community where the art of sailing



blends with the spirit of friendship and collaboration.

Let's also embrace the season of outreach. Sailing has a way of capturing hearts, and we have the opportunity to share that magic with others. Invite a friend or neighbor or someone curious about sailing, encourage them to join PSC on the water, or at a club event. Together, we can inspire a love for this timeless pursuit and welcome fresh faces into the PSC community.

So, dust off your deck shoes, check your life vest, and get ready for an unforgettable season. Let's raise the sails, strengthen friendships, and celebrate the freedom of the open water. Here's to another incredible year of sailing!

Fair winds and following seas, Commodore Angela

Humorous Nautical term of the month:

***Fathom:** A unit of depth measurement equivalent to 6 feet or outstretched arms, but also a phrase for when sailors can't comprehend something: "I can't fathom why we're out of rum!"*



- 1) About 28 people enjoyed Happy Hour at RVCC before the meeting. At least 12 people joined by Zoom.
 - 2) Meeting Called to Order at 8:05 by Commodore Angela Rowland.
 - a) Angela introduced the speaker Rick Rodriguez to talk about going From Sailing to Life Raft in less than 20 minutes!
 - b) Rick Rodriguez and crew were 1,200 miles from the Marquesas in the Pacific when their yacht sank within minutes." Yachting World June 2023
 - c) Yacht Captain and Marine Surveyor tells the story of an abandon ship in the middle of the South Pacific after a large whale struck his Kelly Peterson 44. Expect to learn what was done right, what could have been done better, and what almost went horribly wrong. Is there a hot spot for South Pacific whale strikes that you should be aware of?
 - d) Bought second boat: 1976 Kelly Peterson 44. Sailed along east coast, then to Florida, Bahamas, Panama, en route to South Pacific. COVID restrictions caused them to stay a year in Panama. Finally went through Panama Canal and on to Galapagos. Encountered the whale after the Galapagos, with 1300 miles to go. Whale was the size of the boat or bigger and was bleeding from its impact with the stern of the boat. Bilge alarms went off and crew began to pack up to abandon ship.
 - e) Boat had 2 EPIRBs. Made MayDay call. Deployed the life raft. Put the dinghy in the water. Used a snorkel to inspect hull damage from outside the boat. Boat is made as a split hull because of hull shape. This creates a weak point. Life raft painter line still attached when boat sank rapidly. Important to have knife available to cut line.
 - f) From life raft and dinghy, activated SOS on Iridium Go. Sent messages to various people. Battery was low as it had just been set to recharge. Shut down to conserve battery.
 - g) Food and water inventory indicated 25 days of food 8 days of food. Had a rain catcher, but recommends having a handheld water maker. Time to drift to Marquesas estimated at 38 days. 20 boats responded to distress call. Nearest boat was about 8 hours away for night rescue. Established night watch schedule to repeat MayDay call and sight for rescuing boats.
 - h) Key learnings.
 - a. Stabilize the boat before deploying life raft.
 - b. Preview scenarios in advance; e.g. painter line tied to boat. Crew not equally experienced or briefed on contingencies.
 - c. Put passports in primary ditch bag.
 - d. Keep Iridium Go battery at high charge level. Have portable solar charger.
 - e. Be clear on PFD policy.
 - f. Only one line connecting Life raft and dinghy. Should have secondary line. Also secondary radio.
 - g. Ditch bag essentials: EPIRB, SAT phone, Charged batteries, solar charging power bank, handheld VHF, multiple ditch bags or Kits in Dry bags, water maker of solar stills, Spear gun
 - h. Prep the dinghy: Having both life raft and Dinghy was extremely beneficial.
 - i. Life raft considerations: Square may be better than round, double chamber, check capacity, insulated floors, hydrostatic release, ventilation, sea sickness, storage space for supplies,
 - j. Understand bilge pump design. They are not intended to remove water fast enough to prevent sinking.
 - i) Eastwestmarinesurvey.com
 - 3) Sail Program 2025 – Angela Rowland presented for Harry Singer:
 - a) Spring Skills is waitlisting.
 - b) Memorial Day has opening. This was a wonderful sail last year.
 - c) Southern Chesapeake still has 4 openings.
 - d) Lake Michigan still has 4 opening. Late August should be beautiful in this area.
 - e) Labor Day has opening. Another good weekend on the Chesapeake.
 - f) Ride this Wind is 3 days this year.
 - g) Destination Sail is always a popular sail.
 - h) Four weeks to BVI trip. There is one opening. Air fares seemed to have stabilized.
 - i) Circumnavigation of Delmarva Peninsula is an ASA 106 certification trip presented by Delmarva Sailing School. Experienced sailors with resumes may join without obtaining ASA106 certification. Trip is 6 days, with 7th day for testing or contingency time. Sign up directly with the Delmarva Sailing School. One cabin left for a single or a couple. Contact Steve Schmidt with questions.
 - 4) Sailing Skills Development – Ralph Harris. April 5, 2025 at East Town Library in East Berwyn. Note new location. Please volunteer to present or assist with the program. April 4 will be a Zoom program in the evening.
 - 5) Commodore's remarks –
 - a) 50/50 drawing was \$33 to Ray Enger
 - i) What can each one of us do to encourage others to join the club. Invite someone to go on a trip. Recruit graduates of college sailing programs. Write an article for the Spin Sheet. Have a booth at the Annapolis Boat Show. Reach out to other clubs such as Main Line Ski. Work with Captain Mark at Delmarva Sailing School. Have Haven Charter promote us. Make personal phone calls to members who did not re-join this year.
 - 6) Adjourn – 9:30 pm
- Next General Meeting April 16, 2024.

**BoatUS Consumer Alert:
Be Wary of Any Letter Arriving by U.S. Mail Offering
U.S. Coast Guard Documentation Renewal**

***Official-looking vessel documentation renewal notices
can lead to confusion and higher costs***

SPRINGFIELD, Va., Jan. 27, 2025 – Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](https://www.boatus.com)) is advising boaters with vessels that have a [U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation](https://www.uscg.mil/nvdc) to be wary of any letter arriving by U.S. mail offering renewal.

BoatUS advises that while the Coast Guard does send official annual renewal notices by U.S. mail, other notices being received by BoatUS members are not from the Coast Guard but rather third-party companies whose name or return addresses may appear similar to that of the official U.S. Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC).

BoatUS members have complained that these letters direct them to websites that may be mistaken for the actual Coast Guard NVDC located in Falling Waters, West Virginia, and appear to show a significant increase in the annual fee to renew Coast Guard documentation.



A 2017 Coast Guard [issued bulletin](#) says in part:

“The NVDC is aware that there are commercial entities that offer to manage the certification/renewal process on behalf of vessel owners for a fee. The Coast Guard does not endorse any of these companies, and the companies do not operate on behalf of the Coast Guard in any way. Any fees charged or agreements offered by such companies are in no way associated with the NVDC certification process. In addition, these companies are not authorized to issue any form of documentation, including travel letters and/or permits that authorize operation of ANY vessel. Customer complaints can be made through the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) website at <https://www.ftc.gov/>.”

While third-party companies may legitimately provide services to assist with vessel documentation renewals, the [Coast Guard's own renewal process is simple for most](#)

[vessels, and the price ranges from \\$26 for one year up to \\$130 for a 5-year expiration](#), which is often much lower than what third-party services may charge.

To renew, go to the Coast Guard National Documentation Center website at <https://www.uscg.mil/nvdc> and click on “instructions and forms,” then “Certificate of Documentation Application for Renewal.”

To be documented, a vessel must measure at least 5 net tons and, with the exception of certain oil-spill response vessels, owned by a U.S. citizen. Boats about 27 feet in length or longer generally meet the weight requirement.

Why do boat owners choose to federally document vessels with the U.S. Coast Guard versus the more common practice of state registration? The boat was purchased with a bank loan and the lender required it, or the boat has plans to travel beyond U.S. waters. A Certificate of Documentation is internationally recognized and makes it easier for American vessels to enter and leave foreign ports.

BoatUS also advises boaters who may have received mail that they believe is misleading or deceptive to contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455 or through its website <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>.

Article and photo courtesy [BoatUS](#)

Celebrating more than 55 years, BoatUS is the nation's largest advocacy, services and safety group with more than 725,000 dues-paying members. BoatUS is the boat owners' voice on Capitol Hill, fighting for their rights. The TowBoatUS® fleet is available 24/7 to assist our members on the water when boats break down or run aground with some 600 vessels and 300-plus locations across North America, bringing our members safely back to the launch ramp, marina or dock. On the road, we are The Boat Owners Auto Club™, helping ensure roadside trailer and tow vehicle breakdowns won't slow you down. BoatUS offers GEICO boat insurance policies that give boat owners affordable, specialized coverage and the superior service they need. Award-winning *BoatUS Magazine* is the largest circulation recreational marine publication in the U.S. with engaging content that speaks to the passion for boat ownership, while our 501(c)(3) nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water offers the nation's only free online boating safety course and many other programs that keep boaters safe and our waters clean. Visit [BoatUS.com](https://www.boatus.com).

Name One thing you can never have too many of.....

Sailing trips planned!

Michigan Trip has Available berths

(Traverse City Michigan)

Northern Michigan sounds like a dream to explore! The blend of serene anchorages, vibrant towns, and cruising opportunities makes it a paradise for nature and adventure lovers alike. Power Island and Sutton's Bay with their nature preserves and trails sound like perfect spots for some peaceful hiking and beach relaxation. And the Village of Northport seems like a cozy retreat to enjoy local flavors with its bakeries, coffee shops, and restaurants—ideal for refueling after a day of exploration!

Charlevoix sounds magical, with its charming storybook vibe and unique channels connecting the lakes. It must be an incredible experience to cruise through the waterways while soaking in the picturesque surroundings.

Seize the moment and contact Kim Keiser to secure your berth— Angela



PSC Swag @ Lands End

PSC logo clothing and gear is available from lands End. On the site you can pick out your favorite item and use the standard PSC logo or customize the colors to match your gear.

<https://business.landsend.com/store/phlsail/>



PSC 1995 SAIL PROGRAM

TRIP #	1995 Dates	# of Days	Sailing from:	No. of boats	1995 Cost	40-day Cancel Date
3	5/20-21	2	Gratitude, Rock Hall BOAT RALLY DESTINATION: Mystery	2	\$155	04/10/95
4	5/27-29	3	MEMORIAL DAY Gratitude, Rock Hall	7	\$180	04/17/95
5	6/3-6/9	7	CANCELLED	2	\$250	04/24/95
6	6/10-11	2	Annapolis Multihull Sail	3	\$175	05/01/95
7	6/24-25	2	Great Oak, Fairlee Creek DESTINATION: MIDDLE RIVER	3	\$165	05/15/95
8	7/28-31	4	Stonington, CT DESTINATION: BLOCK ISLAND	2	\$275	06/18/95
9	9/2-4	3	LABOR DAY Haven Harbour, Rock Hall	8	\$160	07/24/95
10	9/16-17	2	Sailing Emporium, Rock Hall DESTINATION: CORSICA RIVER	5	\$170	08/07/95
11	9/30-10/1	2	Great Oak, Fairlee Creek	3	\$165	08/21/95
12	10/7-9	3	BOAT SHOW Annapolis	8	\$185	08/28/95
13	10/14-15	2	Great Oak, Fairlee Creek	3	\$165	09/04/95
14	10/21-22	2	Gratitude, Rock Hall BALTIMORE INNER HAVBOR	6	\$155	09/11/95

PSC Sail Program and Training Trips 2025

Spring Skills - May 10 & 11 – 2 days, 3 boats - \$600

This trip is great for sailors of all levels and a great introduction to sailing. Our skills trip this year has been increased to three boats, so there's plenty of opportunity to learn or improve your sailing skills. Your ECM will be asking you which skills you would like to work on. Do not miss the chance for a weekend of sailing custom-tailored to your needs. Contact, Steve Schmidt: sschmidt75@yahoo.com; 1 Corwen Ter W, West Chester, PA 19380, (484)318-9857

Memorial Day - May 24-26 - 3 days, 2 boats - \$645

Come explore Chesapeake Bay this holiday weekend with PSC. Even on one of the busiest weekends of the year, PSC can find quiet creeks to spend the night in. With luck, along with great sailing, we will enjoy post sail swims as well, or maybe a marina where we can enjoy local ambiance and restaurants (marina fees are not included). Contact, Maggie Ayres, maggie_ayres@yahoo.com; 103 Gillin Rd. Ambler PA, 19002, (215)542-8860

Southern Chesapeake Bay - May 31-June 6 – Solomons, MD, 7 days, 2 boats - \$790, board 5/30/25, after 4PM

Come explore the Middle/Southern Chesapeake Bay! Just inside the mouth of the Patuxent River, Solomons Island, Maryland is not only one of the top cruising destinations on Chesapeake Bay, but truly the gateway to cruising the Middle Bay. We'll have a full week to visit potential destinations like , Oxford, and Cambridge.

Contact, Louisa Horsey, louisa13h@gmail.com; 116 Mont-rose Ave Unit M, Rosemont PA, 19010, (610)680-7419 ***

Northern Michigan – August 9-15 – Traverse City, MI, 3 boats - \$1,620 ***

We have a full week to explore a variety of destinations in Northern Michigan. Great anchorages can be found on Power Island & Sutton's Bay where we can enjoy nature preserves, hiking trails and great beaches. The Village of Northport is a quiet town with several restaurant options, really good bakeries and coffee shops. The storybook town of Charlevoix provides a truly a unique setting; short channels run through Charlevoix connecting Lake Michigan to Round Lake to Lake Charlevoix, opening up many more cruising opportunities.

Contact, Kim Keiser, kimberlykeiser1@verizon.net, 1 Corwen Ter W, West Chester, PA 19380, (215)990-4258

Labor Day – August 30 - September 1 - 3 days, 2 boats - \$650

With three days to sail, there are many places we can get to on this trip. This is your chance to explore the bay beyond the environs of Rock Hall. This is a great time of year to sail; it is still warm, but there is wind as well.

Contact Cathy Nierenberg, cgnierenberg@gmail.com, 253 Hughes Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406, (610)-225-0471

Ride the Wind – September 20 - 22 - 3 days, 3 boats - \$675

We've expanded this trip to 3 days for 2025! Fall typically has the best wind of any season on the bay which is why this is a club favorite. We've had just about perfect sailing and weather conditions in previous years. We'll go wherever we will have the best sail. Contact Brian Dudonis, briandudonis.commodore@gmail.com, 270 New Street, Spring City, PA 19475, (610)948-5579, (484)374-9536

Destination Sail - October 4 – 5 - 2 days, 2 boats - \$610

Celebrate the end of our season with a trip to Baltimore. This year we hope to sail across the bay and spend the night in Baltimore. We will celebrate the end of our season with happy hour on Saturday evening. If you are still hungry, dozens of restaurants will be just a short walk from the marina or enjoy a walk around this picturesque area of the harbor. Contact Christine Robertson, wandasdream@comcast.net, 970 Oak Crest Lane, Media, PA 19063, (215)-815-8826

Charter Reservationists will be available at the meeting to sign you up.

You must be a PSC member to sign up for PSC trips. **To sign up for a week or longer trip, *** you must have sailed on at least two weekend trips on PSC chartered boats.** Day sails do not qualify as weekend trips, even if two are taken. Unless otherwise noted, payment in full is due at signup, and expenses for food, pump out, fuel, docking, or moorings, if any, are not included in the published prices. These expenses are shared by all crew including ECMs and typically reconciled at the end of the trip. Cancellation fees are \$40 for weekends and \$75 for weeklong trips, if replaced. Trips will not be canceled nor refunds made unless cancellation and refund are made by vendor.

Training Cruise- DELMARVA Circumnavigation and ASA106 Certification – June 21 – 27

This is NOT an official PSC Sail Program trip. Under the auspices of the DelMarVa Sailing School, PSC is facilitating a training opportunity for experienced sailors to certify for *ASA106 - Advanced Coastal Cruising*. This training cruise will include a challenging 400-mile, circumnavigation of the DelMarVa, including cruising of the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays and the coastal Atlantic Ocean up to 50 miles offshore. As part of the certification, members will be sailing overnight, requiring nighttime watch-standing. ASA courses 101,103, 104, 105, may be prereqs. More information at the General Meeting.

Contact Steve Schmidt: sschmidt75@yahoo.com; 1 Corwen Terrace, West Chester, PA 19380, (484)318-9857

Philadelphia Sailing Club *Mutual Release of Liability and Indemnification* 2025

Page 1 of 2 (both pages must be completed for Membership to be effective)

Signature Required on both sides of this form

Print Name Here> _____ (hereafter "Member") hereby enters into this Mutual Release of Liability and Indemnification (hereinafter "Mutual Release") in consideration of the following: (1) Member's being permitted by the Philadelphia Sailing Club ("PSC") to participate in PSC events (including but not limited to day sails, weekend trips and off-shore trips) and (2) that these events are held for purely recreational purposes for the mutual pleasure of the participants and (3) that Member does not wish to expose any of his/her personal assets to the risk of an adverse judgment.

Member hereby releases the PSC, its officers, fellow members, fellow crew members, and the Experienced Crew Members ("ECM"), their heirs, administrators, successors, agents and assigns individually and jointly (hereafter "Released Parties") from any and all liability for property damage, personal injury (either physical or emotional), and/or death that may occur during Member's participation in any PSC events for any reason whatsoever, including specifically the carelessness, negligence, gross negligence and/or strict liability of any Released Party.

Member agrees that he/she will indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debts, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, which the Member now has or which he/she may have arising out of or in connection with his/her participation in any PSC events.

Member fully understands that the boat and equipment made available during PSC events come without any warranties, guaranties or other representations whatsoever by PSC or any of the Released Parties. Specifically, Member fully understands that the boat and equipment made available during PSC events DO NOT COME WITH ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND/OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE from PSC or any of the Released Parties. Member agrees that he/she shall not rely on the judgment of any of the Released Parties when participating in PSC events.

Member assumes all of the risk of participation in PSC events with the full understanding that sailing can be a hazardous sport, including, but not limited to the risk that one or more of the Released Parties may cause property damage, personal injury (either physical or emotional) or death by their carelessness, negligence, gross negligence and/or strict liability.

Member assumes the responsibility to judge his/her fitness to participate in PSC events and his/her capabilities to face the risks and hazards inherent in any of the activities related to these events. Member further recognizes that he/she alone is responsible for his/her safety while participating in PSC events.

Member's signature hereon shall serve as a release, indemnification and assumption of the risk on behalf of Member, and his/her spouse, executors, administrators, Trustees, heirs, successors, agents, representatives, and assigns.

In the event that a Court determines that any provision of the Mutual Release is invalid and/or unenforceable, Member agrees that this will not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Mutual Release.

Member hereby acknowledges and agrees that Pennsylvania law governs his/her participation in all PSC events and the construction and interpretation of this Mutual Release.

I certify that I have carefully read and understand this Mutual Release and execute this Mutual Release freely and intending to be legally bound hereby.

Initial one: (Required)

_____ Member certifies that he/she is in good physical condition and is a competent swimmer.

_____ Member certifies that he/she is in good physical condition, but is not a competent swimmer, however, I willingly choose to participate in PSC events knowingly assuming the risks inherent in participating in this hazardous sport as a non-swimmer. I agree to release the PSC, its officers, members, fellow crew members and the Experienced Crew Members ("ECM"), their heirs, administrators, successors, agents and assigns, individually and jointly (the "Released Parties"), from any and all liability that may arise from my participation in PSC events as a non-swimmer. I further agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debts, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, which I now have or which I may have arising out of or in connection with my participation in PSC events as a non-swimmer.

MEMBER SIGNATURE (Required)

DATE (Required)

Philadelphia Sailing Club - Application for Membership, 2025

Page 2 of 2 (both pages must be completed for Membership to be effective)

Membership year is January 1st to December 31st. New memberships paid after Sept 30th are good through the following year.

Print Name Here> _____ Signature Required on both sides of this form

For Renewals, Fill in changes only!

Please Print Legibly!

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ / _____ - _____ Work _____ / _____ - _____ Cell _____ / _____ - _____

Birth Date MM _____ DD _____ YR _____ E-mail Address _____

Single(☐) Married(☐) Male(☐) Female(☐) Smoker(☐) Non-Smoker(☐) I can swim(☐) I know CPR(☐)

Occupation _____

How did you hear about PSC?

Website (☐) Facebook (☐) Meetup (☐) MainLine Neighbors (☐) Other (☐) _____

Have you ever owned your own boat? Yes (☐) No (☐). If yes, what size _____ feet.

Number of days sailed in last 3 years? Boat size and capacity? (skipper, crew, ballast): _____

Experience Self-Rating: In order to assist PSC in assigning an adequately experienced mix of crew to our charter boats, each member is required to rate his or her experience utilizing the definitions listed below. Proper rating of your sailing skills is extremely important to your safety and that of your fellow crewmembers.

All crewmembers must be agile and in good physical health. (Please check only one below.)

- ☐ None No sailing experience or has been on sailing charters but did not take part in sailing maneuvers.
- ☐ Beginner Sailed on small boats or participated in sailing charters. Understands wind direction and basic boating safety. Has knowledge of sailing terminology and some sail handling. Performs sailing maneuvers under close supervision.
- ☐ Intermediate Sailed on large auxiliary sailboats as active crew. Understands wind direction, boating safety, sailing terminology, knot tying, sail handling, inland rules of the road and galley safety. Knows radio and "head" procedures. Steers boat with minimal rudder movement. Performs sailing maneuvers under general supervision.
- ☐ Advanced Sailed on large auxiliary sailboats as active crew. Has the required knowledge, skills and experience as an "Intermediate" sailor with the addition of anchoring, docking, maneuvers under power and navigation. Recognizes changing weather patterns and is an experienced helms person in emergency and adverse sailing conditions. Performs sailing maneuvers without direction and is capable of functioning as a first mate on an auxiliary sailboat.
- ☐ Experienced Has the required knowledge, skills and experience as an "Advanced" sailor with the addition of boat system troubleshooting and advanced piloting. Capable of assuming full responsibility for the boat and crew as skipper.

Your membership cannot be accepted until you sign the Mutual Release (Pg 1), and the following waiver

I understand the following concerning my membership in the Philadelphia Sailing Club (PSC):

- (1) I give PSC permission to put my name, address, email address, phone numbers, & photograph in any newsletter, membership roster, publication, or website;
- (2) In no way will I hold PSC responsible, should I be physically or mentally injured, while participating in any activity, which in any manner could be associated with my membership in the PSC;
- (3) I agree to abide by the Bylaws & Standing Rules of PSC and to conduct myself in a safe and responsible manner when participating in any activity, which is in any way associated with the PSC.

Trips will not be canceled nor refunds made for any reason unless cancellation and refund is made by vendor.

Signature Required: _____

Date:(Required) _____

Membership is **\$50**, Make checks payable to: The **Philadelphia Sailing Club, Send to: PSC c/o Chris Maurer, 22122 Shannondell Drive, Audubon PA. 19403**

Do not include fees for other club activities in membership checks.

PSC will no longer collect contributions for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

I have interest in the following committee(s): (☐) Social (☐) Membership (☐) Instructional (☐) Charter Reservationist
(☐) Publicity (☐) Welcoming (☐) Sail Program (☐) Becoming an ECM

Philadelphia Sailing Club – *Charter Reservation Form, 2025*

Name _____ E-mail Address _____
Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ Cell _____
Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Trip Name/Date _____ Male _____ Female _____
In case of Emergency Notify _____ Phone _____

You must be a current PSC Club member to sign up for trips. A separate form is required for each trip.

Make check payable to: Philadelphia Sailing Club & send to the Charter Reservationist responsible for the trip.
Only members who have completed the required two weekend trips, on club chartered boats, may sign up for PSC sponsored trips of one week or more. Day sails do not qualify as a weekend trip, even if two are taken. **Payment in full is due at signup for Chesapeake Bay trips, unless otherwise specified.**
Please write trip date on check.

Cancellations for weekend trips are subject to a \$40.00 cancellation fee. Fee for canceling from a 5 day or longer Sail Program trip is \$75. Cancellations before the cancellation period (60 days prior to trip departure) will be refunded minus the fee. Refunds after the cancellation period will be made only if a replacement is found.

Trips will not be canceled nor refunds made for any reason unless cancellation and refund is made by vendor.

All crewmembers must be agile and in good physical health. For the safety of all crewmembers, wear prescribed corrective lenses and hearing aids, and comply with current PSC covid requirements.

Sailing Experience – (Please check only one.)

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- ☐ Experienced Has the required knowledge, skills and experience as an "Advanced" sailor with the addition of boat system troubleshooting and advanced piloting. Capable of assuming full responsibility for the boat and crew as skipper.

Have you previously sailed with PSC on a PSC chartered boat? YES ___ NO __, two or more times? Yes ___ No ___

Have you ever owned your own boat? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what size? _____
Number of days sailed in the last 3 years? _____ Boat size? _____ What capacity? (circle) Skipper , Crew, Ballast
SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

Member Signature (required) _____ **Date** _____

Only members in good standing are permitted to participate in PSC sponsored trips.

No controlled substances except by a Doctor's prescription allowed. Smoker? Yes ___ No ___
Smoking permitted above deck and downwind only. I can tolerate smoking? Yes ___ No ___

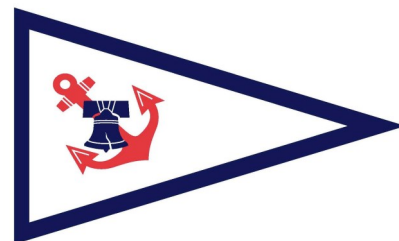
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Membership Verified _____	Trip Cost _____
Reservation Date _____	Check Number _____
Reservation Number _____	Date Submitted to Treasurer _____
Cancellation Date _____	Refund Request Date _____
Type of Verification _____	Wait List _____

Deadline for May Newsletter – May, 7, 2025

Please be prompt with your submissions for the Newsletter.

Please submit all Newsletter entries to: News4PSC@gmail.com



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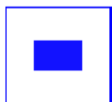
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