

# MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES & GUIDELINES

## GET STARTED

- Turn in your completed waiver(s) to the office. If you have a family, one per family member. Sign the back of the waiver for any minors.
- If you are new and have not already done so, call the office and schedule a brief orientation and get the code to unlock the stand-up paddleboards (SUPs) and the oar shed.
- Come to volunteer work days and social events.

## ACCESS TIMES

- Equipment can be accessed seven days a week, sunrise to sunset on a first come, first served basis. Staff does not have to be present.
- You may immediately begin to use the kayaks and stand-up paddleboards (SUPs). No experience needed.
- **SOCIAL SAILS:**
  - Adults may immediately begin attending structured Social Sails as a crew on a boat with a qualified skipper.
  - If you plan on attending a Social Sail, please [click here to sign up on the Social Sail Sign-up Sheet](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Uha_1ighFhBNRNVWcOmoEt2mJswCTJAiERrQmdHQ7yk/edit?usp=sharing) so we will know to expect you. If you have not been checked out as a skipper, please sign up as crew.  
([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Uha\\_1ighFhBNRNVWcOmoEt2mJswCTJAiERrQmdHQ7yk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Uha_1ighFhBNRNVWcOmoEt2mJswCTJAiERrQmdHQ7yk/edit?usp=sharing))
  - Social Sails are weather and participant dependent.
  - If Social Sail is canceled or changed ahead of time, it will be noted on the Social Sail Sign-up Sheet. Please check the sheet before leaving your house.
- **OPEN SAILING:** If you wish to check out sailboats outside of Social Sails you need to be checked out and skipper qualified (check outs are conducted during Social Sails). Then you may check out a Flying Scot or a Sunfish for Open Sailing. Open Sailing is unsupervised sailing outside of regularly scheduled events.
- Flying Scots are reserved for Social Sails on Wednesdays from 4:30-7:30pm and Saturdays from 9:00am-Noon (May thru November) and Noon-3:00pm (December thru April). Times may vary so check the spreadsheet under Social Sails above.
- If you have taken our Learn to Sail class you are qualified to sail the Sunfish. Just check with Sean O'Donnell to make sure you know how to rig it.
- Flying Scots and Sunfish are also used in our adult and youth instruction. The schedules are posted on the website. The majority of boats are still available for use during these times.
- For seven weeks during the summer the kayaks, paddleboards, sunfish and 420s are heavily used by summer camps during the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm. Please check the website under Youth Programs for the schedule.
- **ALWAYS CHECK THE WEATHER** before going out on the water:
  - If the wind is above 12mph no sailing is allowed without Center Director approval.
  - If the air temperature and the water temperature combined are below 100 degrees Fahrenheit, equipment cannot be checked out.
  - If the chance of thunderstorms is above 30% (NOAA), equipment cannot be checked out.
- **DO NOT** leave your keys or personal items in the sailing center while on the water as it may be locked upon your return. Lockers are available on the back porch for your use. Please bring your own lock.

## USE

- Use time for all equipment should be limited to three hours.
- Mecklenburg County does not allow swimming from the shore but you may swim from our equipment once you are out on the lake.
- Life Jackets are required. Members should purchase their own. Life Jackets for visitors are located in bins on the back porch.
- **CHECK-OUT LOG** and Waivers:
  - **THE LOG MUST BE COMPLETED EACH TIME YOU USE EQUIPMENT.**
  - It is located on the back porch.
  - All guests must complete a waiver and deposit it in the mailbox on the back porch (only once per 12 month period).
  - Guest fees (\$15 for paddleboards and kayaks) can be deposited in the Fee Box on the back porch.
- **DAMAGES:** Please treat equipment with care and report any damage to [repairs@LNSailing.org](mailto:repairs@LNSailing.org) or make note on the Check-Out Log.
- **OAR SHED:**
  - Kayak paddles, SUP paddles, and Sunfish rigs are stored in the oar shed.
  - Lock Combination: Call the office to get the combination.
  - Please return paddles and Sunfish rigs to their appropriate place after use. **DO NOT** leave equipment on dock or beach.
  - Please lock the oar shed after checking out your equipment and upon returning your equipment.
- **KAYAKS:**
  - Kayaks are located on racks in the lower boat yard.
  - Kayak paddles are in the oar shed.
  - **DO NOT** drag kayaks on the ground. Please carry them or use the carts located in the boat yard.
  - Kayaks can be launched from the dock or the beach.
  - Please return kayaks to the racks after use and store upside down. **DO NOT** leave them on the dock or beach.
- **STAND UP PADDLEBOARDS (SUPs):**
  - SUPs are locked on racks in the lower boat yard.
  - Lock Combination: Call the office to get the combination.
  - SUP paddles are in the oar shed.
  - Please lock the boards up after taking yours and upon returning your board to the rack.
  - Please do not rest the board on the fin or hit the fin on anything as it will break off.
  - **DO NOT** drag SUPs on the ground. Each SUP has a finger grip located on the top side of the board for easy under-arm carrying.
  - SUPs can be launched from the dock or the beach. If launching from the beach, please make sure no pressure is put on the fin.
  - Please return SUPs to the racks after use and lock them up running the braided cord through the ring at the rear top of the board. **DO NOT** leave them on the dock or beach.
- **FLYING SCOTS:**
  - You **MUST BE CHECKED OUT AND SKIPPER QUALIFIED** in order to check out a Flying Scot outside of a Social Sail. **Check-outs occur during Social Sails.**
  - All sails and equipment needed are on the boat. Please double check to make sure you have a paddle in case the wind dies.
  - Proper rigging and dock procedures are covered at Social Sails.

- Masthead floats are MANDATORY. Please zip them on before raising the mainsail.
- Boats must be tied up properly: Thread the dock line through the appropriate ring on the dock, make one wrap around the plastic dock hitch and then a locking cleat hitch. Sterns must be clipped to the underwater line attached to the small buoys floating in the water behind the Flying Scots.
- Secure a large white ball between each boat.
- Sails:
  - Please roll the mainsail and secure to the boom with sail ties.
  - Please roll (do not fold) the jib, put it in its bag and place under the foredeck.
  - Please attach the mainsail cover before leaving.
- **SUNFISH:**
  - You MUST BE CHECKED OUT AND SKIPPER QUALIFIED in order to check out a Sunfish. If you are qualified on the Flying Scot you are automatically qualified on the Sunfish. Or if you have Sunfish experience, meet with the Center Director.
  - If you have completed our Learn to Sail course you are qualified to sail a Sunfish. Just have Sean or another Member show you how to rig it.
  - Sunfish are stored in the lower boat yard on dollies. We also keep two Sunfish on the dock.
  - Please make sure to put the cockpit plug and stern plug in before launching your Sunfish and remove them after sailing.
  - Sunfish masts and rigs are stored in the Oar Shed.
  - You may launch the Sunfish from the dock or the beach.
  - Please be mindful of the Sunfish rig and tiller extension when wheeling the boat down the dock ramp to make sure no equipment gets caught on the rails. This can snap a tiller very easily.
- **KEELBOAT:**
  - You must purchase a supplemental Keelboat Membership to use the Hunter 25.5, MacKenBri.
  - Keelboat Members must go through a checkout to use the keelboat. Contact the office to schedule.
  - There is a reservation sheet for the keelboat. [Please click here for the reservation sheet and choose the tab for MacKenBri.](#)
  - MacKenBri is not moored at LNCS but is located at King's Point Marina.
  - You may take guests on the keelboat as long as they have completed a waiver and turned it into the office.
- **YOUTH:**
  - **ALL CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18** must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian while on the water. Parent or guardian does not have to be on the same vessel, just on the water with them.
  - All youth must wear life jackets on the dock and on the water.
- **GUEST POLICY:**
  - All guests must complete a waiver once every 12 months. Waivers are located on the back porch and completed forms should be placed in the metal mail box by the back door.
  - Members may bring guests regularly on the Flying Scot during Open Sails at no cost.
  - Members may bring adult guests once on the Flying Scot during Social Sails at no cost. After that we ask that they purchase a Membership.
  - Members may bring guests on the SUPs and Kayaks for a \$15 fee per guest. Please give the fee to the office staff or place it in the Fee Box on the back porch if the office is closed.

**If you have any questions regarding your membership please call the office at (704) 947-7245.  
Thank you.**