

Member Handbook



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BOAT CLUB
of South Jersey

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OUR MISSION

Our mission at Carefree Boat Club of South Jersey is simple – to provide our Members with the best boating and on-the-water experiences the New Jersey Shore has to offer – without the costs or inconveniences of owning a boat.



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Emergency Info

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Ocean City - 609-399-0119

Atlantic City - 609-344-6594

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Ocean City / Somers Point - 609-266-1984



Tide Charts

Cape May - <https://www.tideschart.com/United-States/New-Jersey/Cape-May-County/Cape-May/>

Stone Harbor (Great Channel) - [https://www.tideschart.com/United-States/New-Jersey/Cape-May-County/Stone-Harbor-\(Great-Channel\)/](https://www.tideschart.com/United-States/New-Jersey/Cape-May-County/Stone-Harbor-(Great-Channel)/)

Avalon (Townsend's Inlet) - <https://www.tideschart.com/United-States/New-Jersey/Cape-May-County/Avalon/>

Strathmere - [https://www.tideschart.com/United-States/New-Jersey/Cape-May-County/Strathmere-\(Strathmere-Bay\)/](https://www.tideschart.com/United-States/New-Jersey/Cape-May-County/Strathmere-(Strathmere-Bay)/)

Ocean City - <https://www.tideschart.com/United-States/New-Jersey/Cape-May-County/Ocean-City/>

Somers Point - <https://www.tideschart.com/United-States/New-Jersey/Atlantic-County/Somers-Point/>

Atlantic City - <https://www.tideschart.com/United-States/New-Jersey/Atlantic-County/Atlantic-City/>



Rules & Etiquette

HOURS OF OPERATION

April 15 – May 30 | 8am – 7pm (we will change start time to 8am once the local fuel docks start opening early enough for us to have boats ready at 8am)

- ▶ Morning reservations: 8am – 1pm
- ▶ Afternoon: 2pm – 7pm

May 31 – July 31 | 8am – 8pm

- ▶ Morning reservations: 8am – 1:30pm
- ▶ Afternoon: 2:30pm – 8pm

August 1 – September 5 | 8am – 7pm

- ▶ Morning reservations: 8am – 1pm
- ▶ Afternoon: 2pm – 7pm

September 5 – November 15 | 9am – 30 minutes before sunset (we will keep our start time at 8am as long as the fuel docks are still opening early enough for us have boats ready at 8am)

- ▶ Morning reservations: 9am – 1pm
- ▶ Afternoon: 2pm – 30 minutes before sunset

RESERVATIONS / RESNET

- ▶ Members are responsible for managing reservations through ResNet.
- ▶ If you have questions about a particular reservation, or if you are having difficulty making a reservation, text 609-388-9009 or call and select ext 2.
- ▶ Calling to have staff book reservations should be reserved for spur-of-the-moment bookings or questions/trouble using ResNet. Booking standard reservations over 48 hours in advance should be done by the member on our app or website.

“SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT” RESERVATIONS

Our procedure for booking spur-of-the-moment reservations (same day / day before) if a boat is available:

- ▶ Our staff will check for any waitlist requests for the following day. If there is a boat available they will reach out to members who have a waitlist request in order of when the request was made.

“SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT” RESERVATIONS (CONTINUED)

- ▶ If there are no waitlist requests, the unreserved boat will be available first come, first serve for any member who reaches out via call or text.
- ▶ Members may also use the waitlist if they have a reservation booked but would prefer a different boat. For example if a member is looking to reserve a pontoon boat but only a center console is available, the member can book the center console and put in a waitlist request for any pontoon boat. Please just make a note in your request telling us that you have a reservation and you are looking to switch boats.



General Rules

All persons who perform services for the Club will be treated with courtesy and respect at all times. No reprimand or criticism shall be given by any Club Member or guest to a Club employee or another member or guest. No unwelcome physical contact is permitted. Any complaint against an employee must be lodged with the General Manager. Members guilty of misconduct, or violating the rules and regulations of the Club may be suspended or expelled. Members are responsible for their guests' behavior.

Children under 12 must wear life jackets at all times when on the docks.

LATE POLICY

Any vessel returned more than ten minutes late will result in a one month suspension of all spur-of-the-moment usage for the account (member & co-member) following their second offense. The account is subject to a one month suspension of all club activities upon the third offense, and subject to expulsion for any following offenses.

- ▶ If you are going to be late this is the proper way to handle the situation:
 1. Notify dock staff as soon as you know you will be late.
 2. Make sure you follow all state laws and boating safety protocols returning from your destination. Do not speed back, go through shallow water areas, make a wake in no-wake zones, or take any other unnecessary action to try to get back in time.

NO SHOWS

Any member who does not show up for a reservation without notifying the dock staff is subject to a \$50.00 fine. Excessive no shows without notification will result in suspension of spur-of-the-moment privileges for the membership.

CLUB ETIQUETTE

Tipping dock staff is not mandatory but is always appreciated.

Our staff is responsible for normal cleaning of the vessels but please return the boats in reasonable condition. Please try avoid excess sand, mud, seaweed, etc. Please use wash down system equipped on the boat. This will help prevent delays for the next member's reservation.

FUEL BILLING

Fuel bills will be sent out monthly for all reservations in previous month. Members can pay fuel bills via check, ACH, or credit card. If you want to use the payment method you have on file for monthly dues, let us know. We will run the payment and send you the receipt every month. Any invoice that is unpaid for ten days will automatically be charged to the payment method we have on file for the accounts' monthly dues.

FISHING

Please use designated fishing boats for fishing. Absolutely no fishing on any Crownline or Brig vessels.

Our staff is responsible for normal cleaning of the vessels but please return the boats in reasonable condition. Please try avoid excess blood, scales, and leaving left over bait.

If you plan on cutting bait, please bring your own cutting board / surface. Some boats may come equipped with cutting board but not every one is, so please plan accordingly. There are also cleaning stations on site at the marina to use to prepare for a trip, or upon returning from a successful trip!

Please pay extra attention to any hooks while not in use and near upholstery. Try to avoid free swinging hooks and sinkers. Please double check that you do not leave hooks behind to avoid injuring staff or other members.

WATER SPORTS

Any boat equipped with a tow bar is allowed for water sports use.

Members are responsible for all towing gear and accessories. The Club will provide life jackets, and our staff is happy to help members inflate tubes, set up tow ropes and flags, and any other accessories.

WATER SPORTS (CONTINUED)

Water sports should only be done in low traffic, deep-water areas. If you are unsure of where to go, please talk to the dock staff or look up the club approved water sports locations on your Wavve App.

Please keep in mind that the max capacity of members on board is half of the normal capacity when participating in water sports. You can find the ski/tow capacity for every boat on ResNet before booking.

If you do have more people than listed for the ski/tube capacity, the proper procedure is to drop people off at a beach or nearby dock and have your guests take turns.

All state laws must be followed when towing persons behind the boat. See page 11 for the NJ state laws regarding towing.

If you take any awesome pictures or videos please tag us on Facebook and Instagram!

GUESTS

Members are welcome to bring guests up to the number listed for the max capacity of the boat listed on ResNet. The max capacity number on ResNet is the number of people that can be safely seated on each vessel. The capacity on ResNet may be different than what is listed on the capacity plate on the boat. Children fully count as persons towards capacity.

The member or co-member who checks the boat out is fully responsible for EVERYTHING that happens on board. If a member chooses to let a guest with a valid boating safety certificate to legally operate the vessel, the member is doing so completely at their own risk. The member is fully responsible for any damage caused and any action their guest takes. If we find out a member allows any guest who does not have valid boating safety certificate to operate the vessel, the membership will be immediately suspended.

All boats are equipped with enough life jackets for the max number of adults allowed on the boat. If your guests are children or pets and you do not have life jackets for them, please see the dock staff to borrow one for the day.

Please try your best to condense your group in as few vehicles as possible. Please refrain from parking more than two vehicles in the Marina parking lot. If you have more than that, we are happy to follow you to a public parking spot and shuttle you back on our golf cart.

Absolutely NO parking in parking spaces marked for condo use.

JET SKI POLICIES

Jet skis are a privilege of membership. They are a fun way to help open up the reservation system, but they do not count as a boat towards our member-to-boat ratio, and are not a right of membership.

Jet Ski reservations are for two skis and 3-hour reservations slots.

Absolutely NO ocean when using jet skis. Any member who takes a jet ski into the ocean will lose jet ski privileges for account for the remainder of the season.

The member or co-member **MUST** be on one of the skis. Members can bring any guest who is 18 years old and has a valid boating license to operate the second ski. Guests must have valid boating license on their person, or they will not be allowed to depart.

Do not take jet skis into any back channels or areas you are not familiar with.

Any member or guest that gets stuck or causes damage outside of known acceptable waterways will lose jet ski privileges for account for the remainder of the season.

Any member who operates a jet ski in any manner deemed unsafe by the staff will lose jet ski privileges for account for the remainder of the season.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES (BEFORE A RESERVATION)

Safety of our members and our vessels is our number one priority, and our staff is constantly monitoring the radar and marine weather services. In cases of incoming inclement weather, the dock staff will be in touch via text the day before, or as soon as they are aware of any potential inclement weather.

We will always try our best to get members out on the water if it is safe to do so. Depending on the situation the Dockmaster may decide to delay, cancel, or limit reservations. Some examples:

- ▶ **Gale Force Winds** - Automatic cancellation
- ▶ **Lightning** - Most likely cancellation, but possibility of releasing vessels if we are confident the storm has safely passed
- ▶ **Small Craft Advisory** - No vessels allowed in the ocean. Depending on the severity of the storm it may also mean delays or cancellations
- ▶ **Fog** - May cause delay in when we release vessels
- ▶ **Rain** - Will depend upon severity and any accompanying weather conditions

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES (DURING A RESERVATION)

If a storm comes in when you are out on the water, contact the dock staff immediately to discuss the best course of action to keep you safe.



Towing/Skiing Safety

If towing a person with a PWC, the PWC must be rated for at least three people – the operator, the observer, and the retrieved skier.

Vessel operators towing a person(s) on water skis, aquaplanes, surfboards, inner tubes, or any similar devices have specific equipment and observer requirements.

- ▶ Every person being towed behind a vessel on water skis, aquaplanes, or any similar devices must wear a USCG–approved Type I, II, III, or V life jacket (PFD).
- ▶ When a vessel is towing a person on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device, the operator must have a competent person on board to act as an observer.
- ▶ A PWC operator may not tow a person on water skis or other devices unless the PWC is designed and recommended by the manufacturer to accommodate at least three people.
- ▶ Tow ropes must not be less than 35 feet, unless certain conditions are met, and not greater than 85 feet in length.
- ▶ Vessels towing persons on water skis or other devices must display a ski flag while towing or retrieving a skier, or when a skier or tow rope is in the water. The ski flag must be orange, triangular in shape, at least 12 inches in any dimension, and displayed at least four feet above the highest structure on the vessel.

Vessel operators towing a person(s) on water skis, aquaplanes, surfboards, inner tubes, or any similar devices and the persons being towed must do so safely and responsibly.

- ▶ A person may not be towed between sunset and sunrise.
- ▶ Those towing persons on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device, and those being towed, must act in a safe and prudent manner. Vessels towing persons must keep at least:
 - 200 feet away from any wharf, marina, dock, pier, bridge, structure, abutment, or person in the water
 - 100 feet away from any other vessel, shore, aid to navigation, or mooring

It is illegal to operate the vessel or manipulate the tow rope, water skis, or other device such that the towed device or person collides with any other person or object.



New Jersey Fishing Regulations

Black Drum: 16" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season

Black Sea Bass: 12 1/2" minimum open 5/15 – 6/22 (10 fish);
12 1/2" minimum open 7/1 – 8/31 (2 fish); 12 1/2" minimum open
10/8 – 10/31 (10 fish); 13" minimum open 11/1 – 12/31 (15 fish)

Blue Crab: 3" minimum size for peeler/shedder 3 1/2" for for soft shell
4 1/2" hard shell. Limit one bushell

Bluefish: No minimum size, 3/angler private, 5/angler aboard for-hire
trips. No closed season

Cobia: 40" minimum size, 1/angler, no more than 3 per vessel.
June 1 to September 30

Cod & Haddock: 21" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

NOTE: Anglers aboard federally permitted party or charter vessels
may possess any number of Atlantic cod, consistent with federal rules

King Mackerel: 23" minimum size, 3/angler, no closed season

Pollock: 19" minimum size, no creel limit, no closed season

Porgy: 9" minimum size, 50/angler, no closed season

Red Drum: 18" – 27" slot size, 1/angler, no closed season

Spanish Mackerel: 14" minimum size, 10/angler, no closed season

Striped Bass: Starting 4/1/20, one fish from 28 inches to less than
38 inches. No closed season 0-3 miles from shore; Delaware River
from Trenton to Salem River open 3/1 – 3/31 and from 6/1–12/31;
all other marine waters open 3/1 – 12/31 except beyond 3 miles
which is closed year-round. For Striped Bass Bonus Program go to
www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/bonusbas.htm

Summer Flounder: (Set to be approved by NJDEP for 2020) 18"
minimum size, 3/angler, May 22 – Sept 19 (17" minimum size, 3/angler
west of COLREGS on Delaware Bay; 16" minimum size, 2/angler at IBSP)

Tautog: 15" minimum size, January 1 – February 28 (4 fish),
April 1 – April 30 (4 fish), August 1 – November 15 (1 fish)
and November 16 – December 31 (5 fish)

Weakfish: 13" minimum size, 1/angler, no closed season

Winter Flounder: 12" minimum size, 2/angler, March 1 – December 31

*** These are the most up to date fishing regulations and can be subject to change. For the
most up to date information always check <https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/njregs.htm#fishing>



Social Media

Join our “Members Only” Facebook group for news, updates, contests, surveys, and more info about the Club.

Join Here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/676799306214692>

Please follow our public Facebook and Instagram! If you would like to be featured on our page, feel free to tag us or send us a private message with your best photos and videos from being on the water!

Facebook:

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