



# Manhattan Sailing Club Membership Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), understand that the Manhattan Sailing Club is a family of sailors and that the club is trying to increase the knowledge, skill and safety awareness of all members. By becoming a member of the club, I agree to the following:

## 1) Term of Membership

- A) My membership will begin with the signing of this agreement and continue until I resign by sending a written letter to the club or the club ends my membership.
- B) I authorize the club to charge my credit card for dues and other club charges.

## 2) Responsibility

- A) I understand that being a Member entails a higher level of responsibility than an individual sailor because my actions can affect the well being of the club and the enjoyment of all members, both current and future.
- B) I agree to abide by all club rules and understand these rules are posted on the club website.
- C) I understand that membership in the club is a privilege and that if I cause difficulty to the club or other members, my membership will be ended.
- D) I accept full responsibility for any guests which I bring to the club.
- E) I understand that sailing is a sport which involves risk such as injury, loss or damage. I understand that I share the responsibility for safety and agree to practice safe boating. I agree not to sue other members of the club as well as the club and agree to hold harmless all other members, Manhattan Sailing Club, Manhattan Yacht Club, Inc., and their agents, officers and employees from all claims of injury to person or property arising from my participation in sailing through Manhattan Sailing Club.

## 3) Safety

- A) I understand that the club recommends every member purchase their own Personal Flotation Device. I understand the club requires members to wear PFDs whenever boating at the club.
- B) I understand that a skipper may only take a club boat sailing when they have a fully functioning VHF radio on board.
- C) I understand that thunderstorms and squalls represent danger and that the club requires all boats to be back to the correct dock before a thunderstorm or squall strikes.
- D) I understand that all boats must maintain a proper lookout at all times and avoid any and all collisions.

## 4) Contribution

- A) I understand that the club is giving me an opportunity to become part of a boating community and that I should also contribute to the club.
- B) I agree to be a contributing factor towards the club's emphasis on safety and education. I agree to assume a leadership role in demonstrating safe boating to other members.
- C) I agree to volunteer for club activities and participate in the maintenance of the club fleet during the spring launching and decommissioning and at other times when requested by the club.

I understand and agree to the above:

Signature of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## First Year Dues 2012

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Initiation fees and club dues are subject to NYS sales tax . Initiation fee is \$250. Please check your initial dues category:

- Regular Dues (crewing membership): \$1,340 full year
- Junior (25 and under) or Senior Dues (65 and older): 1/2 of regular dues or \$670 full year.  
Please provide date of birth\_\_\_\_\_.
- Young Member Dues (26 until you turn 30): 3/4 of regular dues or \$1,005.  
Please provide date of birth\_\_\_\_\_.
- Yacht Owner Dues (no club boat privileges): \$490 full year.

Pro-Rated Dues: New members who join once the sailing season is underway, only pay for the portion of the season still remaining. Check the appropriate box below for your first year dues.

- Nov through May - \$1,340
- June - 5/6 (\$1,117 for regular)
- July - 4/6 (\$893 for regular)
- Aug - 3/6 (\$670 for regular)
- Sept - 2/6 (\$447 for regular)
- Oct - 1/6 (\$223 for regular)

Members pay dues and other charges by leaving a credit card on file with the club. Each month, the club emails a statement to members showing charges which are then paid by your credit card.

Membership dues are non-refundable. Membership in the club provides you with opportunity and it is up to you to decide which opportunities to use. Once you have been accepted as a member, you remain a member until you resign or your membership is canceled by the club. Resignations must be presented to the club in writing. Members who resign in good standing may reapply for club membership after a 12 month waiting period.

In your first year as a member, you may pay your first years dues in one or two installments. Starting in your second year, dues will be billed in four quarterly installments on Jan 1, Apr 1, July 1 and Oct 1.

- Please charge my credit card for first year dues in one installment.
- Please charge my credit card for first year dues in two equal installments, the first now and the second in 2 months.

Signature of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_