



OASIS SAILING CLUB (OSC)

FAQ

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What is the Oasis Sailing Club?

The Oasis Sailing Club is offered by the Oasis Senior Center. It is a function of the FRIENDS OF OASIS in Newport Beach (which helps funding the Newport Beach Oasis Senior Center). It is a recreational sailing club designed to make sailing opportunities available to the members of the Friends of Oasis. The Club sails two Catalina 34 MKII sloops. Members sail almost every day. Unless weather conditions preclude it, all sails are in the open ocean.

Do I need to know how to sail?

Absolutely not. Every time you go out you will be given the chance to pilot the boat (weather conditions permitting) and handle lines. You never have to take the helm if you don't wish to. You can sit back and just enjoy being on the ocean. The skippers are very happy to share their knowledge but this is not a sailing school. We recommend some of the excellent courses offered by Orange Coast College (OCC), School of Sailing and Seamanship for those who want to learn more.

How may I join?

It is very easy. There are only three requirements: (a) You must be a member of the FRIENDS OF OASIS (\$15.00 per year for single \$25.00 for couples); (b) You must fill out an application form and (c) submit the application with a check for \$25.00 made out to the Oasis Sailing Club. This will be put towards your name tag and club cap. Information regarding "membership" is on our website <http://www.oasissailingclub.org/> (where you found this FAQ document), including instructions and application form.

How much does it cost?

There are monthly dues of \$18.00 per month billed quarterly. Each regular sail is \$18.00 and \$18.00 each guest who sails with you. Sunset sails during the summer months are \$10.00. There are special sails and social events which are individually priced.

How do I join or schedule a sail?

Once you are a member there are several different ways to schedule a sail.

(a) You can sign up for sails online during a signup period (***call the club Secretary for details***).

(b) Come to our monthly meeting held on the last Wednesday of each month at the Oasis Senior Center (come at 12:30pm or so). At this meeting a calendar for the next month is placed on a table and you can sign up for any open slot.

(c) Shortly after the monthly meeting, the sailing calendars are posted on our website. If you see a sailing opportunity, call the listed Skipper for that day and ask to sign on. Skipper phone numbers are posted on our website with the schedules. The Skipper will take care of the rest. All you need to do is show up.

Where are the boats?

Please see on the OSC website under "mooring".

What should I wear?

It is best to bring layers and be prepared for cool temperatures and winds almost anytime during the year and hot sunny days in the summer. Often you will experience a range of conditions so be prepared. It is important to have sun protection. This includes sunblock, a large brimmed hat, long sleeves (our apparel store has long sleeve SP rated shirts ideal for sailing) and pants. Some sailors like gloves to protect their hands while handling the boat lines. Your shoes should not be slippery and definitely non-marking. Tennis shoes or sailing shoes are best.

Should I bring food?

Most people do bring lunch. Some bring fruit and sandwiches etc. Water is important. A lot depends on you but the usual advice is not to eat a big meal and drink water.