



## Who Are We?

The Rockland Yacht Club is an informal group of boaters joined together—since 1927—to promote and enjoy recreational boating. We are governed by a set of by-laws and run by volunteers. Our governance structure is the traditional Commodore, Vice Commodore, (and Rear Commodore!), but we are low-key and open to members and boating enthusiasts of all kinds. We are sailmakers and artists, doctors and hairdressers, hotel administrators and naval architects—but mostly we are boaters and we want to get to know you, too. Our boats range from Cape Dory Typhoons to Herreshoff 121/2s to Tartans and J/Boats and Sabres and Parkers and Grand Banks—you name it. We are sailors who have crossed oceans and those who sail within the Rockland Breakwater only. Our love of water and being on the water unites us, and we welcome you joining our ranks.

## Why Join the Rockland Yacht Club?

- Easy access to our **clubhouse** at Harbor Park (in Rockland, Maine) from your boat via our club launch or your dinghy.
- **Moorings** are easy to obtain in Rockland, and if you move your boat there for the season you have all of Penobscot Bay—and beyond—at your doorstep.
- You'll join dozens of other boatowners in camaraderie, cruising, expanding your skills, and **social events** from lobster picnics to burgers after a fun race.
- Yearly **dues—under \$500** for a couple—includes access to launch for you and anyone who joins you on your boat.
- No need to be sponsored to join—**the club welcomes any and all boaters**. All you need to do is fill out the membership form and send in your check.
- **10% discount** at nearby Hamilton Marine.
- You can brag about your membership by wearing

the **cool boating attire**, caps, and boat gear embroidered with the RYC logo.

- You can **join weekend and longer cruises**

organized by other club members, taking you far over the horizon or just around the corner, depending on your interests, boat size, and flotilla interests.

- You and your boat can try **Tuesday night fun races** for big boats and small: Inside the Breakwater racing for Etchells, J24s, and others; Beyond the Breakwater races for larger, or cruising boats just out to chase the breeze. Followed by BBQ and social times at our nearby waterfront clubhouse.
- **Other races throughout the season**, from the fun Solstice Race in June to the Maine Rocks Race in September—a premier single- and doublehanded overnight race to test your offshore skills.
- **You don't even need to own a boat to join**—join the club and come to our crew swap party and other social events and you'll be on the water in another member's boat in no time!



## Still Not Convinced?

- There are at least **40 anchorages** and not-to-be missed harbors within a day's sail from Rockland.
- Rockland is an **easy 1.5-hour drive from Portland**—why sail for two days to Penobscot Bay when you can leave your boat in Rockland and sail earlier, and farther, from there? (And an easy 4-hour drive [or one-hour flight] from Boston—drive Friday night you'll be sailing with your coffee on Saturday morning.)
- Rockland is home to a well-equipped **marine store**, **several boatyards** that provide full service, and **inexpensive off-season storage**.
- Having a boat on a mooring in Rockland all summer gives you a **front-row seat** for the Friendship Sloop Festival; Maine Boats, Homes and Harbor Show; International Blues Festival; and the Lobster Festival.
- Grocery stores and numerous pubs and restaurants will **ease your provisioning** worries.
- The Rockland harbormaster sells **ice and dockage** if you need (no fee for short pump-out stays). **Showers** are also available in the clubhouse building (for a fee).
- There is a **walking/jogging path right** at the harbor edge, and a YMCA also nearly next-door on the harbor trail, with workout machines, day rates, and showers.
- Rockland Yacht Club hosts a yearly **Spring Fling** to gather socially as the season begins, BBQs at the clubhouse throughout the season, and a luscious **Steak and Lobster Feed** at season's end.
- Throughout the winter there are **holiday gatherings** as well as nautical programs as varied as racing rules to tales of singlehandeding.
- Membership includes a **yearly photo directory** to help you get to know others, and their boats. Strong friendships and lifelong mates are bred with a membership in RYC.

Want to find out for yourself?  
Rent a mooring from us for a night—  
or several nights—this summer, try out the  
anchorage, ride the launch, come visit our  
clubhouse. Soon you'll know we're the right  
choice as your yacht club.

[rocklandyachtclub.org](http://rocklandyachtclub.org)

## Rockland Harbor Services

### Launch Services

There is a launch service (aboard the *Ginny T*, [named after the RYC's first female commodore] 8 am to 8 pm in summer, VHF CH 9 or 207-233-2800) run by the Rockland Yacht Club—launch rides free with membership (nominal fee for nonmembers).

### Rockland Mooring Information

The Rockland Yacht Club has some transient moorings (call the launch service)—for long-term contact the Rockland Harbormaster. (Short-term moorings also available from Journey's End, Johansen Boatworks.)

### Docking

Town Dock (monitors CH 09), Landings Marina, Journey's End, Yachting Solutions Basin.

### Rockland Yacht Club Information

[rocklandyachtclub.org](http://rocklandyachtclub.org),  
or Vince at  
[sailobsession@gmail.com](mailto:sailobsession@gmail.com)

### It's Easy to Join the Rockland Yacht Club

Our membership form is available online ([rocklandyachtclub.org](http://rocklandyachtclub.org))—download and send in to our membership chair. If you can't find the form, email [membership@rocklandyachtclub.org](mailto:membership@rocklandyachtclub.org). That's all it takes.

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## Rockland Yacht Club

*Boating Friends  
for Life*

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Rockland, Maine

Gateway to Penobscot Bay

