



Member Handbook

Eagle Creek Sailing Club

Updated November 2024

Welcome



On behalf of the Eagle Creek Sailing Club Board of Directors, welcome to the best kept sailing secret in the Midwest– Eagle Creek Sailing Club!

The *Member Handbook* is updated once or twice a year to help be better informed about upcoming activities, important dates, contacts, key rules, and other information to help you and your family navigate and enjoy the club.

The club was built by its members volunteering time to help with work parties, building club assets, running race committee, hosting and cooking at social events, presenting educational programs, assisting with junior sailing programs, processing membership renewals, and so much more. You are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities participate and to continue the work that was started a few generations ago by your fellow sailors.

The activities and dates published in the *Member Handbook* are subject to change. The club's website, *TellTales* newsletter, and periodic email blasts will often be the best source for updated information. The *Member Handbook* will be updated as information becomes available.

If you have questions regarding the content of this publication, please contact me.

Sail the lifts,

Rich Fox
ECSC Secretary
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Mission Statement

Eagle Creek Sailing Club's mission is to enrich our community by promoting the sport of sailing through social activities, competitive racing, cruising, education, and fellowship among our members, their families, and guests.

Our Core Values are as follows:

Be inclusive and welcoming

Be encouraging and educational

Communicate effectively

Promote safety on the water

Be good stewards of our natural resources and Eagle Creek Park



Navigating the Club



If you want to get involved, Eagle Creek Sailing Club offers a season full of social events, racing, and many other opportunities for camaraderie.

Many social events are held throughout the season starting with the Mother's Day Brunch in May and concluding with the Final Bash in November. You should plan to attend and enjoy the good food and hang out with your sailing friends. You may also volunteer to help organize a club social event.

Racing season begins in mid-April and lasts through October. You may participate in Wednesday evening "beer can" races, Sunday afternoon races, and at least a half-dozen one-day or two-day regattas. The Race Committee shed (aka the Liar's Table) located next to the ramp is usually where you will find everybody hanging out before and after most of the races and regattas. If you are a new member, then stop by and introduce yourself, and get involved.

As you become more involved with the club, you will find yourself making a lot of new friends. If you are a new member who is launching your boat for the first time at the ramp, and need help, simply ask nearby members for assistance. New members and long-time members will enjoy the club camaraderie at a variety of activities that are listed on the next page.

To help you navigate your way around the club, you are encouraged to:

- ◆ Read the club's *Telltale* newsletter available on the website
- ◆ Review the club's Mission Statement, *Bylaws* and *General Rules* available on the website
- ◆ Periodically check the club's website for updates on activities
- ◆ Read the email blasts containing important information that you may need to know

2025 Events

Club Opens / Work Party
April TBD

Indy 200 Regatta
TBD

Spring Racing Series Begins
April TBD

Governor's Cup and Lobster Fest
September TBD

Mother's Day Social
May 11

Hornback Regatta & Chili Cook-Off
October TBD

Memorial Day Cookout
May TBD

Annual Bash / Meeting of the Members
November TBD

Mayor's Cup Regatta
TBD

Club is Closed / Work Party
Early November TBD

Junior Sailing Camp
TBD

Coming Soon!

Father's Day Social
June TBD

Family Fun Day
July TBD

Events and dates will be finalized by the

ECSC Regatta and Beach Party/Pig Roast
July TBD

Board of Directors during 1Q25.

Summer Racing Series Begins
July TBD

Events and dates subject to change.

Ladies Regatta
TBD

Skeleton Crew Regatta
TBD

:Labor Day Cookout
September TBD

2025 Important Dates

Annual Dues and Fees Payment Deadline *

February 28

Trailer Parking Permitted in Upper Trailer Lot

Starting May 1

Trailers Must Be Removed from Corral Parking Lot *

Before May 11 (Mother's Day)

Membership Decal on Boats and Trailers *

Before June 1 and December 1

Boats Must Be in Assigned Wet Slips

By June 1

Deadline to Submit Nominations to the Board

TBD

Trailers Parking Permitted in Corral Parking Lot

TBD

No Parking in Upper Trailer Lot *

After October 15 through April 30

Club Elections to the Board

Ballots available two weeks prior to Final Bash

Work Credit Submission Deadline (for Board)

December 1

**A penalty may apply.*

Events and dates subject to change.

Club Officers

Vickie Greenough

Commodore

Dennis Roberson, Sr.

Vice Commodore

Amy Miller

Treasurer

Rich Fox

Secretary

Erich Rose

Facilities Manager

Assistant—**Steve Koehn**

EJ Williams

Past Commodore



Committee Chairs and Assistants

Jesse Wriedt

Membership

Assistant—**Tyler Yost**

Jen Curtis

Social

Assistant—**Karen Orndorff**

Abigail Harlan

Education & Safety

Katie DeGrella

Junior Sailing

Assistant—**Olivia DeGrella**

Patrick Rhoda

Harbormaster

Assistant-TBD

Michael Denney

Technology (Website)

John Kohne

Racing

Assistants—**Nancy Goff, Bob Hickok**

Evan Williams Sr

Publicity (TelItales)

Jeff Hanson

Landscape & Graden

Contact information available in the Club Directory.

Board of Directors

Term Expires 11/2025	Term Expires 11/2026	Term Expires 11/2027
Michael Denney	Jerry Brickley	Larry Conrad
Rich Fox	Kenny Chapman	Jen Curtis
Vickie Greenough	Karl Guerra	Katie DeGrella
Jordan Kane	Bill Harrington	Nancy Goff
Cody McCoun	John Kohne	Jeff Hanson
Karen Orndorff	Pat Rhoda	Abigail Harlan
Erich Rose	Dennis Robertson Sr.	Bob Hickok
EJ Williams	Jesse Wriedt	Amy Miller

Scheduled Board Meeting Dates

TBD

Board Meeting Agenda

The agenda for each scheduled Board meetings is distributed no less than 48 hours prior to the start time. New business proposals are due to the Secretary at least 72 hours prior to the start time.

Meeting Minutes

Available from the Secretary (Rich Fox). Send email to ecsc_secretary@yahoo.com to be added to the distribution list.

Contact information available in the Club Directory.

Who to Contact?

Membership Questions

Jesse Wriedt

Facilities (e.g. Upper Shelter) Reservation Request

Link [ECSC Facilities Reservation Request](#)

Vickie Greenough or Jen Curtis

Junior Racing and Junior Sailing Camp Questions

Katie DeGrella and Olivia DeGrella

Safety & Education, DEI Activities

Abigail Harlan

Questions about Wet Slip Assignments and Trailer Parking

Patrick Rhoda

Facilities and Grounds Questions, Landscape & Garden

Erich Rose and Steve Koehn. Jeff Hanson (Landscape, Garden)

Bylaws, General Rules, Work Credit Policy, Election Ballots, Other Official Club Documents

Rich Fox

Financial Statements, Expense Reimbursement

Amy Miller

Telltales Newsletter

Evan Williams Sr.

Socials Activities

Jen Curtis and Karen Orndorff

Racing Activities

John Kohne and Nancy Goff. Bob Hickok (Scoring). Geoff Endris (PHRF ratings).

Website

Michael Denney

Contact information available in the Club Directory.

Club Rules (Highlights)

Please see the [General Rules](#) document available on the website for all the club's rules. Below are highlights of the [General Rules](#) that all club members should know and follow:

Safety

- ◆ Small children shall not be left unattended and shall be kept away from the water front.
- ◆ Swimming at the beach is not allowed.
- ◆ Race Committee boats are not for general (non-event) use, except in case of emergency.
- ◆ Discrimination, bullying, verbal or physical threats are not tolerated and subject up to termination of membership.
- ◆ Close and lock the gates on the way out if after-hours, even if there are members still on club property, except for stated Event dates. Members should keep a club key in their possession.

Membership

- ◆ Membership dues and fees, including wet slip fees not paid by the end of February, will result in the member losing their assigned wet slip. Members can be added to the wet slip wait list (on a first-come/first-serve basis) after all dues and fees are paid in full.
- ◆ Members who pay their annual dues and fees late may be assigned a new membership number.

Parking and Wet Slip

- ◆ Boats and trailers cannot be parked in the Corral parking lot (both sides of the rope) between Mother's Day and 3PM on the Sunday following the Hornback (unless otherwise announced by the Harbormaster).
- ◆ Members cannot change their dry slip or wet slip assignments without Harbormaster approval.
- ◆ The upper trailer lot cannot be used between October 15 and May 1.
- ◆ Do not park motor vehicles in front of boats that are in an assigned dry slip. This is especially important on Wednesday night and the weekends. There are many boats that are dry-sailed.

Boats and Trailers

- ◆ When you receive your membership kit, promptly apply the club's membership decals to the left side of your boat and trailer no later than June 1, or within 30 days after you join the club.
- ◆ On December 1, double-check that the club's membership decals are still properly applied to the left side of your boat and trailer so they may be counted for the winter storage billing.
- ◆ There is no trailer parking in the upper trailer lot after October 15.
- ◆ All boats and trailers stored for the winter must be out of the parking corral, Captain's Quarter's, and beach area before Mother's Day.
- ◆ Members are limited to no more than two sailboats on club grounds, unless grand-fathered.
- ◆ Members who become inactive (did not renew their dues) and leave their boats behind will be subject to financial fees for any abandoned watercraft and trailers.
- ◆ Boats and trailers shall be registered with the State of Indiana (when required by law). They shall also be in an operable condition or be removed from club grounds.

Work Credits

The Eagle Creek Sailing Club relies on members to volunteer their time to support its programs and operation. To recognize volunteer work at the club by members, the Board of Directors has a work credit policy to enable members to perform work and offset some of their club's annual dues and fees. Work credits are not intended to be a substitute for the volunteerism that has built and supported this club for over 50 years.

Work credits may be earned by Family Members, Regular Members, Lake Associates, Social Members, and Student Members and applied to the club's annual membership dues and fees. Honorary members and inactive members are not eligible to receive work credits.

Standard work credits are available at a rate of \$15/hour to a maximum of \$300 per year to be applied to the member's annual dues and fees for the following year.

Enhanced work credits are also available for long-term projects and professional services and require pre-approval by the sponsoring Committee Chair or Officer and the Commodore or Vice Commodore. Enhanced work credits are capped at \$500 and applied to the member's annual dues and fees for the following year.

Leadership work credits are available to individual club members who serve in an official capacity as Officer, Committee Chair, or Committee Assistant as defined in the Bylaws. Leadership work credits are equivalent to the annual membership dues and applied to the current year of service.

A copy of the complete **Work Credit Policy** is available, upon request, from the Secretary.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I pay for the renewal of my annual dues and fees?

A: Annual dues and fees are available for online renewal starting no later than February 1 and must be paid in full by the last day of February.

Q: Who do I contact if I cannot access the online renewal form?

A: Contact the Membership Committee. Make sure first you are using the correct email address and have checked your spam folder.

Q: Could I lose my wet slip assignment if I do not pay my annual dues and fees on time?

A: Yes. If you pay late, then you will be added to the bottom of the wet slip wait list after your outstanding annual dues and fees are paid in full.

Q: How many guests am I allowed to bring to the club?

A: Up to six.

Q: Can I store my boat and trailer at the club if I am not a Regular Member or Family Member?

A: No. Members who are Social Members, Race Fellows or Lake Associates cannot keep a boat at the club at anytime, unless they change and pay for Regular membership or Family membership status.

Q: Can I reserve the upper shelter for an event?

A: Yes, there is a form that is available on the website that you can complete. This is for club member use only (as a benefit of paid membership) and you cannot allow non-members to reserve use of a shelter.

A: [Link ECSC Facilities Reservation Request](#)

Q: Can I vote at the annual elections?

A: If you are a Regular Member or Family Member, then yes. Other membership types are not entitled to vote. Both spouses of a Family membership may vote.

Q: Can I take the Race Committee boat out to ride around Eagle Creek?

A: No. Use of the Race Committee boats is restricted to official events and emergency use.

Q: Can my kids go swimming at the club's beach?

A: No. Swimming at the beach area or around the docks is not permitted.

Q: When is the pressure washer turned on and turned off for the season.

A: The pressure washer will be turned on or off for the season at the discretion of the Facilities Manager based on weather (freezing) conditions.

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Q: Who do I contact if I want to serve on the Board?

A: Contact any Board member who will then notify the Secretary.

Q: Can I change my wet slip assignment?

A: Yes, but you must contact and get approval from the Harbormaster.

Q: For winter storage where can I park my boat and trailer?

A: Unless you are assigned a permanent parking spot, you can park anywhere on a first-come/first-serve basis, unless otherwise advised by the Harbormaster..

Q: Can I store a trailer in the upper trailer lot during the winter?

A: No.

Q: Can I store my boat in trailer in the corral parking area?

A: Yes, after 3:00 PM on the Sunday of the Hornback Regatta weekend unless otherwise announced by the Harbormaster. They must be removed from the Corral Parking area, Captain's Quarter's and beach area before Mother's Day.

Q: Who do I contact for keys?

A: The Membership Committee can provide you with extra keys (for a fee).

Q: My boat is co-owned. Do all co-owners need to be club members?

A: Yes, all co-owners must be a member Regular or Family member of the club.

Q: Can I keep my food in the refrigerator located in the race shed?

A: No. The space is needed for food in support of the racing program.

Q: How do I earn work credits?

A: Look for work party announcements or contact a Committee Chair or Officer to see if they may have opportunities to earn work credits.

Q: I am missing some work credits, who do I contact?

A: Contact the committee chair or officer of the area in which you performed work and earned work credits for your service.

Q: When is the Club Directory available?

A: The Membership Committee will publish the club directory around Mother's Day.

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Q: I have a health issue preventing me from getting to the club to apply my membership decals. What should I do?

A: You or a family member should promptly contact the Harbormaster to let them know and they may offer to apply the membership decals for you. This also helps the Harbormaster know your boat and trailer are not abandoned.

Q: Is there a theft problem at the club?

A: Unlocked outboard motors have been stolen in the past. There has been reports of some infrequent break-ins of boats and stolen trailers in the past. This is why you should always lock the gate in the evening as noted on the sign as you exit the property. Members should always lock and secure their personal property. The club is not responsible for personal property that may be stolen or damaged.

Q: Are dogs allowed on club property?

A: Yes, but only on a leash and under the owner's control. Dogs are not allowed in areas where and when food is being served, including the upper shelter.

Q: How many boats may I have?

A: Up to two. A few members may have more boats as they were grand-fathered when this policy was adopted in 2019. Boats that are not being used should be removed from club property to free up space.

Q: I am not renewing membership. Can I leave my boat at the club and pay a storage fees?

A: No. If you are not a member of the club, then you must remove your personal property (boats and trailers) from the property. Abandoned boats and trailers will be properly disposed of. Any disposal fees and additional charges will be sent to you for payment.

Q: Can I drink alcohol on the Race Committee Boat?

A: No. The Race Committee boats are a club resource to provide safety to all club members who are racing.

Q: Can I post rude, obnoxious, or threatening comments on the club's Facebook site?

A: No. Eagle Creek Sailing Club is a family organization. The club's Facebook administrators will promptly remove the unacceptable content and very likely ban you from the Facebook site. In addition, any bullying or threats may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of membership.

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Contact information available in the Club Directory.

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- Q. There was an extra “admin” charge when renewing my annual dues and fees, why is this?
A. The extra charge is most likely a penalty for not following the rules to have your membership decal applied to your boat and trailer, or perhaps parking in a restricted area. Please be sure to read the next two pages of the *Member Handbook*.
- Q. If my boat is in the water during the December “audit”, will I have to pay the winter storage fee?
A. Yes
- Q. Can Social Members and Lake Associates store their boats at the club?
A. No. They may if they become Regular Members or Family Members.
- Q. May I allow friends and extended family to use by boat at the club when I am not with them.
A. No. They may join you as a guest or obtain a membership.

Housekeeping

Maintaining the club's property requires help from all members. Here are a few things you can do that will make a positive impact:

- ◆ When you receive your membership kit, promptly apply the club's membership decals to the left side of your boat and trailer no later than June 1, or within 30 days after you join the club.
- ◆ On December 1, double-check that the club's membership decals are still properly applied to the left side of your boat and trailer so they may be counted for the winter storage billing.
- ◆ There is no trailer parking in the upper trailer lot after October 15. Fine imposed for trailers parked after November 1.
- ◆ All boats and trailers stored for the winter must be out of the Parking Corral (inside and outside the rope area), Captain's Quarter's, and beach area before Mother's Day.

The club takes the above four items very seriously. Violation of any of the above will result in a financial fine, equivalent to the current year's winter storage fee, being applied to your membership renewal. Why a fine? To get your attention, and because it takes requires a significant amount of time for others to chase down boat and trailer ownership and to move boats and trailers.

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Promptly place membership decals on boat and trailers!

(p.s. port side please)

Housekeeping

The Board of Directors and club members work very hard to help maintain the beauty and cleanliness of the club's grounds for everybody's enjoyment and safety. To prevent the club from becoming a dumping ground for unwanted boats, the club has implemented a "Derelict Boat Policy" (see General Rules). Here is what you should know:

A boat and/or trailer at Eagle Creek Sailing Club is considered derelict if any three of the following six criteria are observed and documented:

1. The round ECSC membership decal is not displayed on the boat or trailer.
2. Existing State of Indiana boat registration decal on the boat is out of date.
3. At least one trailer tire is flat or missing.
4. Water has visibly accumulated within the interior of the sailboat.
5. An excessive amount of mold (approximately 50%+ covered) is present on the sailboat.
6. Trash is located on or beneath the sailboat and/or trailer.

A member shall be notified in writing by the Harbormaster Committee if their boat has met at least three of the above six criteria. The member shall have 30 days to correct the situation. If corrective action is not taken, then the member shall be fined at a rate of \$100 per month until the problem is corrected. This fine will be added to the member's annual renewal of their membership.

Having a derelict boat on club property is not a problem for most members. But for the few members who may not care, you have been informed.

Please help keep Eagle Creek Sailing Club an attractive, safe and fun place for everybody to enjoy!

