



Thank you for your interest in the Deep Creek Lake Sailing Association. The Deep Creek Lake Sailing Association is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to promote sailing and competitive racing on Deep Creek Lake.

Sailboat racing is the focus of our Club, and regularly scheduled races are held from Memorial Day weekend to the second weekend after Labor Day. Members are expected to be involved at some level in this program. It is important to understand that the DCLSA is a sailing club with a social program for its members.

Article I (Purpose) of our bylaws states, "It shall be the purpose of the Deep Creek Lake Sailing Association (Association), also known as the Deep Creek Yacht Club at Turkey Neck, **to promote sailing and competitive racing on Deep Creek Lake, Maryland.**" Any applicant for membership is expected to support the racing program of the Deep Creek Lake Sailing Association either by owning or having access to a sailboat which he or she will regularly sail, by providing safety patrol for the races, or by assisting in some other way consistent with his or her aptitudes and interests. Article 5, Membership states "Members shall be selected from those persons having an active interest in sailing on Deep Creek Lake, in activities associated with sailing, and subscribe to the tenet that the Association is a "do-it-yourself" organization, and that all members, to the best of their abilities, are expected to participate in the operation and activities of the Association.

A Membership is defined as a single person or family unit, consisting of a head of household and spouse or significant other whose application to join the Association is accepted by the Board of Governors. At least one person in a Membership shall be at least 18 years of age. Payment of dues and fees by a Membership shall entitle immediate family, including children to age 26 or full time students, to privileges of the Association.

The "do-it-yourself" aspect mentioned above means that members are expected to participate in the operation of the club and maintenance of the clubhouse, its facilities, and grounds. There are two regularly scheduled work days each year. "Dock Push" is when we gather in anticipation of another great summer together and open the Clubhouse. There are TONS of things that have to get done and they are all accomplished in one day. The second day is "Dock Pull" when we close our Clubhouse and prepare it to weather the winter. We expect participation from every family to make these events go smoothly. Other work days may be scheduled by Committee Chairpersons during the sailing season to maintain our clubhouse, grounds, docks, and moorings.

Membership in the DCLSA requires sponsorship by a member and endorsement by two additional members. Membership applications are provided to the Sponsoring member, who has responsibility to host applicants to at least two social functions, and to assure that they become known to a significant fraction of the membership and all Board Members. In addition, the applicant is required to participate in one sailing activity which can be defined as sailing as captain or crew in a race, patrol for a race, or participating in the DCSS (Deep Creek Sailing School). Completed applications are posted on the club's official bulletin board for a period of three weekends; applicants then meet with the Board of Governors for a personal interview. The initiation fee and season dues are established annually. Sailboat moorings, storage lockers, and other amenities may be available for additional nominal fees. For more information about DCLSA membership please contact Mark Haraway, Membership Chair, at membership.dclsa@gmail.com or 410-615-0367.