

# Knowing the Ropes at DCYC

You may be surprised to know that just a few minutes south off of busy Highway 380 is one of the most tranquil places in the corridor.

Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club (DCYC) is a family-friendly yacht club that offers a lot of advantages to its members and guests. First and foremost is the casual, friendly personality of the membership. Although the members enjoy “dressing up” to enjoy an occasional formal affair, the personality of the membership is definitely more easy-going in nature. The club was founded by several visionary sailors back in 1956 who searched the area for an ideal location to establish a yacht club. They found DCYC’s current location in Oak Point. The Club now has a 50 year history and looks eagerly towards the future.

One characteristic of the Club that is obvious to a first-time visitor is the picturesque setting on the eastern side of the Lake. The Clubhouse is perched on a hill, facing south, with lots of space and grass. An open view to the west provides frequent views of tranquil sunsets for members and guests gathered at the pool, outdoor kitchen or deck. The grassy area between the beach and club house provides space for kids to run around, volleyball games, horseshoes, extra parking for large events, large tents for regattas and plenty of beach access for sailboard and catamaran sailors. DCYC members acknowledge being a bit biased but tell people all the time that they have the “best spot on the lake”. There was a reason this spot was chosen by the founding members over 50 years ago!

The family-friendly atmosphere is seen lately in the rapid growth of DCYC’s youth sailing program. Last summer program coordinators received two to three phone calls a week from parents inquiring about sailing programs for their

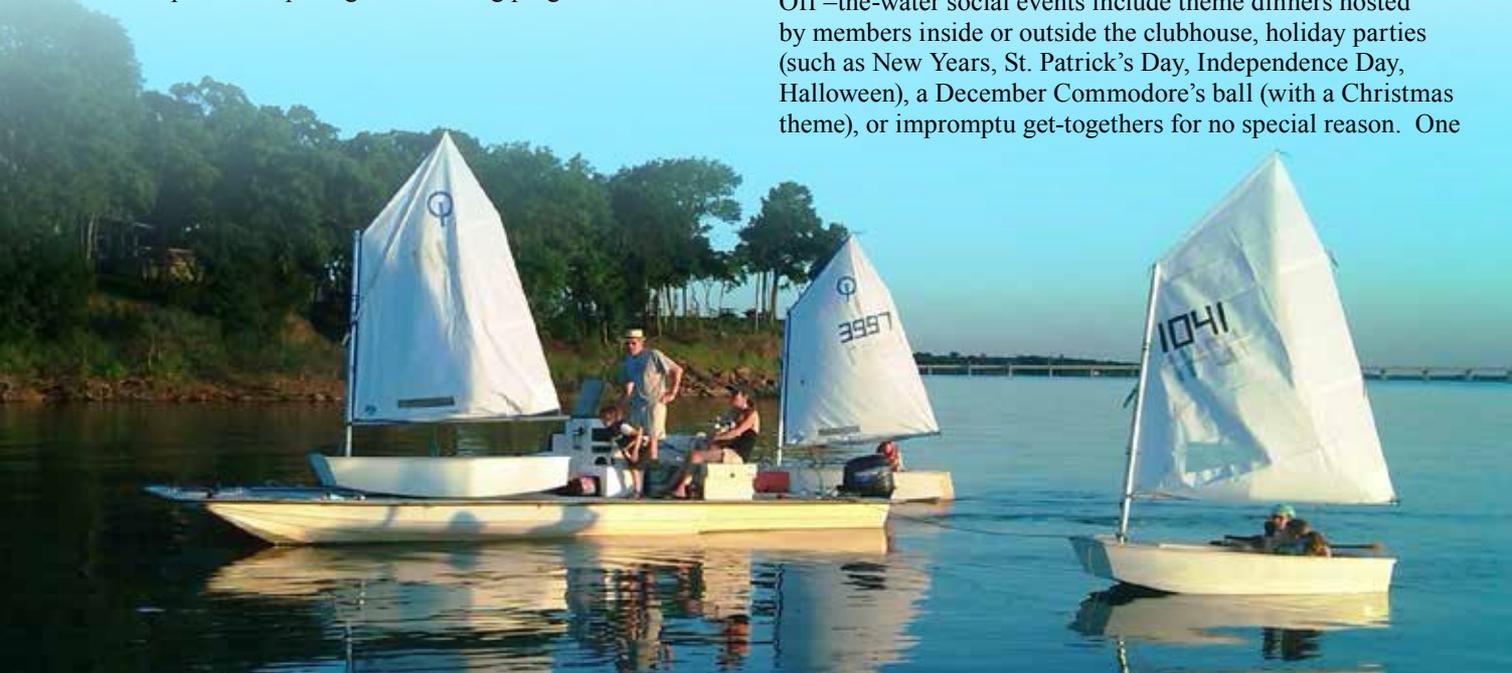
children. That program has become very active with a new coach and events scheduled throughout the sailing season ... both on-site and off-site. DCYC hosted a Texas Sailing Association (TSA) youth regatta last year that was so well received that the Club was asked to host the end-of-year regatta this year. The youth sailing team, affectionately named “Aqua Monkeys”, develops their sailing skills through a combination of classroom and on-the-water training.

Training isn’t limited to the youth. Adult sailing classes are also scheduled during the summer. If you’ve ever thought about trying sailing, these classes are an excellent opportunity to experience the thrill of gliding across the water with only the wind to power your movement! Check the DCYC web page ([www.dcy.org](http://www.dcy.org)) for more details regarding Adult classes.

DCYC offers a nice mix of boating and social events. The schedule includes weekend series racing, mid-week fun sails, and large regattas at the beginning and end of the year. The Club has hosted national and regional championship regattas as well as a number of circuit-stop regattas. For the past decade DCYC was host to the North Texas “Leukemia Cup” regatta, which raised in aggregate over one million dollars for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. This year, the annual Springtime regatta will focus on benefitting youth sailing and has been renamed the “Corinthian Heritage Cup Regatta”. The big fall regatta is called the “Terlingua in Exile Regatta” and is usually held in October. A chili cook-off is included as part of that event as well as home-made, aluminum-can sail boat races in the swimming pool. Sometimes this event gets combined with a Halloween party if the dates fall close together on the calendar.

While this may seem like a lot of “formal” boating activities ... guess what ... you don’t even have to own a boat to be a member at DCYC! Several members have been active for years and don’t own a boat. And they have just as much fun crewing on other members’ boats, working on Race Committees, or just going along for a sunset social sail.

Off-the-water social events include theme dinners hosted by members inside or outside the clubhouse, holiday parties (such as New Years, St. Patrick’s Day, Independence Day, Halloween), a December Commodore’s ball (with a Christmas theme), or impromptu get-togethers for no special reason. One





of the most popular activities is simply gathering around the outdoor kitchen and using the outdoor grills to prepare an informal meal. A full service indoor kitchen is available for members to use, if desired, when Club activities are not scheduled.



The Club is volunteer-oriented with the objective of keeping costs down. A full-time, on-site caretaker maintains the property, but a lot of work is completed by members on

a volunteer basis. The Club is managed by eight officers, ten members who serve as a board of governors, six dock representatives, and sixteen committee heads. Beyond the formal position assignments just mentioned, most members pitch in to help with maintenance, cleaning, construction projects, and social events in one way or another. An annual work party is organized each April to prepare the facility and docks for the new boating season. Impromptu work parties are organized, as needed, to address any issues that might arise during the remainder of the year.

Currently DCYC is actively pursuing capital improvement projects that will prepare DCYC for the next 50 years. Several major projects have been completed over the past couple of years with more planned for the future. The swimming pool

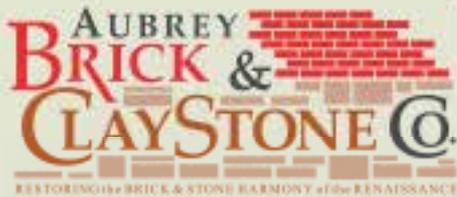
is currently being resurfaced and the entire pool area will be remodeled in the next 2-3 years. A master land use plan is being developed so future site and facility developments are completed in a coordinated and efficient manner.



There are several membership types at DCYC, all explained on the web page at [www.dcy.org](http://www.dcy.org). Membership is quite affordable when compared to many yacht clubs around the country. The initiation fee is \$330. Monthly fees for resident members (excluding applicable taxes) are currently: \$100 for dues plus a \$40 capital improvement fund charge. Members who own boat slips in the harbor pay a \$30 monthly dock maintenance fee. Members who store their boat on a trailer in the dry storage area pay \$10 per month for storage space. The focus on volunteer work by club members is the foundation for keeping the expense of membership moderate.

For anyone who enjoys sailing, boating, or just the Lake Lewisville lifestyle DCYC offers a family-friendly opportunity that is difficult to top. If anyone would like to stop by for a visit, simply visit the web page and use the officer links to send an email to the DCYC Rear Commodore, Leland Morris or Commodore, Bob Johnson.

Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club is located at 1399 Yacht Club Road in Oak Point just 4 miles south of Highway 380.



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