

AMERICAN YACHT CLUB

Reciprocal Privileges Policy

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The Process of Reciprocity:

Yacht Club Reciprocity is defined as "A network of Yacht Clubs in agreement for the mutual exchange of privileges within that specific group of clubs." The American Yacht Club has reciprocal privilege agreements with many Yacht Clubs throughout New England and beyond. Although the extent of privileges may vary slightly, generally, an AYC yachtsman can expect to be allowed to use all of the welcoming clubs' available facilities and services, including short term berthing, meal and bar service, heads and showers, etc.

Typically, a yachtsman can stop at a Yacht Club along his trip, and if the club visited has a reciprocity agreement with his club he can stay. If not, the yachtsman can request reciprocity. Normally, that is all that is needed for the yachtsman to stay. The host club will mail to the visiting yachtsman's club a formal request for reciprocity with that club. Sometimes the visiting yachtsman will have extra burgees and exchange them on the spot.

Some clubs charge for the first night's berthing, others do not, and it seldom matters whether you come by boat or car. Some Yacht Clubs limit their reciprocal privileges to those coming by boat. It is always prudent to call ahead to let them know you're coming as well as to determine what services are available. The American Yacht Club monitors VHF Channel 72, or the phone number is: 978.465.9053.

Although some clubs will be happy to send mooring, meal, or service bills to the visitor's Club for settlement, the AYC does not provide for the administration of such fees. Therefore, the visitor must settle all personal charges and bills with the visited Yacht Club on the spot.



American Yacht Club Reciprocal Services and Privileges:

∞ **Moorings.**

1. Reciprocal privileges shall include the priority right to reserve and rent a guest mooring at the current club rate.
2. Each visiting yacht will be limited to a two-week stay within one calendar year.

∞ **Launch Service.**

1. Our launch service is available to all visiting yachtsmen. Call ahead for stewards' hours.
2. AYC tenders are not available for use by visiting yachtsmen.

∞ **Facilities.**

1. The use of heads and shower in the locker house will be extended to visiting yachtsmen during Stewards' hours. A locker house key deposit is optional for after hour's use.
2. Parking is available to visiting yachtsmen, as long as AYC members are not inconvenienced. Parking is available outside the club gate; however, the gate will be locked after Stewards hours.

∞ **Regattas**

When the Race Committee hosts a club-sanctioned regatta, boats registered in the event are granted full reciprocal privileges for the duration of the event. Racers may reserve moorings in advance. Those who do not make reservations will be accommodated on a first come-first serve basis, subject to availability.



Revocation of Reciprocal Privileges:

- ∞ All AYC House Rules must be strictly followed. These are posted outside near the Steward's Office.
- ∞ The Vice Commodore or his designee shall have the right to revoke guest privileges from any guest for any activity deemed undesirable.