



Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club

An Introduction to Yacht Club Reciprocity

Welcome to one of the nice benefits of membership in Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club — reciprocal privileges. Your club has reciprocal agreements with almost 100 other yacht clubs from Olympia at the southern end of Puget Sound to the Broughtons at the northern end of Vancouver Island. There are also reciprocal privileges with a few clubs in Mexico and Hawaii.

What is Reciprocity?

Reciprocity means you can moor your boat for free, or almost free, for at least one and often more nights, at any of our reciprocal clubs. Typically you pay only for electrical hook-up and showers. Additional nights may be available after the free nights, usually at cheaper-than-commercial rates. This privilege is also extended to you at our own club dock, for two free nights every four weeks. Also, reciprocity brings interesting friendly sailors to our club.

Planning your Cruises

There are four sources of information for planning your trips using reciprocity — the SNSYC Member's Annual, a collective web site at www.yachtdestinations.org, the SNSYC web site, and Wall Charts.

- The SNSYC Members Annual booklet includes listings of all our reciprocal clubs, as of January 2013. Yacht clubs are listed by area for B.C. and Washington, including brief descriptions of location and moorage. An alphabetical listing of the clubs and a location map are also included.
- Many of these clubs, including SNSYC, post to yachtdestinations.org. It is updated almost daily, so it may be useful to consult it from your boat if you have the technology. This has the most reliable information, but only for the clubs that post to it.
- The SNSYC web site includes an up-to-date list of all the clubs. You can sort the list by club, cruising area, and location. A PDF map showing the location of all clubs is also on the website.
- Wall charts of our local cruising areas are set up behind the fireplace in the clubhouse. Red dots show the location of our reciprocal clubs. It is not as up to date as the other sources.

Of course these complement guide books such as *Docks & Destinations*, *The Burgee Premier Marina Guide*, and the *2013 Waggoner Cruising Guide*.

Details

The *SNSYC Reciprocity Guide* is a PDF available on the club web site for our members. This contains a lot more detail on the registration and docking procedures at each club. Some clubs are within marinas with staff on duty, some have their own staff, and some use self-registration. A few require full payment at commercial rates and then refund most of that to you. In general reservations are not accepted, but I, for one, have rarely been disappointed.

More questions?

For any assistance or further information, contact me at my email address: reciprocity@snsyc.ca.

Best wishes for some great cruising,

Jon Preston
Reciprocity Director

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