

Ship 6 Crew Quick Facts

Welcome to Ship 6!

Here's some important information you need to know.

Meeting Locations and Times

Every Tuesday regardless of weather

- Winter Season: November through April - Ship 6 meets indoors at "the Mansion" of St. Philip Church in the community room.
 - Indoor meetings begin promptly at 7pm.
 - Occasionally we will have guest speakers or go to a local business to learn specialized material. Usually we meet at 6:30pm for these events
- Sailing Season: April through November - During the sailing season Ship 6 meets at the boat at goes sailing as much as possible.
 - Meetings begin promptly at 6:30pm and if you are not at the boat well before 6:30pm you will miss the boat – literally.
 - If it is raining in Norwalk at 6:30pm then we shift to the back-up plan and relocate to the church for 7pm. If in doubt go to the boat for 6:30 start.
- It is expected that crewmembers attend Tuesday meetings and arrive early.
 - You have to be at meetings to know what's going on, participate in making schedules, plan trips, and keep up to speed on the technical aspects of sailing etc.

Dues/Finances

After you have signed up and paid the new member fee, weekly dues are \$3. Annual registration is \$30. Special trips are additional and budgeted by the crew before the trip whenever possible.

The youth officers make changes to the financial obligations from time to time. Currently they are considering a special assessment or monthly contribution to offset some program costs. Donations are tax-deductible.

Email

Always monitor your email. Especially on meeting/activity days. We may occasionally have to cancel a meeting or sail, or request last minute help for a work party.

Weather

As a general rule of thumb during the winter – if Norwalk schools are closed, or have early dismissal, due to snow then we cancel the meeting. Again, monitor your email for notification.

Conditions on the water are much different from the conditions on land. Be prepared with proper clothing for the activity and marine forecast.

Sailing on Weekends

Times and days are variable – attend meetings to be part of making the schedule.

Each crewmember's schedule varies on weekends and you may not be able to sail 100% time, but you should try to be there as much as possible to get the most out of it. Attend Tuesday meetings to be part of making the schedule so you can maximize your time on the water.

Clothing

Wear appropriate clothing for sailing. This includes

- **Closed toe shoes (no teva, sandals etc.)**
- Bring an extra sweater – its colder on the water than on land
- Have rain gear or foul weather gear with you
- Gloves and hats are a necessity on the water in cold weather
- Sunglasses
- Sunblock should be applied prior to getting on the boat. We keep supplies of sunblock on the boat.

***Note that** for every 5 miles of wind speed, the apparent temperature will be 5 degrees lower. Example: it's 40 degrees outside with a 10 mph wind. Dress for 30 degrees!*

Work parties

Everyone has to help maintain the boat – no exceptions – this is a basic requirement of membership.

- Times and days are variable – attend meetings to be part of making the schedule
- If you don't put in time working on the boat then why should you get to go sailing?

Recruiting and Fundraising

Everyone has to help keep the Ship healthy and growing – no exceptions – this is a basic requirement of membership.

By Laws

The Ship's By Laws are in a separate document. Make a point to read and understand them. Attendance, Ship's officers and much more are addressed in that document.