

# Welcome to The Toms River Yacht Club

In a quiet cove alongside the Toms River is an extraordinary place where people gather to sail, socialize, and just kick back. This community, the **Toms River Yacht Club**, is as varied and colorful as it is warm and friendly.

Comprised of world-class sailors, weekend boaters, bridge buffs, party mavens, and those who simply revel in its beautiful setting, the club is a melting pot of ages, interests, and professions.

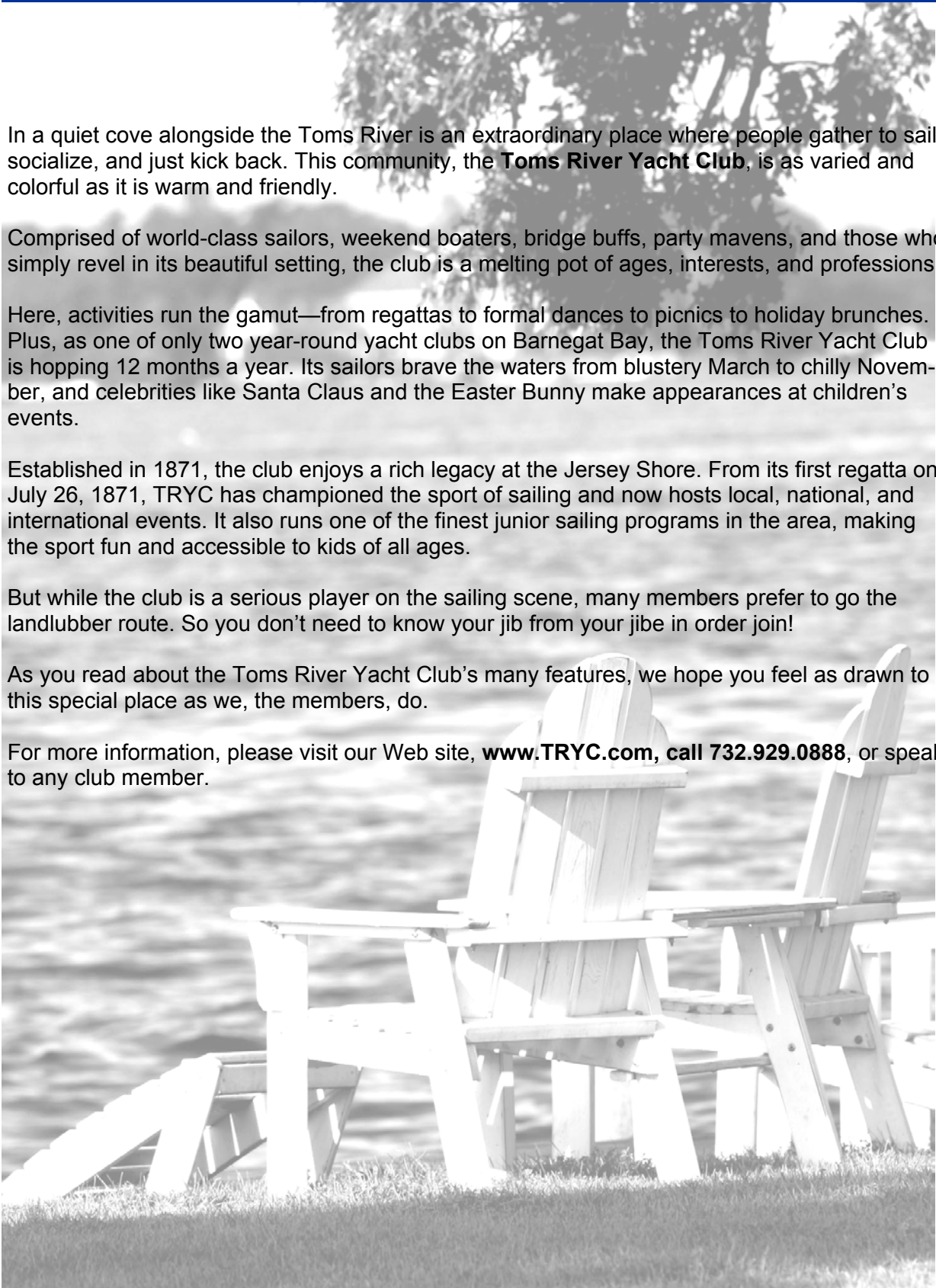
Here, activities run the gamut—from regattas to formal dances to picnics to holiday brunches. Plus, as one of only two year-round yacht clubs on Barnegat Bay, the Toms River Yacht Club is hopping 12 months a year. Its sailors brave the waters from blustery March to chilly November, and celebrities like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny make appearances at children's events.

Established in 1871, the club enjoys a rich legacy at the Jersey Shore. From its first regatta on July 26, 1871, TRYC has championed the sport of sailing and now hosts local, national, and international events. It also runs one of the finest junior sailing programs in the area, making the sport fun and accessible to kids of all ages.

But while the club is a serious player on the sailing scene, many members prefer to go the landlubber route. So you don't need to know your jib from your jibe in order to join!

As you read about the Toms River Yacht Club's many features, we hope you feel as drawn to this special place as we, the members, do.

For more information, please visit our Web site, [www.TRYC.com](http://www.TRYC.com), call **732.929.0888**, or speak to any club member.



# The Boating Lifestyle

## **SAILING**

As the oldest yacht club in continuous operation in the United States, the Toms River Yacht Club is deeply rooted in Ocean County's rich sailing history. But the club's reputation in the sailing world extends well beyond local shores. Among its members is Gary Jobson, who won the America's Cup in 1997 as tactician for Ted Turner. He is now a sailing analyst for ESPN and the preeminent ambassador for sailing in the United States.

## **RACING**

On the racing front, TRYC hosts some of the most recognized one-design regional and national championships, including the Flying Scot, Ensign, and E-scow classes, plus other PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) races. The club also participates in and is a major sponsor of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA).

For those seeking a less formal approach to sailboat racing, the club schedules its own PHRF races for both serious and not-so-serious racers. One of the most popular series is the Wednesday-night sunset sail, a weekly race held throughout the summer months. Preceded by a barbecue open to all members, this low-key race is great fun for the whole family.

## **BOATING**

Boating activities at the Toms River Yacht Club are not limited to racing. Although spots are often available on host sailboats for crew wishing to race, many members prefer the thrill of the powerboat. Others are neophytes who wish to learn more about the "yachting lifestyle." And still others prefer simply to remain on shore.

Whatever their preference, members enjoy launching the boat season on Memorial Day at the annual picnic and blessing-of-the-fleet boat parade. Here, the nation's fallen troops are memorialized and a minister prays over the fleet. It is a moving experience, not to be missed. Over the course of the year, other events combine boating and socializing, which reinforces the common interest that binds members together as one community.

## **MARINA**

The club marina has 90 slips available to members on a first-come, first served basis at reasonable rates. Keeping your boat at the club is another way to enhance your benefits of membership. For those who store boats elsewhere, you may dock your boat at a guest slip when attending a TRYC event.

# The Junior Sailing Program

**Does your child know his bow from his stern? Her chute from her sheet? A boom from a bowline?**

After eight fun-filled weeks in the Toms River Yacht Club's junior sailing program, your child will have learned all that and more. Plus, it's likely he or she will be able to skipper you across the river and back—and give you your crew's orders along the way!

Developed in the 1960s, the TRYC junior sailing program has been an integral part of the club's mission: to nurture and encourage a love for sailing. Here, kids between the ages of 8 and 16 learn invaluable skills, bolster self-confidence, build physical strength, and bond with their teammates.

Younger sailors start out in Optimist dinghies, otherwise known as the “bathtubs that breed the best sailors.” These safe, flat-bottomed boats are designed specifically for kids and represent the biggest dinghy class in the world. More than 50 percent of the sailors at the last Olympics were former Optimist sailors. As sailors gain experience and confidence they graduate to larger Lasers and 420s.

## **SCHEDULE**

The junior sailing program begins in **June** and runs for eight weeks, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday and 9:00 AM to 12 noon on Fridays.

On Tuesday evenings, there are special activities, such as cruising on a 100-year-old wooden boat, sailing on a 40-foot racer, and building canoes out of cardboard.

## **COSTS**

Any child can join the program, however, participants whose parents are members of the TRYC receive a significantly reduced rate—making membership a wise investment for the family.

In addition, sailors are required to supply their own boats. Used Optis, Lasers, and 420s can be purchased for about \$1,000, and if boats are well maintained, they can generally be sold for about the same price.

## **SAFETY**

Junior sailing instructors are local sailors who have mastered sailing skills and developed a passion for the sport. Each is trained and certified by U.S. Sailing and is also certified in first aid and CPR.

# The Social Life

Do you love the nightlife? Love to boogie? Enjoy innovative foods? Prefer to be a barfly? Just want to hang out with friends? Whatever activity puts the winds in your sails, the Toms River Yacht Club has something for you.

Here, social events are plentiful and varied, ranging from summer picnics to sock hops to formal black-tie affairs.

Here's a sampling of what the club has to offer:

## ***Casual Events***

- **Friday Night Galley**—gourmet family meals prepared by the TRYC chef
- **Sunday Afternoon Chartroom**—come after your sail or to watch the game
- **Holiday and Themed Parties**—from St. Patrick's Day to Viva Las Vegas night
- **Wednesday Night Sunset Grill and Margaritaville**—followed by casual sailboat racing
- **Picnics and Beach Parties**—take your shoes off, let your hair down!
- **Holiday Brunches**—Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and more
- **Kids Parties**—featuring special guests Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny

## ***Formal Events***

- **Spring Formal**—celebrating the coming of the new season
- **Jazz Night Cocktail and Dinner Party**—dust off your dancing shoes
- **Cocktail Parties**—honoring accomplished sailors, the Auxiliary, and Past Commodores
- **New Year's Eve Change of Watch Ball**—official welcome celebration for the new Commodore

**Social events are organized by member-run committees and are a great opportunity to meet new people, share ideas, and tap everyone's talent.**



# Into the Future

The Toms River Yacht Club is a forward-thinking organization, always looking to expand and improve its facilities and services.

In that spirit, the club has developed a long-range plan—approved by the Bridge and Board of Governors—which will boost the value of membership for both current and future members.

What's in store?

*Current projects, approved by the membership, include:*

- **Upgrading the kitchen facilities** to enhance social events, as well as private catered affairs
- **Revamping the ground-level facilities** (including restrooms and showers) for marina guests, junior sailors and members

*Future projects, approved by the Bridge and Board of Governors (subject to membership approval), include:*

- **A boathouse**, which will allow for expansion of the TRYC junior sailing program, Ocean County sailing, nationally recognized regattas, BBYRA races, and PHRF races
- **A pool and snack bar**, offering a greater range of activity options for members and their families and guests

These projects reinforce Toms River Yacht Club's goal of being an informal, family-driven organization focused on sailing and other water-oriented activities.



## Weddings and Special Affairs

With its breathtaking location on one of Ocean County's prettiest rivers, a top-notch staff, and state-of-the-art facilities, the historic Toms River Yacht Club is the perfect place to host your next affair.

Members and non-members alike may rent the club for weddings, anniversaries, dances, re-pasts, fundraisers, or any other type of gathering. The spacious dining room and adjoining deck feature sweeping views of the Toms River—and some of the most spectacular sunsets you'll ever see at the Jersey shore.

Handicapped accessible, the facility can accommodate up to 140 people, as well as a band or deejay. There is also an ample dance floor, allowing guests to Electric Slide (or waltz or jitter-bug or rock) in style.

What's on the menu? Gourmet fare. The club has access to one of the area's most esteemed executive chefs/restaurateurs, who will work with you to create an exquisite dining experience. In addition, the TRYC bar manager will act as a liaison between the club and the caterer to ensure that your wine and spirits needs are met.

Whatever your event, the Toms River Yacht Club will make sure it's an affair to remember. For more information about reserving the facility and to view menu selections, please call the club at **732.929.9809** or visit the Web site, **[www.TRYC.com](http://www.TRYC.com)**.

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