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Sugarloaf Sailing Club **Reciprocal Cruising Guide**

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SSC Reciprocal Privileges 2008

General Guidelines for exercising reciprocal docking

One of the benefits of the Sugarloaf Sailing Club (SSC) membership is a reciprocal docking agreement with other yacht/sailing clubs. You can moor your vessel at a low or no cost at many private and public marinas located on Lake Erie under various rules and conditions established by each club.

This "Cruising Guide" will be updated throughout the summer months as we learn and experience visits at the different participating clubs. The information will be gathered by club cruisers submitting their cruising logs to SSC Cruising Coordinator. At the end of the season a **Sugarloaf Sailing Club Cruising Award** will be awarded to the Cruising Family with the most nautical miles traveled in one season. This is based on the cruising logs submitted.

When exercising reciprocal docking privileges, please follow the guidelines below:

- Reciprocal clubs normally require proof of current membership in Sugarloaf Sailing Club and they usually ask that a SSC club burgee be flown while visiting. US courtesy flag should also be flown in US waters.
- All conditions are subject to change without notice so calling ahead may be worthwhile. Slips are often very limited and demand is high for guest docks so have alternative plans available in case of last minute disappointments.
- Look for a marina office or clubhouse to register. Clubs often want you to register even when you don't have to pay so they can keep track of club visits.

Please remember a few courtesies:

- Carry your current SSC membership card and be prepared to cheerfully present it, if requested.
- Follow all rules of the reciprocal yacht club as we use their facilities through their generosity.
- SSC members should report to Sugarloaf Marina Office when leaving their slips for an overnight period. This will allow the Marina to facilitate providing additional slips at no cost to larger cruising groups.

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General Guidelines for Boats Arriving at Sugarloaf Sailing Club

Below are the general guidelines for exercising reciprocal privileges when visiting Sugarloaf Sailing Club during the 2008 season.

Effective Dates: June 15 to Sept 15

Dock Locations:

- 2 Slips maximum
- Guest slips will be assigned upon your arrival.

Reciprocal Conditions:

- Advance reservations for arrival dates will be accepted.
- **Reservations must be confirmed 48 hours in advance by phone at Marina Office.**
- If you don't confirm 48 hours in advance your reservation is cancelled.
- If no reservation is made a slip will be provided based on availability.
- Only members of participating clubs will have access to docks.
- Members can consist of Sailboats and Powerboats.
- Membership card required from reciprocal yacht club. Reciprocal burgee requested to be displayed. Foreign vessels to fly a Canadian courtesy flag.
- Report to Marina Office.
- Reciprocal mooring is free for the first 48 hours. Additional nights are based on Sugarloaf Marina 2008 rates.
- 14 night maximum per year.
- Washrooms, showers, laundry and ice are located in the Marina Office.
- Club keys for Gate and Club Facilities are available from Marina Office.
- Walking distance to shops, restaurants, free Marina shuttle to downtown Port Colborne.



Sugarloaf Sailing Club Reciprocal Dockage Location



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SSC Reciprocal Privileges 2008 Participating Sailing Clubs

Participating Sailing Clubs	Location
1) Buffalo Yacht Club	Buffalo Harbor and Pt. Abino
2) Buffalo Canoe Club	Pt. Abino
3) Commodore Perry Yacht Club	Erie PA
4) Erie Yacht Club	Erie PA
5) Port Maitland Sailing Club	Grand River, mouth of river
6) Dunnville Boat Club	Grand River, beside dam
7) Port Dover Yacht Club	Further up the river
8) Long Point Bay Yacht Club	Pt Dover Municipal Marina
9) Cliffside Yacht Club	Pt Dover Municipal Marina
10) Dunkirk Yacht Club	New York
11) Ashtabula Yacht Club	Ohio

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Buffalo Area

Location Description:

Abino Bay is well protected bay with two yacht clubs. The bay and surrounding area is attractive to residents of Buffalo. Approaches from the east and south are clear, from the west give the point a wide berth as the shoal extends out into the lake some distance from the lighthouse.

1) Buffalo Canoe Club

4475 Erie Road, RR#1
Ridgeway, ON
LOS 1NO, Canada

Phone: (905) 894-2750

Fax: (905) 894-1146

Email: marinaoffice@buffalocc.on.ca

Website: www.buffalocanoeclub.com

Club Description:

This club is located on the north shore of the bay. It has an impressive club house with its excellent dining room and bar. Berthing along the club dock is available overnight. Boats staying longer or those whose draft or size prohibits docking will be assigned to a guest mooring. Fuel is not available and there are no stores close to the club.

Members of reciprocal clubs are asked, if arriving by water to call VHF 68 for BCC Launch Services. Launch services will be happy to provide you with a guest mooring and answer questions about current water depth. All our boats are on moorings, with the main dock available for day use. Guest mooring are 170, 171, 172. Once you are settled please sign the guest register at the front desk.



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2) Buffalo Yacht Club

1 Porter Avenue, Buffalo
14201-1097 USA

Sigmund Szymanski

Phone: (716) 883-5900

Fax: (716) 883-7806

Email: office@buffaloyachtclub.org

Website: www.buffaloyachtclub.org

Club Description:

The Buffalo Yacht club has 2 locations, one located in Buffalo and the other within Abino Bay. BYC maintains summer stations in the bay and their basin can handle boats to 40 feet or more and to a 7 foot draft. Enter BYC basin on the range and stay in the bouyed channel, don't stray south into the BERTIE BOAT CLUB channel as their channel and basin can only accommodate keel boats under 26 feet and 4 foot draft. There is not restaurant or bar at the club, no marine services or fuel.



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Erie, PA Area

Location Description:

Erie harbor is completely land locked, easy to approach and enter with a variety of excellent facilities for the cruiser. The harbor is ringed by the mainland and city of Erie on the south and by Presque Isle on the north forming a huge bay which provides fine sailing even when it may be blowing too hard to venture out into the lake.

If approaching from the west or northwest give Presque Isle Point a wide berth and follow the buoyed channel into the harbor. Once inside don't stray north out of the channel until you are well west of the marks. There are three yacht clubs, a state marina, a couple of anchorages and a number of marinas to choose from for transient dockage.

Anchorages:

Considering if the lake levels are high the picturesque MISERY BAY anchorage is available to moderate draft keep boats. Enter carefully just west of the end of the north wall beyond the Coast Guard Station. The bay is popular with waterskiers and fisherman but become quiet at dusk. A nice anchorage is within the small bay occupied by the PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK MARINA. Boats sometimes anchor in the far west end of the bay beyond the EYC.

3) Commodore Perry Yacht Club

P.O. Box 3455, Erie, PA 16508, USA

Bill Whiteford

Phone: (814)870-1746

Phone: (814)454-9106 (club house)

Answering Machine: (814)455-9533

Website: <http://www.commodoreperryyachtclub.com/>

Email:

MonscheinJAM@aol.com

jonderko@edinboro.edu

hank.bujalski@timesnews.com

Club Description:

This club is located west of the prominent brick waterworks buildings in the area developed from the remains of the abandoned industrial eyesores. The club welcomes visiting reciprocal clubs. Gasoline is available and there are showers in the club house but no restaurant or bar.



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4) Erie Yacht Club

P.O. Box 648, Erie, PA 16512, USA

Phone: (814) 453-4931

Fax: (814) 453-6182

Website: <http://www.erieyachtclub.org>

Email: gm@erieyachtclub.org

secretary@erieyachtclub.org

Club Description:

This club is a major Great Lakes Club of long standing with an impressive fleet, fine facilities and an active membership. It is located about 3 miles from the harbor entrance in the southwest corner of the bay. The club can supply fuel and in emergencies marine services are available. Provisioning is impossible without a car. The club has a good dining room and bar.



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Port Maitland & Dunnville Area

Location Description:

Port Maitland is two for the price of one. Dunnville is about 5 miles up the Grand River and Port Maitland is at the river mouth. From offshore the most prominent landmarks are the chimneys of the chemical plant. If coming from the west go outside the buoy at Tecumseh Reef and don't cut to close to the tip of the Grant's Point. Local sailboats coming from the east will take a short cut behind Mohawk Island but if you don't know the water its wise to go outside the island and round the red bouy.

The Grand River has at least 8 feet to Dunnville and is a great trip, the river winds through the marsh will tall grass on each side. About half way to Dunnville Anchoring in the river is possible, especially to escape the mosquitos! Show a light as boats do travel the river at night.

5) Port Maitland Sailing Club

P.O. Box 171 Stn Main
Dunnville, ON N1A 2X5

Phone: (905) 794-3651

Club Description:

The Port Maitland Sailing Club is located on the west shore of the Grand River just beyond the old shipyard. Arriving reciprocal members are asked to sign the guest register located at the front desk in the club house.

Special Note:

When making use of this reciprocal please obtain copy of PMSC letter for use as a reciprocal card. Obtain the copy from Marvin Foest - 905-714-0604

6) Dunnville Boat Club

1 Mill St.
Dunnville, ON, N1A 2X1
Phone: (905)774-7039

Club Description:

The Dunnville Boat club is located further up the river on the east shore below the dam in the town park.



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Port Dover Area

Location Description:

Port Dover has become the most important yachting center on the north shore and is also a major commercial fishing port, shipbuilding center, base for offshore gas well industry and a popular summer resort. The port offers good shelter, convenient shopping and restaurants, all marine services and a nice yacht club.

From the lake approaching the south look for the large water tank on the bluff to the west of the harbor. There are a couple of potential hazards to watch out for: there are rocks and shallow spots SE of the entrance; best pass outside of the red mark if coming from the east and don't cut close to the end of the west pier-ruins of an old jetty extend beyond it.

The river near the bridge, which opens on the hour and half hour, is narrow and congested and it can sometimes be difficult to maneuver a large sailboat here which waiting for the bridge.

7) Port Dover Yacht Club

(519) 583-3342

PO Box 668

Port Dover, ON N0A 1N0

Phone: (519) 583-9901

Phone: (519) 583-3342

Tim Fitzgerald - secretary@pdyc.ca

Steve Miller - commodore@pdyc.ca

Website: <http://www.pdyc.ca>

Club Description:

The club is located further up the river and is very pleasant with nice docks, a bar and a dining room that is open a couple of nights a week, no fuel or marine services. Tie up on the wall in front of the club to get a slip assignment. The docks on the west shore opposite of the club are private. The ERIE BEACH HOTEL is a favorite restaurant, especially for perch. CALLAHAN's on the beach is active, and serves good food. A good diversion is a dinghy trip up Black Creek to check out the houses and peer at the wildlife.



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8) Longpoint Bay Yacht Club

(519) 765-3339

PO Box 1005

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Bob Rankin, Cruising Director, Cell Phone: 519-429-4635

Robert W Eagles, Commodore, Phone: 519-765-3339

Ted Jenkinson, Past Commodore, Phone: 519-756-1729

Brian Lottridge, Secretary, Phone: (519) 583-3849

Club Description:

The club is location in the Port Dover Harbor Marina, East Basin. The marina has space for transients, showers and fuel. A shoal is just outside the marina entrance directly south; use caution and keep the red bouy on your right as you enter on a NE course on the range.

9) Cliffside Yacht Club

(519)-583-3806

PO Box 1078

Port Dover, ON, N0A 1N0

Robin Hitchon - 519-583-3806

Dawn Barett - 519-426-7732

Club Description:

The club is location in the Port Dover Harbor Marina, East Basin. The marina has space for transients, showers and fuel. A shoal is just outside the marina entrance directly south; use caution and keep the red bouy on your right as you enter on a NE course on the range.



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10) Dunkirk Yacht Club

(716)-366-9789
PO Box 505
Dunkirk, NY 14048

Website: <http://www.mainalley.com/dyc/>

Location: New York, south, across lake from Port Colborne

Location Description:

Dunkirk is the first deep water harbor west of Buffalo on the American shore and makes a good stop between Buffalo and Erie.

The obvious landmark is the Niagara Mohawk generating plant with its three stacks which are floodlit at night. The Dunkirk Light on Point Gratiot is west of the generating plant and harbor entrance. The red bouy is off the harbor entrance. Do not attempt to enter the harbor from the eastern end of the breakwall as it is shoal. Upon entering the harbor follow the bouys and channel to the end of the municipal dock.

Club Description:

The Dunkirk Yacht Club graciously accepts reciprocal members to its docks and clubhouse. There is over 6 feet plus on the north side, shallower in the slips on the south side of the dock. The club is informal and friendly, showers and kitchen facilities in the clubhouse, no restaurant, bar or marina services.

Shopping and Restaurants are just west of the park bordering NYC and a couple of restaurants near the club and marina.



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11) Ashtabula Yacht Club

Website: <http://www.ashtabulayachtclub.com>

Location: Ohio, USA

Ashtabula Yacht Club

P.O. Box 225

Ashtabula, Ohio 44005-0225

or

970 West 5th Street Ashtabula, Ohio U.S.A.

Phone: 440-964-3129

Email: info@ashtabulayachtclub.com

GPS:

41° 53' 56" N Lat. 80° 47' 43" W Long.

Location Description:

The Ashtabula Yacht Club is located in northeast Ohio, 60 miles east of Cleveland. It sits in a protected harbor on the Ashtabula River, approximately 1/2 mile south of the lighthouse on Lake Erie

Club Description:

Currently, they have over 200 members and 140 docks that accommodate both powerboats and sailboats ranging between 24' and 50'. Throughout the year we sponsor many events that are open to the "boating public". For a list of upcoming events, see our [Announcements and Events](#) page

