



# BLSC Fleet Program



## Purpose

- Enable BLSC member access to sailing
  - Members waiting for slips
  - Members who wish to transition out of full time boat ownership but still want to enjoy sailing
- Provide a teaching platform for sailing classes
- Enable members to participate in racing that may not have a suitable boat or want to step up and sharpen skills

## The Boat – Colgate 26

- “Colgate 26 sailboats are wonderful mid-sized sailboats for day sailing, sailing lessons and sailboat racing. Olympic and America’s Cup sailor [Steve Colgate](#) and renowned naval architect Jim Taylor, designed the Colgate 26 with sailboat safety top of mind. They wanted a fast sailboat for racing, a comfortable sailboat for “just messing around in boats”, and a great sailboat for teaching sailing fundamentals and sailboat racing techniques. Steve wrote the parameters for *A Boat For All Reasons*, insisting that it not only be safe and unsinkable. Steve also mandated that the Colgate 26 have big boat characteristics with fast one-design sailboat performance – a smart keelboat with sophisticated and easy to use sailboat design features that make the transition to larger boats a breeze.”

## Who qualifies – any BLSC members in good standing

## How does it work

- Fleet Membership priority will be given to members without boats
- Only Fleet Members (FM) allowed to use the boat
- Fleet Membership fee would be equivalent to the annual half slip fees
  - Fees are due on the same schedule as all other club dues.
  - Fees will be paid annually.
  - If a member joins after May 1<sup>st</sup>, their dues will be prorated.
    - May – 86%; June – 72%; July – 58%; Aug – 44%; Sept-Dec 30%
- Fleet Membership will initially be limited to 5 members/boat
- Each FM is entitled to 20 weekend (Fri, Sat, or Sun) days; 20 weekdays.
- Reserved through an online reservation system
- If a boat is unreserved for a weekend, it will be available to anybody within the fleet on Thursday and will not count against their allocation.

## How do I become a Fleet Member –

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