



2023 SUMMER ON GRINDSTONE NECK

Whether you are a first-timer, a relative newcomer, or a lifer it's the same message: Another glorious Maine coast summer is just around the corner and there is no better place to enjoy it than here on Grindstone Neck.

Since this community was founded, over one hundred years ago, families have enjoyed a way of life that has disappeared from much of the country. Here children can still safely ride their bikes to town for ice cream or a visit to the five-and-dime store. Children and adults can enjoy a wealth of activities or simply rusticate in a scenic and convivial environment.

The Grindstone community was founded by a group of gentlemen from Philadelphia and New York in 1890. Many of the homes you see around the Oval today were built around that time, as well as a 250-room inn, two churches, a stable, a casino, a saltwater swimming pool with one hundred cabanas, and the Yacht Club. The community went into eclipse after the Depression and World War II. A revival began in the 1980s, with new homes being built and new families enjoying the Neck's amenities. Though the inn, stable, and casino are gone, Grindstone Neck is thriving once again.

There are two separate but related organizations on Grindstone Neck, the Winter Harbor Yacht Club and the Grindstone Association. This brochure provides information on both organizations.

A composite Winter Harbor Yacht Club/Grindstone Association calendar is distributed to members in the spring, providing a schedule of the activities and events planned for the 2023 summer season. Additional copies of the printed calendar can be obtained at the Yacht Club or golf clubhouse or viewed and printed on the GA website here <https://grindstoneassociation.com/WHYC/GA-Calendar>. The updated [Live Calendar](#), which includes events both on and off the Neck, is posted on the GA website <https://grindstoneassociation.com>. *This Week on Grindstone (TWOOG)* is a weekly bulletin sent to members by email on Fridays during the season. This bulletin, which also includes events both on and off the Neck, is posted weekly on the [Events](#) page of the GA website. If members would like to submit any changes or events not included in the monthly calendar, please advise the TWOOG editor by noon on Wednesdays throughout the season. Bulletin boards at the Yacht Club, golf clubhouse, tennis courts and swimming pool provide up-to-date information. Sign-up sheets for various events are posted at these locations. Members may now register for racquet sport lessons, clinics, and tournaments, as well as selected golf events, by selecting the relevant event on the GA website's [Live Calendar](#) using your computer or on the Wild Apricot for Members app's Event list using your mobile device. Event registration instructions may be found on the website's [Tips](#) page found in the Member Information section of the site.

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER

PLEASE OBSERVE THE 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON GRINDSTONE NECK

REMEMBER TO BUCKLE UP AND USE BICYCLE HELMETS

The Winter Harbor Yacht Club

The Winter Harbor Yacht Club (WHYC) is the hub of the yachting and social activities on Grindstone Neck.

Facilities: The WHYC facilities include floats, moorings, a launch service, boat rentals, meeting rooms, rest rooms, showers, a dining room, and a snack bar.

Sailing activities: Bullseye races are scheduled on Wednesdays and Knockabout races on Saturdays, weather permitting. The Alan J. Goldstein Junior Sailing Program is open to children ages 8 and up and they must be able to pass a swimming and capsized test. Participants must be children of members, subscribers, or their guests. A limited number of local town children are also invited to participate. The AJG Junior Sailing program begins on June 26 and continues through August 18, 2023. Junior sailing boats include Bullseyes, 420's, and Optimis. The WHYC is home to the oldest complete continuously-raced fleet of sailboats in the country: The Winter Harbor 21's or "Knockabouts," built in 1907, are all moored together in front of the club.

Social activities: Official WHYC opening and closing ceremonies are on July 4 and Labor Day, respectively. Other activities include regularly scheduled lobster dinners, Sunday night suppers, Bistro Dinners, family night dinners, and special events scheduled from time to time.

Dues and Fees: Those who use the facilities of the Club must pay Membership Dues based on age and length of period of stay. Members are permitted use of the Yacht Club facilities only if Membership Dues and usage Fees have been paid in full. An initiation Fee is paid after a Subscriber is voted in as a WHYC Member.

Guests: Adult and Senior Guests/Guest Families of a WHYC member will not be charged a usage fee for stays of seven days or less. After seven days they will be charged \$50/day regardless of the size of the guest family. – It is the responsibility of members to sign in guests and the number of days they are present. Guests of Juniors and Young Adults are not charged any usage fees regardless of length of stay. Fees are billed to the Host Member. In all cases, any charges for food or service generated by a Guest are billed to the Host Member.

2023 Winter Harbor Yacht Club Dues and Fees

	<i>Membership/ Subscriber Total Dues for those who stay 0 – 7 days</i>	<i>Membership / Subscriber Total Dues for those who stay 8-14 days</i>	<i>Membership / Subscriber Total Dues for those who stay for the season</i>	<i>Reinstatement Fee for members wishing to rejoin</i>	<i>Initiation Fee</i>
Juniors (0-17)	0	0	0	0	0
Young adult (18 – 24) (per person)	85	85	85	Payment of back Dues	0
Adult - Single (25-34) (per person)	150	340	530	Payment of back Dues or initiation Fee whichever is less	1,010
Adult family—one adult (25-34)	150	530	900	Payment of back Dues or initiation Fee whichever is less	2,000
Adult family – two adults (24-34)	300	680	1065	Payment of back Dues or initiation Fee whichever is less	2,000
Senior single – (over 35) (per person)	380	555	960	1,010	1,010
Senior family – one adult (over 35)	380	960	1,750	2,000	2,000
Senior family – two adults (over 35)	530	1,110	1,920	2,000	2,000
Subscribers - Single	380	960	1,750		
Subscribers - Family	530	1,110	1,920		

- ***Junior Members** who are descendants of Voting Members will automatically become Young Adult Voting Members at age 18.
- **Guest Racing Crew** – Guests of the yacht club who are there solely for the purpose of crewing on a boat for a race, shall not be charged a usage fee regardless of the days they sail.
- **New Spouse** – New spouses or new significant others (and offspring) of members automatically become members without need to apply or pay initiation fee. They will then be Family Members.
- **Emeritus Members** – Emeritus members are members of the yacht club who upon a vote by the Board are not required to pay any fees or dues.
- **Subscriber/Family Subscriber** – See Section 1.3 of the WHYC Subscriber/Membership Procedures and Article XIV Section 5 of the WHYC By-Laws.
- **Family** – The WHYC defines a “family”, as a single person and his or her children or grandchildren or a couple (married or significant partners) and their children or grandchildren. To be included in this category the children or grandchildren must be under the age of 18. In the case of divorce each person may remain as a member and will be treated as single or family depending on whether children accompany that parent to the WHYC.
- **Junior Members** – See Article XIV, Section 4 of the WHYC By-Laws.
- **Age** will be determined as of June 1st.
- **Days** – Days of arrival and days of departure are counted as days of stay. Days do not have to be consecutive.

2023 GRINDSTONE ASSOCIATION FEES

Initiation Fees*

Family Membership (age 35 and over) <i>(Does not include the Winter Harbor Yacht Club Initiation Fee)</i>	\$3,200
Family Membership (under age 35)	\$1,000
Non-Member Spouse/Partner of Current or Deceased Member	\$1,000

**The Grindstone Association (GA) defines a "family" as a single person and his or her children or grandchildren or a couple and their children and grandchildren. To be included in this category, children and grandchildren must be under the age of 25 as of June 1. A newly elected spouse/partner of a member who joined the GA before March 1, 2012 and for whom an initiation fee was not paid must pay the applicable Non-Member Spouse/Partner Initiation Fee. A newly elected spouse/partner of a member who joined as a "Family Member" after March 1, 2012 may subsequently become a member without payment of an additional Initiation Fee. Memberships are not transferable by gift or inheritance.*

Annual Membership Fees

Member** - age 35 and over as of June 1	\$250
Member** - under age 35 as of June 1	\$125

Annual Cottage Fee

Member** Cottage Fee	\$4700
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Pro-rated Cottage Fee Program Fee

Weekly Fee (two week maximum)	\$735
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Discovery Plan Cottage Fees

Weekly Fee	\$735
Monthly Fee (one month maximum)	\$2,940

Tenant Fees

Fee	\$10/day for entire Rental Period
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Please refer to the GA Annual Fee Policy and the GA Initiation Fee Policy for specific guidance

****The term Member refers to a person who has been elected as a Member or Subscriber of the Association.**

Grindstone Facility Privileges and Fees*

	Participant	Pool & Tennis	Golf
a	Member	✓	✓
b	Designated Exempt Family	✓	✓
c	Subscriber	✓	✓
d	Pro-Rated Cottage Fee Program (PCFP) Participant	✓	✓
e	Discovery Plan Participant	✓	✓
f	Adult Immediate Family of Person Described in a-e Who Is Not a Member **	✓	Pay Greens Fees
g	Adult Houseguest of Person Described in a-e Who is Not a Member	✓	Pay Greens Fees
h	Tenant (If Not a Member) And Tenant's Adult Guests	\$10 per Adult (age 25 or over) per night in residence***	Pay Greens Fees
i	Child and Houseguest of Any Person Above (a-h) Under Age 25	✓	✓
j	Day Guests Must be accompanied by member Each guest limited to 3 days per season	✓	Pay Greens Fees

Please refer to the GA Facilities Use Policy for specific guidance.

****Assumes all individuals are residing in a home for which an annual Grindstone Association Cottage Fee has been paid or participants in the Pro-rated Cottage Fee Plan or the Discovery Plan have paid the requisite fees. The ✓ symbol indicates no additional fee for that privilege.***

*****Immediate family comprises lineal family members, i.e., those in a direct male or female line of ancestry. Examples: father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, etc. but not uncle, aunt, brother, sister, nephew, niece, etc.***

An adult immediate family member (age 25 or over) who is not a Member must pay greens fees, as per chart.

******Tenants and their houseguests who do not utilize the pool or tennis courts at any time during their stay are not asked to pay the Pool and Tennis Fee. At least one adult must pay a Pool and Tennis Fee for those under 25 to be eligible to use those facilities. Any member renting property to a non-member must pay all applicable Pool and Tennis fees in advance of the rental, for the duration of the tenant's stay. This is the responsibility of the Member, not of the tenant. Cottage owners are requested to identify their tenants to the Membership Committee of the Grindstone Association before July 1.***

The Grindstone Association

The Grindstone Association (GA) offers superb recreational facilities. These include a nine-hole golf course, a swimming pool with convenient bath houses, and four tennis courts, two with a Har-Tru (clay) surface and two with Novacrylic (hard) surface similar to that of the U.S. Open. The hard courts were stunningly resurfaced in 2017 with the international standard blue-on-green scheme. One of those courts was enhanced with the addition of lines for two courts for Pickleball - now the fastest growing sport in the country. The Association also owns and maintains a playground for children and offers unlimited access to miles of public walking trails throughout Grindstone Neck.

The [GA Facilities Use Policy](#) governs access to GA facilities and the [GA Annual Fee Policy](#) governs required GA fees. Please refer to these GA policies for specific guidance. Generally speaking, **GA Members** who own a home located on the Schoodic Peninsula or the surrounding islands of Hancock County, Maine* are required to pay the Annual Cottage Fee. GA members in good standing who reside in a house for which the Annual Cottage Fee is paid have unlimited use of the swimming pool, tennis courts and golf course without any additional charge. Immediate family of a GA member residing in a house for which the Annual Cottage Fee has been paid has unlimited access to swimming pool and tennis courts. In addition, immediate family members who are either GA members themselves or under age 25 have unrestricted golf privileges. Any golfer who is not a GA member and not under age 25 must pay posted greens fees.

Subscribers pay the Annual Membership Fee. Subscribers who own a home located on the Schoodic Peninsula or the surrounding islands of Hancock County, Maine* are required to pay the Annual Cottage Fee. Subscriber privileges may be renewed year to year upon approval by the Board. Subscribers residing in a house for which the Annual Cottage Fee has been paid have unlimited use of GA facilities (pool, tennis and golf) and have the same facility use privileges and requirements as members.

GA members who own more than one cottage may designate one **Exempt Family** unit for each such house for which the Annual Cottage Fee has been paid. An Exempt Family has unlimited use of all GA facilities and has the same privileges as GA members residing in a fee-paying house regarding family and houseguests. All other occupants of such an additional house who are not immediate family or houseguests of the Exempt Family or who are not GA members are deemed to be Tenants with respect to use of the GA facilities and payment of fees.

Houseguests: A houseguest staying in a house for which the Annual Cottage Fee has been paid will have unrestricted swimming pool and tennis courts privileges as long as that person's visit occurs while the GA member or subscriber who owns the house, or the Exempt Family, is in residence. Houseguests who are not members and who play golf must pay posted greens fees. Persons staying in a house for which the Annual Cottage Fee has been paid while the owner or Exempt Family is not in residence are considered tenants, unless they are GA members or immediate family of the owner.

Tenants residing in a house for which the Annual Cottage Fee has been paid are welcome to use the swimming pool and tennis courts for the duration of the rental period upon payment of a Tenants Fee of \$10 per day per adult (age 25 and over). At least one adult must pay a Tenants Fee for those under 25 to be eligible to use those facilities. This fee is due for all nights in residence and should be paid in advance by the cottage owner, not the tenant. Cottage owners are requested to identify their tenants to the Membership Committee of the Grindstone Association before July 1. **Please make check payable to Grindstone Association and remit payment to:** Grindstone Association; PO Box 12, Winter Harbor, Maine 04693. If neither the swimming pool nor the tennis courts are used during a Tenant's stay no Tenants Fee will be due for that person. Adult tenants are welcome to play golf after paying the posted greens fees.

Pro-rated Cottage Fee Program (PCFP) A Pro-rated Cottage Fee Program participant is a Grindstone Association Member in good standing who does not own a residence located on the Schoodic Peninsula or the surrounding islands of Hancock County, Maine*, rents an eligible residence and, upon payment of the fee specified in the then-current Fee Schedule, may have the same use of facilities of the Grindstone Association as a member who rents a house for which a cottage fee has been paid for a visit up to two weeks per season with participation limited to three (3) years. The GA Member Renter who participates in the Pro-rated Cottage Fee Program must notify the Treasurer with the details of the rental.

Discovery Plan A person who is not a GA member and is renting a house for which an Annual Cottage Fee is not paid may apply to the Board to participate in the Discovery Plan. Upon approval by the Board, such person shall have the same use of the facilities of the Grindstone Association as a member residing in a house for which an Annual Cottage Fee has been paid for one visit, up to one month in duration. Payment of the appropriate Discovery Plan Cottage Fee is the responsibility of the Discovery Plan Participant. Payment must be received in advance of that Discovery Plan Participant's first use of the GA's facilities. Each person who resides in the home rented by the Discovery Plan participant who is not the Plan Participant, or a spouse, partner, parent, child, or partner of a child or grandchild of the participant, shall be considered a Tenant and must pay a Tenants' Fee for use of the swimming pool and tennis courts and greens fees for golf.

Others: Occupants of a cottage for which an Annual Cottage Fee, a Discovery Plan fee, or a Pro-Rated Cottage Fee has not been paid are not eligible to use the Association facilities; however, like all members of the public, they may use the golf course by paying the posted greens fee.

Pool and Golf Sign-in: All users of the Pool, including members, guests and tenants are asked to sign in at the Pool upon each visit. This is an important insurance requirement. All golfers are asked to sign in at the golf clubhouse each time they play, even if they are members who reside in a house for which the Annual Cottage Fee is paid and therefore not required to pay greens fees.

Association Activities: Any Participant shown in the **Grindstone Facility Privileges and Fees** chart on this brochure's inserted page is invited to participate in the many Grindstone Association-sponsored activities. (Tenants Fees and Greens fees may apply, as indicated.) Those activities include tennis tournaments, golf scrambles, water aerobics, and children's programs. (Note: Use of the Winter Harbor Yacht Club facilities is subject to another fee structure as described previously.) Private tennis instruction, golf lessons, and swimming lessons are also available. Please respect the dress codes posted at the golf course and tennis courts; in particular, note that tennis shoes are the only footwear allowed on the upper and lower courts.

For More information, please see the Winter Harbor Yacht Club and Grindstone Association Directory and applicable websites.

For Those Interested in Membership

We welcome your interest in joining our community that includes the Winter Harbor Yacht Club and the Grindstone Association. These two organizations coordinate their policies and activities, use the same application form, but have separate membership procedures. Each organization allows a provisional Subscriber period during which applicants for membership and existing members may get acquainted.

A person who owns a residence located on the Schoodic Peninsula or the surrounding islands of Hancock County, Maine* and who wishes to join the Winter Harbor Yacht Club must apply to join both organizations and pay the applicable Winter Harbor Yacht Club and Grindstone Association dues and fees. The 2023 annual dues and fees schedules for each organization are included in this brochure and its insert. Upon election to membership a new member is billed the appropriate initiation fee for the Yacht Club and Grindstone Association, respectively, both payable over three years.

A person who does not own a residence located on the Schoodic Peninsula or the surrounding islands of Hancock County, Maine* is not required to become a subscriber or member of the Grindstone Association to become a subscriber or member of the Winter Harbor Yacht Club.

A prospective member should contact the respective membership committee chair for details not covered in this brochure:

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*In general, persons applying for Subscriber privileges or Membership in the Winter Harbor Yacht Club and who own a residence on the Schoodic Peninsula or the surrounding islands of Hancock County (as hereinafter described) are required to become and remain members of the Grindstone Association (GA) as long as they own the residence, or to resign their membership in the Yacht Club, according to a joint agreement with the GA of 2010 and the 2017 and 2021 addenda.

The Schoodic Peninsula or the surrounding islands of Hancock County shall mean: the Schoodic Peninsula south of Rte 1, along the 186 corridor and includes the towns of Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro, specifically Birch Harbor, Prospect Harbor, South Gouldsboro, West Gouldsboro, Summer Harbor, Wonsqueak, Bunkers Harbor, Chicken Mill, Jones Pond, Westbay, and Corea and the surrounding islands including Flat, Ned, Heron, Spectacle, Turtle, Mark, Jordan, Hog, Stave, Yellow, Ironbound, Crow, Little Moose, Schoodic, Rolling, Western, Bar, Outer Bar, Sheep, Sally, Bald Rock, Dry, and Lobster Islands.