

Boston Sailing Center

YOUR UPPER DECK RENTAL

Included in your rental:

- Upper Deck space and two restrooms
- Folding Tables (three 6ft. and three 8ft.)
- Folding Chairs (up to 50)
- Trash Cans (3-4 with one bag)
- Recycling Bins
- Sound System with auxiliary plug (please confirm that your device is compatible)

NOT included in your rental:

- Table Linens
- Paper products (cups, plates etc.)
- Extra trash bags
- Catering
- High-top tables
- Access to the docks, pilothouse, downstairs office, downstairs bathrooms, or galley

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the capacity of the Upper Deck?

The upper deck can accommodate 50 people for a seated dinner, or 100 standing room only. The 100-person capacity includes any hired catering staff, bands, etc.

2. Is there parking at the Boston Sailing Center?

The Sailing Center does not have its own parking, and we do not validate parking. There is parking available on Lewis Wharf, Sargent's Wharf, and the Pilot House (all right near the center). Rates vary between \$18-\$29. If Lewis Wharf does not have any available spots, ask the attendant if they have room to valet your car. If you are looking to drop things off at the Sailing Center, the first 8 minutes in the lot are free of charge.

3. Who do you recommend for catering?

We recommend [Rita's Catering](#), [Woodman's of Essex*](#), [Ipswich Clambake](#), and [Blue Ribbon BBQ](#), although you are welcome to bring in any caterer you'd like. If they are staying and serving through your event (not just dropping off food) we can book parking in advance for \$50. Please contact the office at least two weeks in before your event to set this up.

**Mention our name for free shrimp cocktail for your event*

4. Can I serve alcohol at my event?

You are welcome to have alcohol at your event, but we do require a tips certified bar tender with liability insurance to serve alcohol – see your charter agreement for specifics. We recommend [North Shore Bartending](#). Liquor can be served, but not sold in any manner.

5. What if I go over my allotted time?

If you would like more than three hours, let us know at least two weeks in advance and we can add on time for an additional \$150/hr. All guests must be exiting the riverboat at your rental end time. Any rental that extends past the aforementioned end time will result in a \$200 per every half hour fee. Due to neighborhood restrictions, events on the upper deck cannot go past 9pm with an hour clean up following the completion of the rental.

6. Do I need to clean up after my event?

Yes, please help us keep our Riverboat and Harbor tidy! After your event please empty all trashcans and recycling bins into the dumpsters at the top of our gangway. All rentals (like high top tables and linens) must be removed at the end of your event or the very next day.

7. Can I show up early to set up for my event?

You may show up two hours prior to your event start time to set up. Please let the office know if you intend to do so.

8. I'd like to decorate! What can I bring?

With the beautiful waterfront setting, you don't need to bring much! Additionally, the ceiling is decorated with signal flags and string lights. If we have very high winds, these may be removed for safety reasons. Confirm with the center that these flags are still up for your event (they usually stay up all year!). Flame candles, confetti, balloons, or anything similar that could blow into the harbor are not permitted. Plastic drink and tableware are always a safer bet than glass due to the riverboat's slight rocking motion.

9. What does my band/DJ need to know?

The upper deck has speakers and an auxiliary cable to hook up a device for music. Please check in ahead of time to make sure your device is compatible. Power-wise, the upper deck can accommodate a small 3-4 person band with reasonable sized speakers. As it is a small space, things like amps and large equipment are not typically needed. If you have any questions about power on the upper deck, please contact the office.

Other questions?

Review your rental contract, or contact the BSC office at 617-227-4198 or info@bostonsailingcenter.com. We are in the office every day from 9am to sunset.