

Letter of recommendation for Catherine Norcott as a new member to the Waquoit Bay Yacht Club.

I first met Catherine Norcott on the day we were bringing in the docks in October. To her credit, she took the initiative to come to the club to introduce herself to the club members. It is not easy to walk into a club and start the process of introducing yourself without knowing anyone. She is a friendly and easy-going person who wants to get back into sailing. She used to belong to a self-help yacht club years ago, and understands the culture of a club where you meet other members by participating in club activities and projects. Now that her son is a Sophomore in college, she has the time to come back to the pleasure of sailing.

Last year she purchased an 18 foot Herreshoff Cat Boat, which she kept on a rented mooring at Parker's Boat Yard and single handed sailed in Buzzards Bay. However, her boat is a little too small for the chop in Buzzards Bay and this significantly limited the days she could sail. Since she has a condominium in Falmouth, she decided to consider sailing in Waquoit Bay and Vineyard Sound.

She will be considering renting a mooring in the Waquoit area until she is able to obtain a town mooring in Waquoit Bay or Green pond.

I have talked with Catherine, at length, and I find her to be a very responsible and personable person, who is willing to pitch in to help support the club activities. I believe she would easily fit into the culture of the Yacht Club.

Catherine works in the Boston area as a Certified Financial Planner, and brings to the club a friendly personality, a love of sailing and financial skills that could be helpful to the club in the future.

Therefore, I recommend that the New Member Committee accept her application and invite her to join the Waquoit Bay Yacht Club.

Respectfully yours,

John Palmieri