



The images presented on both pages are of a 22-foot Monterey 22SF, ideal for cruising and water sports.

Introducing the Barrington Boat Club

MEMBERS ENJOY ACCESS TO A PREMIUM FLEET WITHOUT
ALL THE HASSLES OF OWNERSHIP

OWNING A BOAT can be time consuming and expensive. Waterway fees and costs associated with insurance, maintenance, transport, and storage quickly add up. Barrington Boat Club in Port Barrington sets out to eliminate all of that by operating like a timeshare. Members gain access to its fleet of premium boats on the lower Fox River all season long, from May to October. Unlike boat owners, who are limited to the same vessel, members can check out a different boat each time they go out on the water, to suit whatever activities they have planned for that day: water skiing, tubing, cruising, fishing, floating, or anchoring it near a restaurant along the river. The No Wake Bar & Grill happens to be steps away from the pier.





“We are moving toward a shared society, with everything from ‘Vacation by Owner’ to ‘Divvy bikes,’” said Michelle Streit, who owns Barrington Boat Club with her husband Dillon, a third-generation owner of All Marine Services in Cary, Ill., which is a Mercury certified service and storage center that specializes in fiberglass restoration. Dillon grew up in the business, learning how to restore vessels by watching his grandfather Paul, who founded it in 1987, and his own father Dan, at work. Barrington Boat Club is an extension of that business, a partnership between Dillon and Michelle.

“Rather than simply offer rentals, we wanted to work with an exclusive group of members so that the same people will be using these boats, which makes us feel more comfortable investing in premium vessels,” Michelle said. “We want our members to feel equally invested in these shared boats. We hope to build a BBC community. Members will enjoy exclusive member events, giveaways, and more.

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Barrington Boat Club has in its fleet a 22-foot Sweetwater TriToon with 115 HP, described by Michelle as “a patio on the water with lots of room to lounge, perfect for entertaining a large group of people, or floating down the river,” and a 22-foot Monterey 22SF and a 21-foot Crownline 210, ideal

for cruising and water sports. In addition to these three boats available to members, they plan to add a fourth. “It’s our first season,” she said. “We want to see what members are the most interested in, and let them help us choose our next purchase.”

Membership in the Barrington Boat Club requires a one-time fee to join, plus an annual fee that can be paid at once or broken down into smaller payments on a monthly basis. Members can reserve a boat online, at their leisure. Once a reservation is made, using their login code, they

show up to the pier at their designated time, and the boat they reserved will be ready to go, uncovered, gassed, and stocked with any add-ons that they ordered, such as an iced cooler, tubes, or water skis. When they return the boat, all they have to do is “toss the keys back to us,” Michelle said. “They can enjoy the luxuries of boat life without all the hassles of owning, and make memories and have these mini-vacations on the water, 15-minutes away from home, where they can unplug and reconnect with friends and family at various times throughout the summer.”

The couple’s three children, Maxden, 11; Malayna, 9; and Maven, 5, all love spending time on the water. “It’s such an enjoyable experience for our family,” she said. “There are boat clubs in other parts of the nation, but not locally. We wanted to provide this opportunity to families in our community. We grew up in Cary and are now long-time residents of Barrington. We feel so fortunate that we get to enjoy boating every summer. We’re really excited to offer that opportunity to more families and local community members.”

For more information or to join, visit www.barringtonboatclub.com. 

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