

Travel To Nantucket

This information is provided for Teams traveling to Nantucket from the Cape.

Both HyLine and Steamship offer group rates. Here are some guidelines to island travel:

In my planning discussions with both boat lines, they plan on transporting players/coaches at the \$11 round trip rate. Though, they cannot guarantee that price.... (i.e. gas price increases). They also give sibling and parent group rates. As I schedule our home games, I will indicate to you which boat is best for your specific game.

1. Contact Group Sales Dept.: both boat lines offer the 1-hour fast ferry

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| a. Hyline | 508-778-2688 | http://www.hy-linecruises.com/ |
| b. Steamship | 508-548-5011 | http://web3.steamshipauthority.com/ssa/ |

2. Timing is everything:

- a. To receive group rates both boat lines require advance notice (10 business days notice)
- b. Get accurate travel counts of coaches/players, siblings, parents
- c. Arrival at boat at least 1/2 hour before scheduled departure
- d. Payment
 - in advance
 - or ONE check/credit card at ticket counter on day of sailing

3. Contact Nantucket Coach or myself - Rich Brannigan nantucketsoccer@comcast.net

- a. Make contact one plus week in advance of your Nantucket game
- b. Nantucket Soccer will transport your team and coaches to our fields
- c. This is done by a carpool of volunteer parents
- d. Provide your team/coach traveling numbers so we know how many cars we will need
- e. NSSA will get team/coaches to the fields, but we do not ask our parents to do multiple trips for spectators

Here is some additional information you might find useful:

1. We have only three boats departing for the mainland, 7:45 AM, 10:35AM, 1:25 PM (if playing very close to Hyannis). Arrival in Hyannis is 1hour after above stated departure time. (Arrival in Hyannis: 8:45 AM, 11:35 AM, 2:25 PM)
2. Boats returning to Nantucket: 12:00 PM, 3:15 PM or 6:00 PM (Saturdays ONLY - meant to get the young ones home earlier on Sunday's)
3. If possible, we also would like to send as many teams together in a shared bus, in most cases; they must play at the same time on separate fields.
4. Please remember, our teams are traveling off every weekend and in most cases you only have to come here once. We will pick up your teams (players and coaches) and transport them to the game fields and back to the boat at the conclusion of the game.

5. We travel via school busses on the mainland a very expensive endeavor. We ask that you take that into consideration.
6. Here are ideal start times:
In general, ideal game start times would be to take the boat arrival time, and add in drive time to your fields taking into consideration traffic, warm-up, etc. This formula should give us/you ideal game start times. What we want to try to avoid are in-betweeners, which would be a game that doesn't start following the above formula, which would leave us in limbo waiting for the game to start and most likely missing the return boat.

Below are rough windows for start times.

Oceana: 10:15 thru 2:30 for Saturday; 10:15 thru 1:00 for Sunday

For our Home games we will arrange the start times to coincide with the arrival of the Hyline Fast Boat at 10:10 AM and in some cases 1:00 PM.

See their web site: <http://hy-linecruises.com/>

I hope that this helps.

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