On the shores of the Schuylkill River, just beyond the towering skyline of Philadelphia, lies Sedgeley Club, which houses the city’s only operating lighthouse.

The evolution of this charming building began in 1897 when a group of athletic-minded women longed for shelter, a spot of tea, and a storage facility for their bikes and barges. Their leader, Margaret Longstreth Corlies, officially founded the world’s first women’s “bicycle, barge & canoe club” and named it such. Soon to be re-named Sedgeley Club, the women regularly met next door at the Skating Club, all the while yearning for a place of their own. They began petitioning the city for a permit to erect a boathouse around the existing lighthouse. They were immediately rebuffed and discovered any approval for women to build in Philadelphia would be an arduous process! When the doors to the boathouse officially opened in 1903, it was front-page news! Bicycles could be stored overnight for 10¢ and the annual membership was $3. The dedicated women of this club have maintained the building and the lighthouse for more than 116 years.

**Of Note:**
Sedgeley is a National Landmark. In 1984, Sedgeley boathouse at #15 Kelly Drive, along with all of Boathouse Row, was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

**Find additional information:**
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Sedgeley Club

“We rented the Sedgeley Club for a rehearsal dinner. I can’t imagine a more perfect Philadelphia venue - - the place just oozes with charm!”

“Philadelphia is just steeped in tradition and this little club has it all wrapped up!”

“Our Board of Directors rented the Sedgeley Club for a business meeting and catered lunch. Even after a walking trip to the museum, the out-of-towners could not stop talking about Sedgeley.”

Available for Approved Private Rentals

- Dining/meeting room with tables & chairs for 65 guests
- Enclosed porch with dramatic river & skyline views
- Upstairs lounge with a large dressing & changing area
- Technology friendly: wifi & presentation screen available

Spectacular views of the river and Philadelphia skyline, including the north Cira Centre building.
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Dining room is set for a reception. The lighthouse is at the northern end & fireplace at the southern end.
Could we be any more charming?

By order of the Philadelphia Fire Marshall, smoking is not permitted in the building.
The By-Laws of Sedgeley Club prohibit dancing.
Certain catering regulations apply to Fairmount Park … please contact the club for details.