



Member's Handbook



FYC Emergency Procedures

1. Deal with the situation.

Take control.

2. Call “911”.

Advise the operator of the details and location of the accident
(*Fanshawe Conservation Area, 1424 Clarke Road*)

3. Inform “911” operator of Yacht Club number.

519-451-8989

4. Notify UTRCA park staff.

519-451-2800 x257

5. Unlock the front gate.

Remain there to provide directions to the emergency personnel

6. Fill out an accident report form.

Consult Club Safety Officer

Please refrain from talking to the media about incidents on FYC grounds for legal / liability reasons. Refer them to the Commodore.



Who To Call

Note: For telephone inquiries about membership or school programs from non-members, direct the caller to the Club/Sailing School phone number or website, and NOT home phone numbers.

Club Contact Info	519.451.8989	www.fyc.on.ca
Commodore	Oversees all Club activities	
Vice Commodore	Responsible for Clubhouse, grounds, Building Committee Liason, Club Steward Liason	
Rear Commodore	Responsible for running Club's racing program and liaison to Social Committee	
Fleet Captain	Responsible for all facilities at water level. The Fleet Captain is assisted by the Dock Marshal, Boat Master, and the Harbour Master	
Treasurer	Maintains Club's financial records and directs Club's financial activities	
Club Secretary	Maintains Club records, including Constitution	
Sailing School Director	Responsible for Sailing School operations	
Dock Marshal	Responsible for the main and south ramp docks, life rings and equipment	
Boat Master	Responsible for safety boats, rowing tenders and equipment.	
Harbour Master	Supervises installation/retrieval of mooring facilities, assigns moorings and responsible for barge and equipment	
Safety Officer	Monitors the Club's sailing, water and land practices for safety	
Parking Area Marshal	Assigns boat trailer-sailor spaces	
Sportswear Coordinator	FYC Sportswear and regalia	
Club Steward	Responsible for fuel supply, grass cutting and general grounds keeping	
Web Site Coordinator	Maintains current FYC website	
Commodore's Sailing School Delegate	Represents the commodore at Sailing School meetings	
Communications Committee	Notification of high water emergencies	



Welcome to New Members

We welcome all new Members to Fanshawe Lake and our Club. We have put together a few items of interest which will not only serve to introduce you to our Club, but help you and your fellow Members to get the most enjoyment out of their boats, the grounds and the lake.

The Fanshawe Yacht Club (FYC) is a non-profit Corporation under Provincial Statutes. FYC has been given the privilege by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) of using property located on the shore of Fanshawe Lake, and use of the lake.

The objectives of the Fanshawe Yacht Club and Sailing School are to encourage and promote sailing activity on Fanshawe Lake, to foster a friendly and cooperative spirit among its Members, and to perpetuate the tradition of fine spirit in the sport of yachting.

The Directors and Officials of the Yacht Club and their committees are ready and willing to help at all times. They, in turn, will require you to donate a certain portion of **your time** to assist in the many tasks necessary to keep the Club functioning (currently 24 hours per family). These tasks vary from placing moorings and docks, maintaining the Club boats, buildings, and grounds to assisting in running races and running club events.

Volunteering at FYC

All members of our club benefit from the low membership fees that we pay. The fees are kept low by utilizing member volunteers to carry out many tasks that must be done around the Club. Each member family is expected to help with their share of the work, approximately 3 days (24 hours) each year.

Your volunteer commitment can include participation on a committee (listed at the front of the FYC Roster distributed annually). Refer to the information included in the Club Manuals or contact any member of the executive for more information.



Club Manuals & Committee Info

A set of Manuals containing the Constitution, Annual Reports, Terms of Reference for Committees, Club Safety Policies, member survey results, minutes of meetings, photo albums, Race Management, Long Term Planning for the Club, and lots of other good stuff is maintained in the Club House in a cabinet next to the trophy case. The cabinet can be opened with a member key. Please feel free to consult the manuals at any time but do not remove them from the Club House. There are additional copies of the Race Management Manual, which can be signed out from the race hut.

Sailing School

The FYC Sailing School is operated by a committee of FYC member volunteers with a staff of certified sailing instructors. During the months of July and August the school teaches sail theory and sailing skills to youth aged 9 to 18 years in daytime programs at the club. Senior youth students also learn racing tactics and theory with the race team from June to September. Adult classes are offered on evenings and weekends in June and August. The school operates a fleet of CL 14's, Club 420's, Laser Picos and Laser II's. All instructors are certified to CYA standards as appropriate to the level of White Sail, Bronze Sail and Silver and Gold for racing.

Graduates of the adult program to White Sail III level may use the school boats for the remainder of the season to continue developing their sailing skills.

Anyone interested in any of the courses offered can find information and registration forms on the Club web site at www.fyc.on.ca or by phone at 519-451-8989.



Communications

NEWSLETTERS:

We publish the "Scuttlebutt" newsletters several times each year. Read them for the latest FYC news and upcoming events. The Scuttlebutt Editor welcomes your input as to content and articles for inclusion. The Club web site maintains an archive of past Scuttlebutt issues.

HANDBOOK: RULES & POLICIES:

The Handbook (published when Club policies are changed or updated) contains a compendium of useful and important Club information and rules.

ROSTER:

The FYC Roster is published annually and contains the latest membership list from the time of printing.

CLUB CALENDAR:

Consult the FYC calendar at www.fyc.on.ca which lists all races, social events and general meetings. It is updated frequently and is an excellent source of information.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

We hold a minimum of four General Meetings per year - February, March, April and November. Our Annual General Meeting is held in January. The main planning of the operations of FYC is discussed during our winter and spring meetings, and Member input is very valuable. Dates, time, and locations for all General Meetings are published in the newsletter. Members are urged to come out and participate.

BULLETIN BOARDS:

Bulletin boards are located at the front entrance and in the Clubhouse. Trailer and mooring assignments are posted, along with other notices.

WEB SITE:

We promote our club and sailing school through the web site (www.fyc.on.ca). Along with race results, photo galleries and news articles, there are also interesting links to and from other sailing organizations and events.

Your contributions (photos, sailing related stories, and/or comments) help to maintain and improve the website. Your input is welcomed and should be emailed to the web site coordinator through the contact page on www.fyc.on.ca.



UTRCA Rules

1. Do not sail near the beach, dam or dock areas. Respect other watercraft on the lakes at all times.
2. Abide by all speed limits in the park. The main road speed is 50 km/hr but on the roads in the campground the speed is restricted to 20 km/hr.

To avoid future installation of numerous speed bumps, Members are reminded to obey the speed limits. Please pay particular attention upon leaving the club. This is when most infractions occur and there are more children near the store areas as you leave the Club grounds.

3. Seasonal vehicle Permits must be affixed to the windshield to be valid.
4. Boats must have a valid sticker affixed to the transom.
5. Members and guests must park all vehicles inside the Club grounds at all times.
6. All boats and trailers must be removed from the Club grounds over the winter period.

Any boats or trailers left on the premises after November 15th will be placed in the custody of the UTRCA. Winter storage is available within the park in a designated area (Contact UTRCA or the Park Office to make the arrangements).

7. Camping is prohibited on FYC grounds. Guests may arrange for a campsite at the park office.
8. Overnight sleeping on boats is permitted by UTRCA. Boats must be tied to a designated mooring or shoreline location. Standard camping fees apply.



Membership Categories

The following categories are Members of the Club, have voting privileges with the exception of Crew Members (one vote per family) at General Meetings and may be elected or appointed to Director positions; details can be found in the Club Constitution.

All new members pay a one-time initiation fee, with the exception of Student and Crew Members. Membership fees are subject to change - refer to the current Membership Application Form for correct fees - due by March 1st.

OWNER MEMBER:

18 years or over registered as an owner or part owner of a sailboat used primarily on Fanshawe Lake.

SAILING MEMBER:

18 years or over, who is not registered as an owner or part-owner of a sailboat but is actively sailing in boats on Fanshawe Lake and/or actively participating in the events of the Club. A sailing member may lease sailboats through the FYC Boat Leasing program.

STUDENT MEMBER:

Less than 25 years of age and attending school on a full-time basis. There is no initiation fee for student members.

CORPORATE MEMBER:

An owner of a sailboat or manually propelled vessel used primarily on Fanshawe Lake; the Corporation may name an individual to represent the Corporation at a General Meeting of the Club.

CREW MEMBER:

(Non-voting) 18 years or over, who is not registered as an owner or part-owner of a sailboat used primarily on Fanshawe Lake but participates regularly in Club activities as crew on a member's boat. No initiation fee. May lease sailboats through the FYC Boat Leasing program.

FAMILY MEMBER:

(Non-voting) Any member of a family living at the same address as an Owner, Sailing or Student member. There is no charge for family membership.



Membership Fees

Membership fees are subject to change - refer to the current Membership Application Form for correct fees - due by March 1st. Fees include GST.

OSA & CYA MEMBERSHIP FEES: FYC is a Member Club of the Ontario Sailing Association (OSA) and the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA). An assessment fee for these organizations is included in the FYC membership fees. OSA/CYA Membership cards are available upon request.

UTRCA PERMITS: On behalf of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA), the Club administrates season permits to Club Members for their boats and cars. *UTRCA permits also give access to Wildwood and Pittcock Recreational Areas.*

STORAGE FEES: Storage fees are charged for moorings, trailer spots, and shoreline, beach, and rack locations. Member's can indicate their choice of storage option on the Membership Application Form.

FYC INITIATION FEE: An initiation fee paid by new Members in their first year is deposited in the Capital Reserve to allow for growth of the Club. The initiation fee does not apply to Crew Members or Student Members.

REFUND POLICY: There shall be no refund of dues or fees in whole or in part to any deceased, resigning, or expelled member or associate member or other person, after the beginning of the sailing season (Victoria Day). Prior to that time the amount of refund, if any, shall be determined by the Board of Directors. See article 6 of the FYC Constitution and By-laws.

Once the Dues and Fees are paid, a Membership Card and key to the Club locks will be issued to each Member as a receipt for payment.

Access & Security

The Club key will unlock the main gate, Club House, Kitchen, Club Manual cabinet, Race Hut, Safety boats, gas hut, and tenders. *Carry it with you at all times while on the grounds in case of emergency.*

Membership carries with it the responsibility to abide by the rules and policies of the Club and UTRCA and to enforce the same with your family and guests.



FYC Safety Policy

The Fanshawe Yacht Club has a safety policy for the benefit of all its Members. ***All Members must read and abide by the safety policy as outlined below.***

GENERAL POLICY:

1. Members of FYC have a responsibility to ensure that their vessels are operated safely at all times, required safety equipment is on board and maintained, and that regulations as specified in the "The Canadian Shipping Act" and the "Criminal Code" are always followed.
2. Each Member of the club has a responsibility for safety and must immediately inform the FYC Safety Officer of any potential unsafe situations.
3. Each club Member should be familiar with the "Emergency Procedures" that are listed inside the front cover and that are to be followed to summon emergency services. These written procedures are also posted adjacent to the FYC telephones.
4. Once the "Emergency Procedures" have been followed and the immediate situation attended, it is the responsibility of the parties involved, or if unable to do so, any Member on the scene, to report any accident involving: critical injury, property or environmental damages or other significant incident to the FYC Safety Officer and/or a Flag Officer. A written "Accident Report Form" is to be completed within a maximum of four hours of the incident by the Safety Officer and/or Flag Officer. The copy of the completed report should be given to the Club Commodore. Accident report forms are available in the Club House, first aid cabinet, sailing school office, and the race hut.
5. The operation of the club will coincide with the Fanshawe Park camping season, from about the last weekend in April to mid October. During this time, FYC will provide and maintain proper safety equipment including:
 - a) Two unmanned boats, powered with outboard motors and equipped with safety equipment and located at the north and south docks.
 - b) Fire extinguishers are located as follows: in the kitchen, in the club house, and in the sailing school building.
 - c) Life ring and buoyant line to be located at the north and south docks.



6. Gasoline must be stored in government approved containers to a maximum of 5 gallons per container. Fuel for stoves, which are stored on boats, must be identified in the manufacturer's container or a government approved container. All other solvents and miscellaneous flammable liquids owned by Members, must not be stored on FYC property.
7. While at the FYC, children must be supervised by a responsible adult.

AFLOAT:

8. Persons engaged in sailing should always consider the conditions of wind and weather, the water temperature and the availability of assistance, especially when sailing alone. **Good judgment** must be exercised at all times.
9. FYC safety boats must be operated by competent¹ individuals including, but not limited to Club Members and UTRCA personnel. These boats must be operated in a seaman like and safe manner. Standing up in a safety boat when under power is strictly prohibited. These boats are to be secured in their appropriate locations at the north and south docks, by a lock that can be opened at any time using the Club Members' key.
10. The FYC safety boats have a priority to assist people first. The towing of a disabled vessel must only take place when there is no other risk to people on the water.
11. FYC tenders are to be used only for towing sailboats between moorings and docks. Return the tender to its proper location after each use.
12. Two (2) secure lines or chains must attach boats on moorings, with the distance between the boat and the mooring not to exceed four (4) feet. At least one (1) of the lines or chains must be attached to the mooring chain at the base of the float. Refer to the "Recommended Mooring Tackle" signs posted around the Club.

As the water level can rise substantially and quickly, boats on moorings should have an additional length of mooring line on the deck. Do not lock the boat to the mooring with a short chain.

¹The word: "competent," when used in clause #9 of the FYC Safety Policy, referring to individuals operating club safety boats, is defined to mean: "Competent in the operation of the safety boat and motor only." Safety boats are provided to assist boaters who are in the water or whose vessels have become disabled. There must be no expectation that these volunteers can or will perform any first aid or life saving techniques.



FYC Safety Policy (CONTINUED)

AFLOAT (CONTINUED):

13. When regattas and Club sanctioned races are held at FYC, a Member shall be designated by the FYC host fleet as the "Race Officer". The race officer on duty during the race day will have authority over all racing that day including cancellation and abandonment of race(s).
14. The Code Flag "Y" which is yellow and red in colour, signifying that life jackets are to be worn, must be raised at the discretion of the Race Officer when the wind speed is approximately 20 knots or more. The Code Flag "Y" may be raised at other times at the discretion of the Race Officer when other prevailing conditions including wind direction, wave conditions, weather forecasts or other considerations warrant the wearing of life jackets.
15. When the Code Flag "Y" is flown a government approved life jacket or PFD must be worn by every person aboard each boat in the race.
16. One (1) safety boat complete with safety equipment must be ready for immediate use by the race officer or other competent person for all series and evening racing programs. If the Code "Y" flag is flown during these races a fully equipped safety boat with two (2) occupants must be on the water.

During all Major Regattas - namely Commodores Cup, Club Championship, Pumpkin and any Championship or National Events, two (2) fully equipped safety boats with two (2) occupants must be on the water during each race. All other regattas must have at least one (1) fully equipped safety boat with two (2) occupants on the water during each race. If the Code "Y" flag is flown during these races two (2) fully equipped safety boats with two (2) occupants must be on the water.

ASHORE:

17. Safety chains must be attached between the vehicle and the trailer or trailer extension before launching is permitted.
18. All motorized vehicles while on FYC grounds, must not exceed 20 km/hr.
19. No one shall park a vehicle, boat, trailer, etc. in such a way that it restricts emergency vehicles from reaching any area of the club grounds and the docks. Vehicles and trailers must be parked in the designated areas and must not be parked on roadways or launching ramps.



20. Recommended maximum safe load capacities are posted on the hoist. Follow the written instructions and **do not exceed the hoist capacity**. Cables, clamps, belts etc., should be inspected before each use. Report any observed deficiencies immediately to the Safety Officer. If you have not used the hoist before, please consult a knowledgeable person regarding its operation.

Club Rules

1. Club Membership and possession of the Club key brings with it the responsibility to keep the gates, Clubhouse and tenders locked when not in use. This action helps to reduce vandalism in and around the Club. Do not make or distribute copies of Club keys.
2. **Users of the facilities** are responsible for clean-up after usage of the Clubhouse, kitchen, picnic BBQ's, tables or the grounds in general. Litter cans and recycling bins are available.
3. **Children** are the responsibility of the FYC Member who hosted their entry to the Club grounds. They should wear life jackets while on the docks or in boats. Children should not play on the docks, or swim near them. Do not allow children to sail a boat alone until they have been taught how to sail safely and to land at the dock without endangering others.
4. **Docks** are of limited size and are to be used **ONLY** for embarking and landing. Moor your boat while you have lunch, or for any other extended period. Do not fish or leave fishing tackle in the vicinity of the Sailing School docks.
5. **Work Parties** are scheduled in the Spring and Fall (refer to Club Calendar). During these days, there must be no sailing activities and Members must not work on their boats or docks unless authorized by the Fleet Captain to do so.
6. **Tenders** are to be used only for towing sailboats between moorings and docks.
7. **Moorings** are assigned by the Harbour Master after the Club Member has paid the mooring fee to the Membership Chair. Each mooring is numbered and a chart of the mooring area is kept in the Clubhouse.

*All boats must be off their moorings by the **Friday BEFORE the first fall work party** in October. Moorings will be removed the next day.*



Club Rules (CONTINUED)

7. Moorings (Continued)

The Club generally has several unassigned moorings that can be reserved on a no charge basis by Members wishing to moor their boat on an occasional basis for a short period of time. See the Harbour Master to make advance arrangements.

8. **Boat Safety Equipment:** Please refer to the Club's **Safety Policy**, which precedes this section of "Club Rules".
9. **Car parking** must be in the north end graveled parking lot by the Clubhouse, north past the sailing school building on the grassed area. No parking in the trailer sailor area. The trailer area is for those trailering their boats and who have an assigned trailer/rack spot. It is not meant for parking by the general membership. The space directly to the left of the main gate is reserved for 2 vehicles of Corporate Camp members (as posted); all other space beyond that is in use by the Laser fleet. Your co-operation will be appreciated by your fellow Members.
10. **Boat Trailer Rules:** The trailer rules that follow were put in place to ensure that orderly parking within the Club grounds occurs and are for the benefit of all Members. Failure to comply with these rules may result in your trailer being removed from the FYC grounds and turned over to the UTRCA. You will be required to pay substantial fees to UTRCA before they will release your trailer. ALL BOATS MUST BE ON A TRAILER, DOLLY OR RACK, AND **BE IN SAILEABLE CONDITION.**

*The Parking Spots are available only for boats under 20 feet in length and **not weighing more than 1,000 pounds.***

- The FYC Parking Area Marshal is responsible for assigning a parking spot for your boat on the Club grounds.
- The Marshal will not assign you a parking spot if you already have a mooring, dry sailer, or dock. The only exception to this will be trailers that are fitted with a box which houses sailing gear such as sails, sheets, rudders, tillers and extensions, and lifejackets.
- The Marshal will not assign you a parking spot until you have paid the required fee to the Membership Chair (this is normally collected when you submit your membership application and fees).



10. Boat Trailer Rules (Continued)

- **Empty trailers must not be left on FYC grounds.** Take it home or put it in the UTRCA trailer area. The UTRCA has a parking lot for trailers in the park. Parking charges are inexpensive. To register for this parking area, go to the campground office.
- Parking spaces are to the North of numbered stakes. Each space is approximately 3 meters wide. *Please ensure that your boat is parked between the stakes.* Your car should also be parked within this staked area and clear of the roadways.
- Tongues are to be raised minimum 12" above the ground. Keep your trailer area clear of debris.
- An elevating device (jack or wheel jack) must be **permanently** attached to the trailer tongue. Your unit must be movable as a single unit. Cement blocks, stones or wooden blocks are not permitted under the tongue or wheels.
- All wiring harnesses must be sufficiently attached to the trailer tongue to avoid lawnmower damage.
- Tongue weight must not exceed 60 pounds and the hitch must be left unlocked or locked in the open position.
- It is your responsibility to remove the water from your boat and/or cover after rain.
- Depending on availability, the Club has a limited number of spots that are reserved on a no charge basis for Members wishing to store their boat and trailer on a one occasion basis for short periods of time (less than 2 weeks). See the Parking Marshal to make advance arrangements.
- Only under emergency conditions such as high water may boats be stored north of the gate.

11. **Ramp launching areas** must be kept clear at all times.

11.1. **Boats are not to be tied** up between the two south docks.

11.2. **Boats are not to be moored** within 20 feet of the north ramp.



Club Rules (CONTINUED)

7. **Safety Boat Operations:** The safety boat is to be used for the assistance of PEOPLE ONLY, and if circumstances permit, the towing of a disabled yacht to a sheltered place.

Refer to the FYC Safety Policy in this handbook for added safety information.

- The safety boat should be operated by a maximum of two (2) responsible adults wearing life jackets. Remember, a rescue case is an emergency, not a joy ride!
 - Be sure the safety boat is equipped with safety equipment – unlocked with a Member key.
 - The capsized craft's skipper should first ensure the safety of children and disabled crew. **STAY with THE BOAT** and signal for assistance.
- 12.1 All Club Members are expected to familiarize themselves with the operation of the safety boat and motor. See the Club Safety Officer or Boat Master for assistance.
13. **Dogs:** Members may bring dogs on to FYC property under the following conditions: dogs will be on a leash of no more than 2 meters at all times;
- a) dogs will remain at all times under supervision of a responsible adult who will take immediate action to “stoop and scoop”;
 - b) no dogs will be permitted inside the club house or any other buildings.
 - c) dogs will be kept away from the children’s play area and the operations of the sailing school;
 - d) the member is responsible for ensuring that the dog does not become a nuisance or interfere with other member’s enjoyment of the club facilities.

Infringement of any of these conditions will be grounds for the Executive to ban a particular dog from the grounds for the rest of the season, in the case of a first offence and permanently for a second offence.

14. Access to the kitchen is available with a Club key. Do not leave any food or garbage when you leave. Access to the locked refrigerator and supply cabinet may be arranged through the Social Committee prior to Regattas and social events.



Safe Sailing Practices

1. **Docking Practice:** Practice the docking technique somewhere on the lake using a free floating object. Practice and make use of variable wind conditions.
2. **Critical Hints:**
 - Observe and analyze the exit and approach space between adjacent craft, then act decisively. Watch the position of your boom at all times... *don't moor your boat to someone else's stay.*
 - Always predetermine the course of a possible exit should your first mooring try fail. DO NOT "run" your mooring.
3. **Mooring to the dock in strong easterly winds:** Approach and grab an empty mooring upwind, drop sails, leave the centre board down and drift slowly into the dock using a paddle for control.
4. **If too hazardous:**
 - Keep the boat at your mooring and wave for a tender to pick you up.
 - If space on the dock permits, approach the dock to within 3 or 4 meters, sails luffing. Head-up slightly into the wind, boat is now slowing down. With remaining momentum, steer the boat parallel to the dock and allow the wind to carry her to it.

Do NOT sail between boats on moorings. Use the open channels at the north, center, and south ends of the moorings.



Avoidance of Danger

ESSENTIAL RULES:

1. **Be courteous:** Practice common sense and sail your boat defensively. Don't insist on your right of way. *As a matter of courtesy, yachts which are not racing should endeavor to keep clear of racing yachts.*
2. **Beware** of sudden weather / wind changes.
3. **Learn, practice and perfect** the skill and judgment involved in the handling of your boat.
4. Keep your boat, rigging and equipment in perfect shape. Frequently check areas of load for wear and strain.
5. **Right-of-Way Rules:**
 - **PORT / STARBOARD:** When yachts are on the opposite tacks (booms are on different sides), port tack (yacht with the boom on the right side of the boat) keeps clear.
 - **WINDWARD / LEEWARD:** When yachts are on the same tack (booms on the same sides), the windward yacht keeps clear, or the yacht astern keeps clear.
 - **CHANGING TACK:** When you are tacking or jibing, keep clear of other yachts. After you tack or jibe and you suddenly get Right-of-Way, give the other yacht room and time to keep clear.
 - **OVERTAKING:** When yachts are on the same tack, the overtaking yacht keeps clear.

Even when you have the right of way,
it is your duty to avoid collisions.



FYC Race Program

Fanshawe Yacht Club has an extensive Race Program run entirely by volunteer Members. In addition to our Club events we have one Open Regattas per year. All Members are invited to participate. Race instructions and registration forms are available at the Race Hut. If you have never raced before, just let the Race Committee know. At the Race Hut, there are simplified rules and information available, and many of our more experienced Members are more than willing and interested in helping to introduce new Members to the exciting world of Yacht Racing. For “fans” and/or non-racers, the picnic area beside the Race Hut can be a great vantage point to view the Start / Finish line and see all the action.

Please note to qualify for an event you **MUST** have signed the registration form. Specific details of the Race Program are in the Club calendar and Scuttlebutt every year. Annual season highlights are:

Wednesday Afternoon and Night Informal Racing

Every week though the season. The afternoon race starts at 3:00 PM. June through August, the evening race starts at 6:30 PM. In September, the evening race starts at 6:00 PM. This is a great way to learn more about the sport of Yacht Racing in an informal low key setting. The Course is posted on the Race Hut and our “custom” traffic lights are used to signal the start sequence so that everyone gets to race. All Members are welcome, there is no registration.

Commodore's Sail Past

The Commodore's Sail Past in fleets is held on the Sunday of the Victoria Day weekend in May of each year.

Commodore's Cup / June Bug Regatta (Open Regatta)

Held the first weekend of June. Commodores Cup: open to Club members. June Bug: open to outside sailors.

Club Championships

Held on the last weekend in August.

Pumpkin Regatta (Open Regatta)

Held the weekend before the Thanksgiving weekend.

For more racing events throughout the season, refer to the club calendar or the FYC web site at www.fyc.on.ca. For more information about the FYC racing program, contact your Fleet Captain or the Rear Commodore.



Eligibility for Race Events

OPEN REGATTAS:

(June Bug / Pumpkin Regatta)

- No restrictions.

CLOSED REGATTAS:

(Club Championship / Junior Regatta)

- Boat must be owned by an Owner Member, the Club, Student Member or Corporate Member. The skipper can be any of the above or a Sailing Member or a Family Member. Crew can be any of the above, or a Crew Member, or a sailing school student enrolled in at least one session of the current calendar year.

COMMODORE'S CUP:

- Boat must be owned by an Owner Member, the Club, Student Member or Corporate Member. The skipper can be any of the above or a Sailing Member or a Family Member. Crew can be any of the above, or a Crew Member, or a sailing school student enrolled in at least one session of the current calendar year, or a guest of a Member. When the Commodore's Cup is a combined event with another open regatta such as the June Bug, the eligibility in effect shall be that of the open regatta.
- **Newcomers to racing** may participate under the "Learn to Race" program, subject to less than one year of active racing experience.
- The specific requirements for each event published here are subject to be superseded as described in the **Notice of Race document** for the regatta (at the discretion of the Race Committee responsible for running the event).





Storage Policy

SHORELINE DOCKS, DRYSAILORS and MOORINGS

Fanshawe Lake was built for flood control purposes, therefore major lake level fluctuations can occur **very rapidly and unexpectedly** (i.e. 20 ft. lake level rise in 24 hours). Keep this factor in mind when installing your dock. If you are a new Member or a new shoreline user, your neighbours on the shoreline can offer many suggestions.

It is strongly recommended that all boat owners adopt a **buddy system** to watch out for each others' boat, and to develop an action plan (phone numbers, spare keys, extra mooring lines etc.) in advance of a high water alarm. Remember that **you are responsible for your boat**. Two lines are required on all moorings.

Shoreline finger docks and drysailors have, in the past, been unregulated by the Club, however due to the increasing demand for shoreline locations a new policy has been established. In particular, it has become necessary to deal with docks which apparently have been abandoned on Club grounds. The Club reserves the authority to dispose of abandoned docks and/or reassign shoreline locations when necessary for safety, the general appearance of the Club grounds, or to accommodate as many Members as possible who have requested a shoreline location.

A) CLUB SHORELINE POLICY

1. The Club (Vice Commodore or Designate) assigns locations and maintains a waiting list for those interested in shoreline locations, from the South launching ramp to the fence line on the North side of our property.
2. The Member using the shoreline location is responsible for supplying the dock. The Member (not the Club) is also responsible for the maintenance of both the dock and path to the dock.
3. Docks must be clearly identified with the Member's name.
4. Docks not installed before the **Commodore's Cup Weekend** will be considered abandoned and therefore the property of the Club to be disposed of or reassigned.
5. To retain the previous season's location, the Club Member must remain in good standing as a full Member of the Club. If the Member's application and fees have not been received by **March 1st**, the Club may assume the member is not returning and will be free to reassign the shoreline location. In the event a boat is sold to another Member, it cannot be assumed that the dock space will be available or automatically transferred.



Storage Policy (CONTINUED)

A) CLUB SHORELINE POLICY (Continued)

6. Members need to be aware that **lake levels can fluctuate by up to 20 ft.** It is the responsibility of each Member to ensure that his/her dock arrangement and boat can tolerate these types of lake level fluctuations. The Club is not responsible for damage to the boat or caused by the boat in the event of lake level fluctuation.

B) Suggestions for Members using SHORELINE SPACES

1. Due to the shortage of shore space, the Club encourages Members to share their dock with another club member. Financial arrangements for sharing the dock cost are to be worked out between the Members, and are not the responsibility of the club. Historically there have been no rules about dock sizes, or space allocations on the shore, which has led to a wide variety of dock sizes and shoreline usage. Until such time as all Members are using standard dock widths, the club can only provide a guideline on space to be allocated. **Therefore, it is up to the Members using the shoreline to work out details with their neighbours.**
2. Finger docks are recommended to not exceed 3.5 ft. (width of a barrel). Based on Members sharing finger docks, two boats plus the dock will take approximately 24 feet of shoreline. Please note that this is a guideline only, there may need to be exceptions for multi hull boats.
3. Drysailors are recommended to not exceed 12 ft. in width.

C) CLUB MOORING POLICY

All mooring balls are assigned to Club Members by the Harbour Master. A map of the mooring field is posted in the Club House on the wall beside the telephone. A current list of assigned mooring balls is posted beside the map. Every ball installed in the field is numbered. Members are only allowed to use the numbered ball that is assigned to them by the Harbour Master. Please do not tie your boat to any other mooring ball.

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