

2018 Shoreline Facilities Survey – Results General Observations

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Q1

Please indicate your age range

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0

44 responses – almost same as total survey response of 47

Note: Youth under 15, SS adults were initially omitted in the survey, but were added as representative of ½ the numbers of SS boats used comparable to the overall survey response. Representative numbers for SS adult participants and Dragon Boat participants were also similarly added.

General Observations:

- age under 25 represents about 25% of people skippering boats at FYC.
- 26-55 represents about 35%
- 56-70+ represents about 40 %

Q2

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Where do you keep your boat at the club when not in use during the sailing season? Indicate the main location.

Answered: 44 Skipped: 3

General Observations:

- 55% of boats are kept on moorings and shoreline (incl. also SS & DB).
- 45% of boats are kept on trailers, dollies, or racks and mainly use the south ramps for all sailing activities

NB: The actual storage locations of boats could be checked against registrations with additional check on DB and SS.

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On average how often do you use the boat on the water between the Victoria Day weekend and up to the beginning of October? Exclude periods when away on vacation or participating in away regattas. Use is of any duration during each visit.

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1

General Observations:

- Approx. 45% of users sail <or= once per week
- DB and SS make up a significant portion of frequent use of the club. They therefore contribute a significant presence for FYC on Fanshawe Lake.

Q4

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Typical use of boat? Exclude Open Houses. Please respond for each use.

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1

General Observations:

- Approx. 85% of members have raced or practiced (excluding out of towners) at some time.
- Only about 5% race fairly exclusively (excluding out of towners).
- Only about 7 % race up to 50% of the time.
- Personal enjoyment, Family, and Guest activity is about 55% of on water activity over 50% of Time & Very Often.
- Close to 40% of members do not practice, and those that practice do so at various frequency. Here is not a high correlation between racing and practicing, however racing can be used for practicing which may clouds participation results.
- NB: - Actual regatta results could be better used to determine member frequency and participation in racing.

Q5

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How do you use the following docks ? Check all that apply for each location. There is opportunity to comment in Question # 10 if anything was missed by this or any other question.

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1

General Observations:

- South ramp used for 95% of launching (39 of 44 responses+SS adjust.). (see also comments on north ramp trees in Comments section).
- Only 60% of respondents noted either dock was the main docking location. Possibly 40% use either, however 40% indicate they rarely dock at either. (no adjustment for SS as they may use both docks, incl. lunch breaks)
- 75% indicate they use the docks briefly for rigging, using ramp – with 85% (inc. SS) of those indicating use of the South dock for that purpose.
- The North dock is significant (75 %) for personal reasons, holding location of boat, for moored boat sailing prep, and for receiving guests.
- Approx. 30% indicate congestion at the south dock during launching, having to wait for boats to clear the docks. (See Comments provided as to some dock use issues)

Q6

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What part of the week do you use your boat? Please respond to each time period.

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1

In General:

- A good proportion of users 25% never or rarely sail during weekdays daytime vs 15 % not on Weekend or Races,
- A high average of 25 – 40% of Occasional use is spread fairly evenly across all time periods,
- During Weekdays 50% of daytime use makes up 25% of daytime use (dominated by sailing school),
- Approx. 30% - 40% sail outside of weekdays daytime very often,
- A small number of users 5% only sail exclusively across the time periods except about 15 % of users participate exclusively in races.

Q7

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On average, how is the adequacy of boat space at docks during your use.
Answer only if relevant to your use.

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1

In General:

- The North dock has fairly good space for docking excepting during racing when the north dock capacity is rated slightly more Fair than Good in most responses.
- The South dock is predominately Good for launching but space is not as Good during sail preparation and becomes significantly Fair during regatta breaks.
- The assessment towards Fair during racing can also affect the other space assessments categories but this was not further explored with this question. However the following questions and later comments might provide more insight into space at docks issues.

Q8

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Concerns with ramp and docks during launching / haul out at main launch location noted in question #6. Please address each activity. Check all that apply. Some may not apply. Q#10 affords additional comment opportunity.

Answered: 21 Skipped: 16

In General assuming respondents properly identified their main use:

- Almost all issues were of sufficient concern such that each may warrant attention,
- Concern with ramp edges ranked consistently high for the categories - (this could apply to both ramps),
- Highwater access (assumed to primarily apply to the south docks) ranked highest for the transfer of boats to or from docks,
- Steepness of ramp also drew concern (with one comment – to move south ramps) Steepness may also include the actual launching ramp approaches which are long even for the south docks.
- Ramp length can be a concern as water levels are lowered.
- Unevenness of ramp level which may apply to either ramp is the most significant concern during haulout.

Q9

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Concerns with safety at South launch ramp and floating docks if used the most for launching and sailing from or landing at. Please address only those concerns if applicable. Q#10 affords additional comment opportunity.

Answered: 42 Skipped: 5

In general:

- Of significant No Concern (80 – 90%) to many were personal balance (perhaps lessened with recent lateral add-ons provided to the South docks), level of the docks, and access at normal water levels.
- All other issues ranked at 40 – 60% No Concern.
- There was increasing concern for Easterly Winds for **Occasional** and **Some Concern** but not of further dominant significance.
- Occasional concern with moving personally and with boats to / from the docks ranked close to East Winds in Some Concern (reminder South docks used most for launching). High water access to docks was also of Some Concern.
- Cleats on the docks, highwater access and floating dock alignment were of Some Concern perhaps representing equivalent to a medium or 50% concern.

Q10: Added summarized comments somewhat different concerns; - 26 responses, some correlation with survey and repeated responses

Structures;

- S. Ramp - Step onto block
- More dock tie up points
- North Ramp trees impede access to north ramp
- Railings for SS ramp / walkway
- S. Ramp steepness (may mean overall)
- S Ramp - uneven when docks shift
- S. ramp - larger boat haul out concern w. dock movement
- S ramp sideways slope
- Algae on ramps
- S. Docks space limited when 2 midsize boats on.
- N. Ramp depth capacity
- Railings on south docks impede boat handling
- Moving safely S Ramp – docks wind factor
- S. Dock – unpadded dock elements

Behaviour;

- Boats unattended at south docks for periods
- Other FYC-SS watercraft tethered to docks
- Debris removal north ramp
- Crowding at south ramp when big boats tied up – don't block access, don't stick out
- North ramp may be favoured if trees trimmed – boat better on dock
- If South ramp - docks not suitable, use other dock