



FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB
AND SAILING SCHOOL - LONDON ONTARIO



Member's Handbook

FYC Emergency Procedures

1. **Deal with the situation.** Take control. Obtain assistance of other members.
2. **Call “911”.** Advise the operator of the details and location of the incident (*The Fanshawe Conservation Area address is 1424 Clarke Road, London*).
3. **Inform “911” operator of the FYC telephone number:** 519-451-8989 (and your cell number if you have it with you). Station a person at the phone.
4. **Notify Fanshawe park staff:** 519-951-6181 followed by 2 (registration office) and ask them to notify security and to direct emergency vehicles to the club.
5. **Unlock the front gate.** Remain there (or have someone else remain there) to provide directions to any emergency personnel that will arrive.
6. Fill out an incident report form. Consult Club Safety Officer.

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

	In case of dead or injured animal found on the grounds, notify UTRCA through the front gate 519-951-6181. Do not touch the animal!
	First aid equipment and an easy-to-use defibrillator are in the clubhouse by the men's washroom
	Safety boats are equipped for on the water rescue. Instructions to operate the motors are on a laminated card attached to the throttle arm.
	Safety equipment is located on the docks
	Land-line phone is in the red box on the pole at the top of the north launch ramp (long ramp).
	Fire extinguishers are found in the clubhouse hall, the kitchen, phone box at the head of the north ramp, the cottage and in the sailing school building

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

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Directors[†], Flag Officers[#] and Supporting Roles^{*}

Commodore^{†#}	Oversees all Club activities.
Vice Commodore^{†#}	Responsible for Clubhouse, grounds, Building Committee liaison, Club Steward liaison.
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 Marshall, Boat Master, and the Harbour Master.
Treasurer[†]	Maintains Club's financial records and directs Club's financial activities and insurance inquiries.
Club Secretary [†]	Maintains Club records, including By-Laws & Schedules.
Sailing School Director[†]	Responsible for Sailing School operations.
Nominating Chair [†]	In charge of board nominating committee.
Youth Representative [†]	Acts as a liaison between the youth membership and Board of Directors.
Dock Marshall [*]	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 Marshall [*]	Assigns boat trailer-sailor spaces.
Sportswear Coordinator [*]	FYC Sportswear and regalia.
Club Steward [*]	Responsible for fuel supply, general groundskeeping, and building housekeeping.
Race Committee Chair[*]	Runs formal racing with his/her committee.
Marketing Director[*]	Publicizing FYC
Membership Committee Chair[*]	Membership applications
Communications Officer[*]	Sends out club emails, FYC Newsletter



Welcome to New Members

We welcome all new Members to Fanshawe Lake and our sailing 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. Presently, we are home to several other clubs as well – our licensees: Rowbust Dragon Boat Racing Team, London Dragon Boat Club, Abilities in Motion (able kayaking) and Community Living London (Able Sail)

The Fanshawe Yacht Club (FYC) is a not-for-profit corporation under the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). We lease property within the Fanshawe Conservation Area (FCA) from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority on the west side of Fanshawe Lake.

The objectives of the FYC 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 sailing.

The Directors and Officers of FYC and their committees are ready and always willing to help.

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 participating on committees, assisting in running races and running club events, work parties to open and close the club or to complete a project at the club, marketing ventures and even club leadership. The work party or project tasks vary from placing moorings and docks to maintaining the club boats, buildings, and grounds.

Anyone with curiosity about contributing to the club's leadership is encouraged to talk to or send an email to any current board member. This club needs new people and an influx of new ideas to continue to be as vital and relevant as it has been since its inception in 1953.

Sailing School

The FYC Sailing School is operated by a committee of member volunteers led by the Sailing School Director, together with a hired staff of instructors. During the months of June to August, the school teaches sail theory and sailing skills to youth aged 7 to 18 years in daytime programs at the club. Senior youth students also learn racing tactics and theory with the race team in July and August. Adult classes are offered on evenings and weekends in June to August. The school operates a fleet of CL 14's, Club 420's, Lasers and Optimists. All instructors are certified by Sail Canada (formerly the Canadian Yachting Association) to standards appropriate to instruct CANSail 1&2, CANSail 3&4 and CANSail 5&6.

Graduates of the adult program of CANSail 2 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.

Club Documents & Committee Info

A set of Manuals containing the By-Laws of FYC, Schedules to the By-Laws for FYC, Policies, Annual Reports, Terms of Reference for Committees, Boat Leasing Agreement, Incident Reports, Club Safety Policies, Member Survey Results, General Meeting Minutes, 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. Many of these documents are available for download through the FYC website. *Excerpts, which are most relevant and important to members, from some of these policies appear in this handbook for your knowledge and easy reference. In the case of any question or discrepancy, the official policy will prevail.*

General Meetings

Members' meetings are held through the year at times set by the Board of Directors or requested by members as outlined in the By-Laws. Generally, the Annual General Meeting is in March, which includes election of Directors for the coming year, and Budget General Meeting in November or early December. Operational planning of the Club is discussed, and Member input is extremely valuable. Dates, time, and locations for all General Meetings are published on the website and distributed by email. Members are urged to come out and participate. Furthermore, members with voting rights unable to attend a particular meeting may vote by proxy, sent to the Secretary in writing or by e-mail. See the By-Laws for more information.

Communications

NEWSLETTERS

We publish 'The Dockside Scuttlebutt' newsletter six times each year. A good source for the latest FYC news, sailing news and upcoming events. The Scuttlebutt Editor welcomes your input: photos, articles, blogs for inclusion. The Club web site maintains an archive of past Scuttlebutt issues under 'News and Events'.

MEMBER'S HANDBOOK

This Member's Handbook (published when Club policies are changed or updated) contains a compendium of useful and important Club information and rules. It is available in pdf format on the club website.

ROSTER

The FYC Roster is published annually and contains the latest membership list from the time of printing. You can request that your information **not** be included through the Membership Chair.

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.

A club email will be sent in advance of FYC events/races providing a reminder with details and requesting more volunteers if needed.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Bulletin boards are located at the main gate into the club and in the Clubhouse. Trailer and mooring assignments are posted, along with other notices.

WEBSITE and SOCIAL MEDIA

We promote our club and sailing school through the web site (www.fyc.on.ca) and on **Facebook** (search for @fanshaweyc) with race results, photo galleries and news articles. 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.

On the FYC website at www.fyc.on.ca, you can find all sorts of current information about the club, such as:

- By-Laws of FYC
- Schedules to the By-Laws for FYC
- this Member's Handbook
- Official Racing Documents (registration form, sailing instructions, race signals, directions for the club and for the race marks on the lake, racing rules for beginners, race committee forms, notice to competitor).
- Self -Starting instructions for informal racing
- Order forms for Club and Sailing School Sports Wear
- Newsletters
- Membership applications
- Links to others useful sites

If you do not want your photos on the website, please notify the Board of Directors in writing.



Under About Us: External Links & Resources there is an **important link to the reservoir level for Fanshawe Reservoir.**

CLUB EMAILS

The FYC Email is used to pass on information related to club management and events of interest to members. It will not be used for personal information or sales. The Board of Directors after discussion may at times make exceptions. The emailing list is password protected and available to a very limited number of members. Since 2007, we have not had spam or a security breach.



UTRCA Rules

Do not sail near the beach, dam, or dock areas. Respect other watercraft on the lakes always. (NOTE: Be aware that sailors have caught their centerboard on the rowing lane buoys, be cautious)

Abide by all speed limits in the park. The main road speed is 40 km/hr but on the roads in the campground the speed is restricted to 20 km/hr. You can be fined.

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 common play areas and pool areas.

All your boats must have a valid sticker affixed to the transom (purchase at the UTRCA front gate). Canoes and kayaks are exempt from passes. Both vehicle and boat passes are accepted at all three conservation areas operated by the UTRCA.

Members and guests must always park all vehicles inside the Club grounds.

All boats and trailers must be removed from the Club grounds over the winter period unless arrangements are made for storage of the boat on a trailer at the club. There is a fee payable to UTRC for this storage. You must contact a Board member if you wish to store your boat at the club.

Camping is prohibited on FYC grounds. Guests may arrange for a campsite in the conservation area campgrounds at the park office. There is a man-gate access to the club near the clubhouse for camping guests.

Overnight sleeping on boats is permitted by UTRCA. Boats must be tied to a designated mooring or shoreline location. Standard camping fees apply.

Power-driven watercraft are prohibited on Fanshawe Lake other than battery powered electro-propulsion motors and watercraft with 10 hp or less.



Fanshawe Conservation Area is smoke free and tobacco free – this includes vaping and cannabis.

Club Rules

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. These rules are for the benefit, safety, and security of all members.

Member should feel free to remind other users of the Club of these rules if necessary. Please do so with respect and notify any Director if you feel further action may be needed. You should inform the FYC Safety Office, Club Steward, or other Directors if you notice any potentially unsafe situation.

Emergency procedures listed on the inside front cover should be reviewed. You should be familiar with location of emergency equipment. Procedures are also posted adjacent to the FYC telephones.

COVID and Infection Practices: Rules and suggestions were introduced due to the pandemic but reflect general good practices that may be with us forever.

- Please be aware of your personal presence and distance while socializing with other members.
- Other club members may be less tolerant or more susceptible of diseases like Covid 19, flu, and other easily spread disease.
- Do not come to the club if you are feeling ill.

Pandemic procedures as directed by Government and UTRCA may influence how FYC operates.

Safety Boats must be kept on or near the south and main docks (one each location). A key is not required for their operation. 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. 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. You are required to have a PCOC to operate a boat with motor.

- The safety boat should be operated by a maximum of two (2) responsible adults, each wearing a Personal Flotation Device or government-approved life jacket. Remember, a rescue is an emergency, not a joy ride!
- Be sure the safety boat is equipped with safety equipment.
- The capsized craft's skipper should first ensure the safety of children and disabled crew. **STAY with THE BOAT** and signal for assistance.

Locks should be on the gates, buildings, sheds and tenders when not in use. This action helps to reduce vandalism in and around the Club. **Do not** make or distribute copies of Club keys. The small club key will unlock the clubhouse, kitchen, club member's room, manual cabinet, race hut, gas hut, cottage and tenders. During the off season (when the campground or dam access is closed), the small key also opens the North gate (off Fanshawe Road) and the gate by the campground office.

The larger club key unlocks the main gate and the man gate (near the north parking lot). *Carry the keys with you at all times while on the grounds in case of emergency.* Lock all locks after you.

Users of the facilities are responsible for clean-up after usage of the Clubhouse, kitchen, picnic tables, BBQ's, or the grounds in general. Litter cans and recycling bins are available. Please remove any leftover food from the kitchen – it will not be used by others.

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.

Children are the responsibility of the FYC Member who hosted their entry to the Club grounds. Children under 12 years old must wear a life jacket at water level facilities.

Smoking and vaping are allowed only in designated area (north of the clubhouse)

Dogs: Members may bring dogs on to FYC property under the following conditions:

- dogs will always be on a leash of no more than 2 meters.
- dogs will remain at all times under supervision of a responsible adult who will take immediate action to "stoop and scoop".
- no dogs will be permitted inside the club house or any other buildings.
- dogs will be kept away from the children's play area and the operations of the sailing school.
- 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.

Kitchen: Access to the kitchen is available with a Club key. Do not leave **any** food or garbage when you leave.

Leave the kitchen, BBQ, gazebo, deck and clubhouse in good clean condition before you leave. Garbage can be placed in the campground bins as you leave. One fridge is for use of the Dragon Boat Clubs and one for FYC. Please do not use paper products, food or beverages in the fridges/cupboards as they may have been purchased for another event. Bring your own pots, dishes and utensils or use the ones in the cupboards and wash/dry/store them when finished.

Attention Sailors, Paddlers, and Guests

Starting July 1, 2019

Single Use Plastics (eg. bottles, cutlery) and **Styrofoam** (eg. plates, cups, bowls) **Ban** is in place on these grounds.

Please use better alternatives for the environment.

Fanshawe Yacht Club / Sailing School/ Sail and Paddle Centre
? - ask the Board of Directors

Expenses and Invoices: If you incur expenses or receive an invoice on behalf of the Club, please contact the current Treasurer for payment. Please turn all cash receipts from events, draws, etc., over to the Treasurer for deposit as soon as possible after receipt. Do not "reimburse" yourself from cash receipts for any event expenses. If anyone wishes to pay by e-transfer, the e-mail address is fycpmnts@rogers.com. Please send the answer to the security question directly to the Treasurer by phone or separate e-mail. All reimbursements will be by cheque as soon as possible, no later than 30 days after receipt by the Treasurer.

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 any docks.

Tenders are to be used only for towing sailboats between moorings and docks.

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. 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.

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.

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.

Shoreline locations are assigned by the club to those interested. Member assigned a location are responsible for supplying, maintaining, installing and removing their dock (see Storage Policy for details).

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.

Cars on FYC grounds must not exceed 20 km/h.

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 Licensee 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. ***Do not 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.

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 SAILABLE CONDITION.

Safety chains must be attached between the vehicle and the trailer or trailer extension before launching is permitted.

The Parking Spots are available only for boats under 20 feet in length and **not weighing more than 1,000 pounds**. Sailors utilizing these parking spots to store their watercraft are referred to as **dry sailors**.

- The FYC Parking Area Marshall is responsible for assigning a parking spot for your boat on the Club grounds.
- The Marshall will not assign you a parking spot if you already have a mooring, dry sailer, or dock for that boat. 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 Marshall 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).
- Empty trailers must not be left on FYC grounds. Take it home or apply for the limited number of spots in the north parking lot to store empty trailers for a fee. Please make arrangements with a Director to pay the fee, receive a tag for the trailer and an assigned spot. All trailers not registered for this area will be removed.
- 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 Marshall to make advance arrangements.
- Only under emergency conditions such as high water may boats be stored north of the gate.

Ramp launching areas must always be kept clear.

- **Boats are not to be tied** up between the two south docks.
- **Boats are not to be moored** within 20 feet of the north ramp.

Safe Sailing Practices

Skippers are responsible for ensuring their vessels are operated safely and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Weather should also be checked and considered prior to leaving the shore or dock. Be aware that water levels can change drastically and quickly, especially after a rainfall with increased inflow from the north. For boats that are moored or using shoreline docks, it is your responsibility to ensure that your boat always is adequately secured.

Docking Practice: Practice the docking technique somewhere on the lake using a free-floating object. Practice and make use of variable wind conditions.

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.
 - **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.
 - **If too hazardous to dock:** 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)

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.*

Beware of sudden weather / wind changes.

Learn, practice and perfect the skill and judgment involved in the handling of your boat.

Maintain your equipment: Keep your boat, rigging and equipment in perfect shape. Frequently check areas of load for wear and strain.

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.

Membership Categories

The following categories are Members of the Club. All categories, except for the Associate Member, have voting privileges (one vote per family) at General Meetings and may be elected or appointed to Director positions. Details can be found in the Club By-Laws, which contain the correct version in case of any discrepancy.

All new members pay a one-time initiation fee, except for Youth Members and Sailing School Graduates. Membership fees are subject to change - refer to the current Membership Application Form for correct fees - due by March 1st.

All FYC members must contribute a minimum of twenty-four hours of volunteer time with the club. Volunteer time and club privileges can be shared by immediate family, partner and youth 25 years of age or less in school fulltime and residing in the same household.

While certain members are entitled to bring guests to the Club, it is expected that a guest who uses or expects to use the Club facilities more than 3 times in a season will apply for an appropriate membership.

OWNER MEMBER

18 years or over registered as an owner or part owner of a sailboat used primarily on Fanshawe Lake. Pays a storage fee for each vessel belonging to the member and stored at the club including additional hand-powered boats kept at the club. May bring additional hand powered boats into the club on a daily basis for

immediate family members (e.g. canoe, kayak, paddle board, windsurfer.) May use the club, grounds, BBQ for limited personal family events.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

May participate in the leased boat program subject to payment of appropriate fees and are allowed to bring, use and store one hand-powered boat at the club. Storage is subject to availability and payment of any fees as required. They are not entitled to voting rights at General Meetings or to hold office as a Director but may serve in a supporting role and committees. They may use the club for limited immediate family events.

YOUTH MEMBER

Individuals who are less than 25 years of age *and attend school full time*. They may or may not be in the same household as an Owner Member. They may store one sailboat and one hand-powered boat on club grounds (subject to storage fees).

Parents or Guardians of a Youth Member are encouraged to volunteer, support and provide advice on activities and Club functions, but will not be allowed to attend any committee or member meetings. The Youth Member may host their parents or guardian(s) and may use the club for limited family events where they are present.

This category includes those Sailing School staff who meet the conditions of Youth Membership.

Youth Members may convert their membership at any time to any other category of membership, to enable their family to enjoy the full benefits of FYC, by paying the difference between fees for full Owner Membership and Youth Membership.

HONORARY MEMBERS

A limited number of past Owner or Associate Members with long-standing service to the Club, which the Club would like to reward to maintain access to their skills or corporate memory. They are designated by resolutions made and passed by the Board of Directors. Honorary Members have no requirement to pay annual dues, except the vehicle pass(es) required by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, or contribute any minimum amount of labour at work parties or other events. They will not own or share in ownership of a boat at the Club, but wish to support racing, socialize at FYC and sail on occasion with other members of FYC. They will have full voting rights but cannot be a Director.

FAMILY MEMBER

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

LICENSED USER GROUPS (“LICENSEES”)

Licensed User Groups (“Licensees”) are Ontario Corporations with their own Charitable or Not-For-profit status, who wish to use the premises leased by FYC from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, and the various facilities and leasehold improvements built there by FYC, to access Fanshawe Lake and to carry out their own aims and objectives.

Licensees will agree with FYC that they will adhere to a number of provisions and have members in their own right (“Licensee Users”), but who are not members of



FYC or any of the privileges associated with FYC membership unless they take out Owner or Associate Membership in FYC are not members of FYC.

Membership Fees

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

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

UTRCA PERMITS: UTRCA vehicle and boat passes are required to be purchased at the start of each sailing season. They may be purchased at the front gate of Fanshawe CA or the swipe cards you have can be reloaded when the fee is paid. Lost cards may be replaced for a fee at the front gate. *UTRCA permits also give you access to Wildwood and Pittock Recreational Areas.*

STORAGE FEES: Storage fees are charged for moorings, trailer spots, shoreline, beach, and rack locations. Member's can indicate their choice of storage option on the Membership Application Form. Storage of empty trailers during the sailing season is available for a fee but spaces are limited. Boats on their trailers may be stored over the winter at the club for a fee payable to UTRCA. **All** storage arrangements are to be made through the Membership Chair.

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 Youth Members or Sailing School Graduates.

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.

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. Additional keys can be obtained upon payment of a deposit.

FYC Race Program

FYC has an extensive Race Program run entirely by volunteer members. In addition to our Club Events and Informal Racing, we have several Invitational Regattas per year. All members are invited to participate. Race instructions, registration forms, and race signals are available in pdf format on the club website under "**About Us: Document Downloads: Official Racing Documents**".

If you have never raced before, just let the Race Committee know and look for the "**Racing Rules for Beginners**" under the 'Official Racing Documents' on the website. Many of our more experienced Members are more than willing and interested in helping to introduce new Members to the exciting world of racing. Racing is the best way to develop your technical skills and the adjustments to rigging. 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 a regatta, you **MUST** have signed the registration form on the morning of the races. Specific details of formal regattas may be found on the club website under each regatta heading, on the events calendar and in the newsletter. Prior to racing (formal and informal) you will receive a reminder email with the details and contact person for help.

Commodore's Sail Past

The Commodore's Sail Past in fleets followed by a reception is the traditional opening celebration of the sailing season. It follows the spring work parties and usually is held in May.

Wednesday Afternoon and Night Informal Racing

Every week from May to August, an informal evening race starts at 6:30 PM either on a Wednesday or Thursday. The day is set on Tuesday and is dependent on the weather conditions predicted. In September, the evening race starts at 6:00 PM as the light level lessens. 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.

The **"Self-starting Instructions"** can be found on the club website under 'About Us; Document Downloads'.

Formal FYC Regattas

Invitational: These regattas are open to sailors from other clubs.



June Bug Regatta (Invitational)
Held the first weekend of June – 2 days



Plywood Classic Regatta (Invitational)
Any wooden boat is eligible



Summer Regatta (Invitational)
Traditionally held on the last weekend in August. Generally, two days in length



The Commodore's Cup Regatta Held in mid September as a fun family and friend regatta. Generally one day in length



Pumpkin Regatta (Invitational)
Held the weekend before the Thanksgiving weekend in October. Generally, two days in length.

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 the Race Committee Chairman or the Rear Commodore.

Eligibility for Race Events

Newcomers to racing may participate under the "Learn to Race" program, subject to less than one year of active racing experience.

If a regatta is not invitational, referred to as closed, it will be open to the club membership only.

The specific requirements for each event will be noted on the club website. Click on the regatta for the year and that information will be available in the **Notice of Race Document**. The details as described in the **Notice of Race document** for the regatta are subject to be superseded (at the discretion of the Race Committee responsible for running the event). A club email will be sent to members with the notice of race prior to the event.

Notes, Information or Additions

Please advise a Flag Officer or Director of errors or omissions before our next issue of the Club Handbook

Note: All charted depths indicated are for reference only. Extreme caution is advised in areas of less than 2 metres water depth, as vessels may be subject to grounding.



