

Women On the Water Mission Statement

Mission

To advance the sport of sailing among women with positive and respectful support from other experienced women in the Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club community.

Overview

WOW is a social and sailing group that fosters cooperation and community among women who love to sail. WOW is an opportunity to share time on the water and contribute sailing skills with one another in a friendly social setting.

The group meets formally once a season for a Women's Sailing Event and informally once a week through the season for an afternoon or evening sails.

Etiquette

Politeness, courtesy and respect for others are always necessities, while on boats and ashore.

Objectives

- Share sailing skills and resources including safety, sail trim, docking manoeuvres, anchoring, man overboard practice, racing rules and skills
- Social interaction
- Welcoming, respectful communication, safety, and participation
- Improve community engagement from within and outside of the club

Skipper Responsibilities

Skippers, who volunteer their boats, are responsible for the following:

- the boat and crew
- boat safety measures, including determining if their boat is suitable to sail in certain weather conditions.
- communication to the crew: designating crew positions, such as: First Mate, Helm, and those who shall assist others with helpful hints
- sets expectations of the sail, and tone for the crew

Crew Responsibilities

The crew is responsible for the following:

- following the direction of the skipper or skipper's designated First Mate if any
- always looking out for hazards while under sail and communicating them to the skipper
- respectfully communicating with all crew members
- discussing with the skipper who is in which position while sailing

Activities

- Plan & participate in events and workshops with guest speakers on sailing topics
- Assist others with boat chores & tasks
- Share skills and practices on and off the water
- Assist new sailors with helpful hints
- Act as a resource and participate in Junior Girls Regattas, club racing and regattas, and club work parties