

Guide to the ABYC Cruising Program

Cruising at ABYC is about bringing members and families together in an inclusive, safe and encouraging environment that provides and promotes learning and mentoring opportunities to enjoy the water, activities, cruising and boating in general. The ABYC cruising program is open to all members. Cruising is a great way to get to know other club members, make new friends, visit and experience the various ports/anchorages on the lake. The Club Cruising Program objectives are to:

- Encourage our members, as a 'fleet', to visit other ports on the lake
- Create dialogue/camaraderie with other ABYC members with an interest in cruising
- Promote the involvement of members with families
- Promote and provide a positive and safer cruising experience for less experienced sailors
- Recognize individual contributions to cruising

CRUISING CAPTAINS

The Cruising Captains responsibilities include:

- Planning, scheduling, promoting and assisting in the coordination of the season's cruises
- Managing cruise registrations
- Managing participant boat logistics and dock assignments with Host Club and ABYC Head Bosun
- Supporting the cruise host(s) as they plan and prepare their particular cruise
- Promoting the cruising program through the Cruising Season Kick-off, the post-season Cruising Awards Night and cruising articles in the *Ship2Shore (S2S)* and/or ABYC Newsletters
- Attending select committee meetings relevant to cruising and preparing board updates on the cruising program
- Seeking participant feedback about the Cruising Program through post-cruise and post season survey
- Responding to member inquiries
- Engaging new members and those that have not previously participated in the Cruising Program
- Management of the cruise budget

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CRUISE HOSTS

ABYC Club cruises generally have a cruise host and most often also a co-host. The host(s) plans, co-ordinates and communicates the details of the cruise to the Cruising Captains and the members registered for the cruise (participants). Often, hosts organize a reception, themes or activities for members to interact, organize and have fun! The host may be contacted to answer questions regarding the cruise. A list of the planned cruises, with the hosts and their contact information will be posted on the Cruising section of the ABYC website. A 'Guide for Cruise Hosts' is available for hosts.

NOTE: Not all cruises will have an identified host and a formal reception planned.

COMMUNICATION

The Cruising Program will communicate through an S2S article and/or the Monday newsletter during the cruising season (April to September); this will provide cruising event information, including cruises open to registration and upcoming registrations.

Members who are interested in the Cruising program need to subscribe to one or both of these electronic communication tools.

CLUB CRUISE SCHEDULE

The season usually opens with an afternoon 'boat optional' event (the 'South Wall' cruise), and then moves into organized weekend (one or two-night) cruises to yacht clubs around Lake Ontario - on average twice per month. The schedule is planned to support the experience and interest level of all members.

The majority of cruises will be reciprocal (outbound and inbound) cruises. Outbound cruises (no inbound cruising boats) will be planned if a significant event or regatta is scheduled at ABYC and dock space is required to

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accommodate inbound boats for the event.

Most cruises will have a limit to the number of dock spaces available at the Host Club (boat limit). This will determine the number of ABYC boats that can participate. When required, a 'wait list' will be maintained. Cruise registration will be closed when there are a significant number of boats on the 'wait list'. If the demand far exceeds supply then a "Lottery System" will be advertised far in advance and used to ensure fairness.

The club cruising schedule is included in the *ABYC Events Book* and the most current schedule is maintained on the club's website [event calendar](#).

TYPES OF CRUISES

The ABYC Cruising program offers different types of cruises for all our members to enjoy. Not all cruise types are organized each year. Please refer to the ABYC Events book and the online [events calendar](#) for this season's cruising events.

South Wall cruise

Our typical first cruising event is hosted on the public docks on the south shore of the Club's harbour. It is referred to as our South Wall Cruise. Members are invited to 'cruise' their boats (mast/boom/sails optional) or dinghies over to the dock. The area is also accessible by land through the park (walk or bike). Evolving over the years, this event has become a 'Members' Cook-off Challenge' with the theme determined by the host. Registration is encouraged but not required for this cruise. Members who register and attend the cruise by boat (dinghies do not qualify) receive their first 'cruise attendance credit' (see *Cruising Flags and Trophies* section of this document).

Day Cruise and Social

This 'cruise' format has been well received by both senior and associate members. Members will be invited to take their boat out on a day cruise and return to Bay Belle Point for a pot-luck social gathering.

New Members' Cruise

Each year, a cruise is dedicated to new members. This cruise is intended to introduce new members to the Cruising Program and other cruising members. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to connect with others who have a like interest in cruising. New members are encouraged to attend. New members registered for this cruise will be given priority if a restriction on the number of boats is required.

Anchoring in Humber Bay

This little-known spot is a great, well protected harbour/anchorage to have a little getaway in the GTA. This location is a great opportunity for members to practice their anchoring skills as the depth is only 15 feet with a soft mucky bottom making for great holding. Depending on the level of interest, some member boats will raft off each other. For 'first timers', members will be available to assist with anchoring or rafting. Just around the corner (a short dinghy ride) is a beach. Members with dinghies will provide 'lifts' to the beach for members without dinghies. This cruise facilitated by the Cruising Captains. A 'shore party' will be held on the beach (weather permitting). Members are responsible for their own provisioning.

Kasey's Cove

You won't find Kasey's Cove at the Toronto Islands on any chart! Casey's cove was "discovered" by club member Kasey Regotta in the early 1970's and in true ABYC fashion the name has stuck ever since. He realized one could navigate the area with a keel boat and could then tie up "Mediterranean style" with a plank off the bow to access the island. It's a very sheltered spot at the south end of Long Pond behind Forestry Island and just across from the Island School. A family friendly location, there have been many club events held here over the years and this anchorage may be designated as a 'family cruise' in the cruise schedule. Tents will be pitched and family orientated activities will be planned. Lots of family fun! If you have children and have never visited this location this is a cruise you will want to register for.

1000 Island Rendezvous

While not an official ABYC Cruising Program event or cruise, typically, there is a plan for ABYC cruisers to meet somewhere at the east end of Lake Ontario (Prince Edward County) or in the 1000 Islands each summer. This is an informal arrangement where the organizers will advise, through S2S, details of the planned rendezvous and approximate date and location options. The rendezvous is typically a gathering of members on land with a reception provided by the host. Through daily communication by VHF (prearranged channel) at a fixed time of day during an identified period, all ABYC cruisers are invited to make contact with the organizers who will identify a rendezvous date and location based upon where most of the cruisers have congregated. This is not a structured cruise where members depart on the same day and cruise together. All members sailing east are invited to join the rendezvous. Members are required to file a sail plan.

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CRUISING FLAGS AND TROPHIES

Cruising Trophies

Dedicated trophies are awarded for 'cruising' achievements. Please refer to the Awards section of the *Events Book* for the details and qualification requirements for each trophy.

Cruise Participation Flags

Members qualify for a cruise participation flag for attending club cruises with their boat. Flags awarded are based on the attendance records provided by the host and maintained by the Cruising Captains. The member does not need to apply to qualify for a flag.

- Eight or more Cruises - Gold
- Five -Seven Cruises - Red
- Three Cruises - Blue

Distance Flags

- Members who maintain their own sailing distance logs can apply for distance flags. This is not limited to attendance at club cruises, but includes distance logged for all sailing and cruising trips (except racing), including day sails and long distance sailing.
- 250 mile flag
- 500 mile flag
- 1000 mile flag

Members are requested to submit mileage information to the Cruising Captains (cruising@abyc.on.ca) no later than September 30th. A request for submission will be announced via S2S.

When submitting mileage information members are requested to include additional data that may qualify them for a trophy:

- Total number of miles in the season
- Total number of miles of the longest cruise
- Total number of ports visited

Cruising flags and trophies are awarded at the end of the season. The Cruising Captains determine who will be awarded flags and trophies.

REGISTERING FOR A CLUB CRUISE

Where to Register

Members will self-register for cruises using the 'Cruising Sign-up' page on the ABYC website.

When to Register for a Cruise

- Cruise registration will open on the first Wednesday of the month before the month of the cruise. The monthly opening dates for registration are posted in the Events Book and website calendars.
- Registration will remain open until the Tuesday (three days/72 hours) before the cruise.
- Registration may remain open longer. The registration closing date details are included in the cruise description' on the 'Cruising Sign-up' page.
- Registration will be closed early if the number of registrants has far exceeded the boat limit and a 'wait list' is in effect.

The Cruising Sign-up Page

- The Cruising Sign-up page includes:
 - Cruising events open for registration
 - Events that have closed but have not yet been completed
 - A 'test cruise' section will be available for the first two months allowing members new to registration can 'test' the registration process.
- Each cruise includes a description of the cruise, the host(s), sign-up start date; boat limit and a link to (1) the Host Club and (2) 'registrant list'.
- A message will display if the limit has been reached and a 'wait list' is in effect.

A cruise is open for registration if the 'REGISTER' button is displayed. If a cruise has been closed this information will be included in the cruise description.

The Six Steps to Registration

1. LOGIN.
2. Left click on 'CRUISING' on the header to open up the drop down box.
3. Click on 'CRUISING SIGNUP'.

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4. Select the cruise and click on the 'REGISTER' button. If the button is not displayed registration is either closed or registration is not yet open. Check the cruise description.
5. Complete the registration form. Please enter the information in the format as indicated on the registration form. After registering for the first cruise the registrant's information will auto-fill for subsequent cruise registrations. Attendee information must be updated with each registration.
6. Once completed click on 'Register'.

If the registration has been properly completed a message will display '*Your registration has been successfully received*'. The registrant will receive an e-mail via the email address entered in the form. The e-mail will contain the registrant's registration information as entered in the form. If there are errors in the information the registrant should 'reply' to the e-mail to notify the Cruising Captains of the correct information. This e-mail does not confirm the registrant's status as registered or wait list for the cruise.

Important Registration Notes

- Cruise registration will not be accepted nor confirmed by office staff (phone or e-mail).
- Members are requested not to register for a cruise until they can commit to attending the cruise.
- Each cruise must be registered for separately.
- A member cannot register another member.
- A cell phone contact number is requested. This is required by the host should they need to contact a participant during the cruise.
- It is important that the number of adults and children attending the cruise is correctly identified. Accurate attendee numbers are necessary for the host to plan the reception.
- Members with special docking requirements (please limit to mobility needs) are requested to provide this information when registering.
- Some cruises will require additional participant information. The additional information required will be included in the 'cruise description' on the 'Cruising Sign-up' page and communicated to members through the cruise description in S2S.
- The priority order of boats registered (status) will normally be determined by date and time of registration.
- Exceptions may apply See 'Cruise Restrictions'.
- **A member who registers for the same cruise a second time will 'overwrite' the first registration (date and time) and will lose their original placement on the list.** there is no prompt/warning that the member has already submitted a registration for that cruise.
- If the cruise has reached its boat limit, a message will display "*We have reached the maximum signups but you can still signup for the waiting list.*" Registrations will continue to be accepted until the cruise is closed and the 'REGISTER' button is no longer displayed.
- If a member experiences difficulties with registration they should email the Cruising Captains (cruising@abyc.ca) and explain the experienced difficulty.

Registering Without a Boat (Drive-in)

Members without a boat may register to attend the cruise reception by completing their information and selecting 'Drive Over'. The same conditions apply for 'Registration' and 'Cancellation Procedures'. Late requests made after registration has closed may or may not be accommodated (as determined by the host or Cruising Captains).

How to Make Changes to Registration Information

Changes/corrections/additions/deletions must be sent by e-mail to the Cruising Captains (cruising@abyc.ca) and the host if host has already communicated to cruising members for this particular event. Changes must not be made on the 'Cruise Sign-Up' page. Per above, if changes are made on the 'Cruise Sign-Up' page after the registration has been submitted this change will 'overwrite' the first registration (date and time) and the registrant will lose their original placement on the list.

The Confirmed Cruise Registrant List

Members will know who is participating in their registered cruise when the cruise host (or cruising captain) communicates via email about the upcoming event. This will include notification to those that were included on that cruise's waiting list.

This list information will include pertinent information needed by ABYC staff and Host Club staff in allocating boat slips. The information provided will also include pertinent information for the hosts and participants: host contact information, participant boat name, senior member and spouse name (if applicable), boat dimensions, number of adults and children, additional information entered via registration form, e-mail addresses and cell phone contact number(s) for all persons registered for the cruise.

NOTE: While the member registration process is electronic, the submitted registration information is processed manually and errors can be made and isn't instantaneously available, therefore all members who register for a

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cruise are to wait for the initial cruise email communication from the volunteer host or cruising captain. Please refrain from requesting status updates via the cruising captain email until the communication to registrants is initiated for the particular cruising event.

Late Requests to Attend the Cruise

A member may request to attend a cruise after registration has closed. This request must be made by e-mail to the Cruising Captains (cruising@abyc.ca). Boat dimensions (LOA, beam and draft), type of vessel (sail/motor), number of attendees (adults/children), ABYC slip, email and mobile contact information are required in the email request.

Without the required information above, the late request will not be considered or accepted. Cruising logistics for successful cruising events require manual input, coordination, and communication between ABYC team(s), Host Club, cruising host, cruising captains as well as cruising members and is a significant effort.

Decisions to accept late requests is at the sole discretion of the Cruising Captain.

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

When and How to Cancel

Registrants must remove themselves from the cruise as soon as they know that they will no longer be able to attend the cruise. Failure to provide advance notification of cancellation is inconvenient and disruptive to fellow members, host, and ABYC Bosun staff.

- Registrants wishing to cancel their attendance at a cruise must provide e-mail notification (of cancellation) to the Cruising Captains (cruising@abyc.ca) and the host if the host communications associated with the cruise have been started/established.
- **Members on the 'wait list' are required to cancel their registration (same as above) when they no longer plan to attend the cruise should a vacancy become available on the participant list.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

A \$25.00 penalty will be payable by a member if they cancel their attendance within 48 hours of the scheduled cruise or if they do not attend the cruise. The decision to charge the penalty is at the discretion of the Cruising Captains. Consideration will be given to bad weather and other extenuating circumstances.

BOAT LIMITS

Boat Limits

The boat limit for each cruise is determined by the number of boat slips that will be available at the Host Club. The Host Club controls this limit. For some cruises, it will be a 'boat for boat' exchange. Some clubs cannot accommodate many more incoming boats than leave their dock for the club cruise. Alternatively, we may be restricting the number of incoming boats based upon the number of boats we have outbound for that reciprocal cruise

Boat limits are projected estimates, and the number may be changed (increased or decreased) during the time leading up to the cruise. If boat limits are being adjusted, this information will be communicated to members registered to the cruise.

Boat limits may also be impacted by the type and size of boats registered by cruisers at both ABYC and Host Club. An example of this – ABYC or the Host Club may not be able to accommodate numerous larger boats that are registered for the cruise. As such, adjustment to boat limits and/or specific registered attendees to cruising events may need to be considered.

Many Host Clubs will not be able to provide us with the final number of ABYC boats that they can accommodate until they confirm the number of boats that they have going out and other members have filed alternative sail plans. This notification can be less than 72 hours before the cruise. Please note that this is beyond the control of the Cruising Captains and the hosts.

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Determination of Priority

If there is a restriction on boat limit, priority is normally determined by the date and time of registration. There may be occasions where the priority may be determined by boat dimensions or if the cruise is a designated 'lottery cruise'. New members registered for the new members' cruise will be given priority if a 'wait list' is in effect. Registrants will be notified of their participation status via email communications leading up to the cruising event. Please refrain from requesting updates to participation confirmation/status until confirmed via email by Cruising Captain or the cruise host.

Lottery Cruise

A 'lottery cruise' is a cruise where registrant status will be determined by a random draw, not date and time of registration. The Cruising Captains will identify which cruises will be a 'lottery cruise'. Members will be notified if a cruise is a 'lottery cruise' in S2S communication and this will be included in the cruise description on the website. All registrations will be entered into a 'lottery' and a random automated draw will be conducted. Registrants will be notified of their participation status via email communications leading up to the cruising event. Please refrain from requesting updates to participation confirmation/status until confirmed via email by Cruising Captain or the cruise host.

The 'Wait List'

A 'wait list' will be created when the projected boat limit has been reached. The projected limit is subject to change as advised by the Host Club. Registrants on the 'wait list' are required to cancel their registration when they no longer plan to attend the cruise even if a slip becomes available.

Seven to ten days before the cruise, the host will confirm status with registrants (e.g. if they are cruise 'participants' or if they are on the 'wait list'). As vacancies occur, a registrant on the 'wait list' will be notified when they are moved up as a participant.

Confirmation of a registrant on the 'wait list' becoming a participant in the cruise will be e-mailed to the registrant if the change occurs less than 1 week before the cruise. It is very important that a registrant on the 'wait list', who will no longer attend the cruise even if a slip becomes available, cancels from the cruise ASAP.

MEMBERS WITH CHILDREN

Members with children are encouraged to participate in the club cruises. While there may be no formal activities planned for children, most Host Clubs have, at minimum, a playground and some have a pool. It is an opportunity for the children to make new ABYC friends. Members are encouraged to check the Host Club's website to identify amenities for children. They can also consult with the information provided by the cruise host.

THE CRUISE

The cruise host will confirm via email all pertinent information to those registered and confirmed for the cruise. Communications will begin seven to ten days before the cruise. The host will confirm if the registrants are a 'participant' or on the 'wait list'. If a member has not received any information from the host within seven days of the cruise, they need to confirm their status by contacting the Cruising Captains (cruising@abyc.ca).

Information will include details such as assembly day and time, location of the reception (if known), menu/meal plan (appetizers or dinner), further details if themed, and/or if games/activities or music are planned.

Members are responsible for knowing where they are going and planning their route. It is recommended that the participant research information about the Host Club via information on the Host Club's website and '*Lake Ontario and the 1000 Islands Ports Cruising Guide*' or an equivalent publication. Registrants must not depend on the host to provide information about the Club's amenities or lack of amenities. For a cruise scheduled to the U.S., the member is responsible for knowing where/how they will clear U.S. Customs.

If a member would like to sail in 'tandem' with another boat, they are requested to advise the host. For members going on their first cruise, this is encouraged. To accommodate the request, it should be made in advance of the cruise to allow the host the opportunity to make necessary arrangements.

In addition to the required navigational charts, all cruise participants are encouraged to have the current *Lake Ontario & the Thousand Islands Ports Cruising Guide* on board.

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Participants should monitor VHF 16 and their e-mail when they are preparing for and during the cruise in the event of new information to be conveyed by the host. Contact may also be by cell phone. VHF 16 will be used during the cruise to 'hail' boats in the fleet.

A pre-cruise skippers' meeting in the club house may be planned. The host will notify participants, in advance, if a meeting is planned and the time of the meeting. If a meeting is not planned, the information which would normally be reviewed will be communicated by the host directly to the participants by e-mail.

In the event of inclement weather on the day of the cruise, participants are requested to monitor their e-mail and/or visit the clubhouse for a cruise status report. A pre-cruise skippers' meeting will be planned if inclement weather is forecast. The host will notify participants by e-mail of the meeting and time. This meeting will provide an opportunity for discussion of alternative planning. If it appears that the conditions will make sailing challenging, or the majority of the participants are opting not to leave dock, the host may make alternative plans for the cruise. In such conditions where the 'on water' cruise is cancelled, the cruise/reception could be re-located to an area at ABYC (e.g. Bay Belle Point or the Clubhouse). Should a cruise be cancelled, members who were present at the meeting will receive a cruise attendance credit. Cruises may be cancelled in advance of the cruise departure date and a reception may or may not be held.

Ultimately, the final decision not to leave the dock, or to abandon the cruise and return back to ABYC dock, is that of each skipper. A penalty will not be applied to participant(s) who decide not to take their boat on the cruise due to the weather conditions after a decision has been made to proceed with the cruise. These participant(s) may drive to the Host Club to attend the reception.

Cruises typically depart on Saturday. Participants are asked to leave the dock no later than 11:00 AM. If a later departure time is necessary, this information must be included in the registrant's cruise registration information. If this information is not provided when registering, the member must discuss this with the Dock Master. Rationale: Boat slips have been pre-assigned for the incoming fleet using slips of our cruise participants. The incoming fleet normally begins arriving mid-morning and if the staff are unaware that a slip will not be vacated in a timely manner, an arriving boat will have to be provided with the inconvenience of a temporary slip.

Cruise participants are not required to file a 'sail plan' unless the participant is departing earlier and/or returning later than the scheduled cruise.

Slip assignments may or may not be provided in advance of the cruise. This is dependent on the practice of the Host Club. If slip assignments and/or dock map are available in advance, the host will e-mail the information. Members are requested to radio into the Host Club when approaching to confirm or to receive their dock assignment. Yacht Clubs monitor VHF 68 (RCYC 09). If a dock assignment has not been provided and the Host Club cannot be raised, participants must proceed to the visitors' dock.

Members' boats are requested to fly the ABYC burgee (in good condition) when sailing in a Club cruising event. Upon arrival, members must sign in at the Host Club. When signing in at the Host Club, the member will be provided with any relevant additional information (e.g. wi-fi code(s) and washroom access codes). It is not the responsibility of the host to provide this information to cruise participants.

Participants are asked to use discretion when requesting a slip change when they arrive at a Host Club. If special accommodation is required, members are asked to include the information in the 'Additional Information' section of the registration form. It takes the volunteers at the Host Club a considerable amount of time to organize slip assignments for all our incoming boats. If a participant's assigned slip is inadequate or the participant does not like their slip assignment and requests a slip change, it causes considerable work and may have cascading impacts to other participants' slip assignments. We ask our participants to use sound judgement if requesting an alternate slip.

THE CRUISE RECEPTION

The cruise reception or gathering is normally held on the first day of the cruise and details such as assembly time, place, and theme (if applicable) are provided by the host in advance of the cruise. Some details may not be available until our hosts or participants make on-site assessments and confirm details. Participants will be notified if they should provide their own lawn chairs for the reception.

ABYC subsidizes hosts that coordinate and arrange for a meal for their cruise participants (\$50/boat). Completely at the host's discretion and to keep it simple and easy, possible meal options include: coordinating and preparing a main course (such as BBQ options, make your own taco, etc.), leveraging Host Club's restaurant facilities for meal options, leveraging a caterer for 'meal box' options, or even ordering gourmet pizzas to our Host Club would provide our

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members a positive and memorable experience.

Alternatively, a potluck style reception is always a hit – from appetizers, to nibbles, to desserts. If all cruise participants bring and share their own special dish, everyone has a great time. It's worth noting that if you partake in shared food, it's customary to contribute your own for others to enjoy.

For all scenarios above, all participants must bring their own utensils, plates, napkins and beverages. Participants may be encouraged to support a 'themed cruise' by either dressing or helping by contributing other items to the theme (a game, a disco ball, a cowboy hat – who knows!).

All cruisers contribute to successful cruising events and as such, all are requested to help our hosts... this could be with setup and prep, participating in any planned activities or games, and most certainly with any clean up. We must leave our Host Club as clean (or cleaner) than when we arrived.

Items to note:

- Our hosts are not chefs and they are not dieticians. They are not expected to provide meals to meet individual dietary needs. It is suggested that members with unique dietary needs provision their own meal. The member should consult and notify the host in advance of the cruise.
- Name tags may be provided for select cruises (e.g. new members' cruise)
- Not all scheduled cruises will have a reception and/or organized meal (e.g. no volunteer host for a particular cruise). This information will be included when cruise details are provided via email ahead of the cruise event.

DEPARTURE

Most clubs also require visiting boats to leave dock by 11:00 AM on the last day of the cruise. Check with the Host Club upon arrival registration regarding departure time.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Member Etiquette

Members are advised that if they have not registered for the cruise, the Host Club may refuse to accommodate a non-registered ABYC boat. If a slip is provided to a non-registered member of the cruise, this does not permit that member to attend the cruise reception unless the host has agreed (and in such cases, a \$25 fee will be payable to ABYC to contribute to the costs of the meal and/or supplies associated with the cruise event).

Cruise participants are not authorized to arrive at the Host Club in advance of the cruise date unless alternative arrangements have been made and permission has been granted by the Host Club. The Host Club may refuse to accommodate a boat which arrives without a pre-reserved slip.

Early Return

If a cruise participant returns to ABYC before 11:00 AM, a visitor boat may be in their slip. If alternate plans and arrangements haven't been made prior to the cruise, the participant should contact ABYC Bosun staff by phone (extension 223) to obtain a temporary slip assignment before they leave the Host Club.

Temporary docking arrangements may be provided if a visitor boat is in their slip. A participant must not wait until they are outside the club to radio in their early return. A visitor boat will not be moved to accommodate a member returning early who has provided insufficient notice of return.

Dogs

All Clubs have rules pertaining to dogs. It is important to know the rules if you are taking a dog with you. Members should check the Host Club's website for this information.

Conduct

During the stay at the Host Club, a participant may be asked to move to a different slip or may be provided with a temporary slip. While this is an inconvenience, we ask the member to have patience and understanding. The cruise host has no control of this. Complaints can be forwarded to the Cruising Captains to raise with our Host Club after the cruising event.

Please remember that ABYC cruisers are guests at the Host Club and all members are expected to abide by Rules and Regulations of the Host Club and in accordance with the [ABYC Code of Conduct](#).

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Photographs

The Cruising Captains would like participants to forward photos taken while on a club cruises to cruising@abyc.ca. Photographs taken by all members while cruising (on a club cruise or not) are also welcomed by the Cruising Captains. The photos will be assembled into a slide presentation to be used at future cruising events.

Post-Cruise Article for S2S

A participant of a cruise that would like to write a post-cruise article for S2S is requested to let the host know in advance of the cruise. One 'job jar' hour is available for this service.

Post-Season Cruise Survey

A 'Post-Season Cruise Survey' may be sent to all cruise participants. This survey will seek participant feedback regarding the overall season. Participants are requested to complete only one survey per boat.

Hosting a Cruise

Cruising Captains are available to discuss hosting responsibilities. To assist hosts, a 'Guide for ABYC Cruise Hosts' has been compiled. Members interested in hosting a cruise are requested to contact the Cruising Captains (cruising@abyc.ca). Arrangements can be made for 'co-hosting' opportunities. A 'first-time' host is awarded a 'host sweatshirt' which is embroidered with the host's boat name and year of hosting. In following years, the year of cruise hosted is added to the sweatshirt.

Cruising Kick-Off

To 'kick off' the cruising season, a cruising information session will be held in the clubhouse prior to launch. At this session, an overview of the Club Cruising Program will be provided, any changes to cruising procedures will be reviewed, the season's cruising schedule will be formally presented, and hosts announced. One objective of this informal session is to bring together new members, members who have not previously attended a Club cruise and the 'seasoned cruisers' to talk about the club cruising program, to share past experiences and to celebrate the upcoming cruising season. This is a casual, child friendly event. The date of the event will be posted on the ABYC website calendar. Event information will be posted in S2S. This is a casual child friendly event.

Cruising Awards Night

A post-season 'Cruising Awards Night' is held in the club house at the end of the cruising season to celebrate the season and to present trophies, distance awards and cruise participation flags. Cruise hosts are recognized, and cruise host sweatshirts are presented to first-time hosts. This event is an opportunity for ABYC members to get together and reminisce about the season past and to begin planning for the next! The date of the event will be posted in the on the ABYC website calendar. Event information will be posted in S2S. This is typically a casual event (not a formal sit-down dinner), is not limited to those who attended a cruise and is child friendly.