



RACING CREW BANK NIGHT

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7-9PM

Need crew? Need a boat?

Meet and mingle with other racing enthusiasts! Whatever your experience, you can get out on the water and start racing.



CREW BANK TIPS



How does Crew Bank work?

- Tuesdays and Thursdays are race nights and boats typically leave the dock around 5:50 pm.
- Please arrive around 5:15 so we can find you a suitable boat.
- Look for the coordinator under the white patio tent, weather permitting, or in the clubhouse, and they will match you with a boat.
- Some boats race only one night, some both. You don't have to commit to both nights, or on the same boat if you want to race Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- You can show up to crew at any point in the season from the start of series racing in May to the end in September.
- Let us know if your experience was as expected. If the boat wasn't a good fit, we will find you another boat. Some crews are very competitive, while others are just out to have fun.
- If you find a boat to race on consistently, please let the skipper and crew know if you can't race that night. Not showing up when expected puts stress on other crew to do more with less hands, or they may not be able to race at all.

What if there are no boats that need crew?

That rarely happens, but if it does, we encourage you to hop on "Sarah Ashbridge", our race committee boat. There you can watch the action at the start line and be a part of another great team.

Do we still race if it's raining?

Absolutely! The Race Committee will only decide to cancel the race if there is lightning, heavy fog or high winds. Often the weather looks horrible, but come race time, it's perfect.

Do I need to have prior racing/sailing experience?

It helps, but it's not necessary. If you show up consistently and have a keen attitude, most skippers are willing to teach novice crew.

What should I wear?

- **Layers!** The sun is deceptive and while it may be hot on the dock, it could be cold on the water, so pack fleece, a toque and foul-weather gear, aka, rain pants and jacket.
- **PFD** (personal flotation device). Please bring your own, however, Skippers should have extras if you need one to start out.
- **Boat/deck shoes**, or running shoes with non-marking soles. NO flip flops or bare feet.
- **Sailing gloves**. Budget tip: garden gloves or work gloves from Marks.
- **Sun protection**: hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.

How much does it cost to crew?

There is no cost to try out racing to see if you like it. If you are not already an ABYC member and you've decided to crew on a weekly basis, you'll need an Associate Membership.

Membership has privileges – use of the club facilities: restaurant, picnic areas, BBQs, showers, parking and the opportunity to participate in social and entertainment events.



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QUESTIONS?

Please contact us at crewbank@abyc.ca