

Frequently Asked Questions- Coop Keelboat Program

What is the Co-op Keelboat Program?

ABYC is proud to maintain 5 keelboats which may be chartered by a member through the season. The club purchases and maintains these boats at no extra fee to the members. In addition, the co-op member is a member of ABYC and as such can benefit from social events, racing and participate in club activities.

The Co-op Keelboat Program consists of 5 full time boats;

Voila; 1983 Kelt 7.6 24ft cruising.

Adventure; 2001 Hunter 260; 26 ft cruising

Enigma; 1997 Beneteau Platu 25; 24.7 ft racing

Destinee; 1986 CC29 Mk2; 28 ft cruising

Delphinus; 1983 CS33; 32 ft cruising

One boat Solena will be available in August as it is the dedicated boat for the Adult Learn to Sail Program.

Solena; 2015 ASA First 22; 20' cruising & racing.

How do I get on the Waitlist to be on Coop Keelboat Program?

Contact coopsailing@abyc.ca. Although your name is on the waitlist you must still apply to the program on April 1st, 2025 when the application becomes available.

We have a high demand for our program so it is first come first serve when the application becomes available.

How many members are in the program?

We will be accepting 45 members for our 2025 session. We have a long wait list so we encourage everyone to apply to be able to qualify for membership. Being on the waitlist gives you the benefit of being notified first for the application process.

How do I apply to be a Coop Member?

Applications will be available online April 1st, 2025

Fees for the 2025 year will be announced by March 1st, 2025.

You do not have to pay your fees at this time as your membership and certifications must be accepted before you may join. You must first pass a Ride Check test to ascertain if you are able to manage a keelboat. Once this has been done, then the fees for Coop Keelboat Membership and Associate membership must be paid.

You must be an Associate member to be a Coop Keelboat Member.

Please note that you must be 18 years old to be a Coop Keelboat Member

What certifications do I need to be a coop member?

Please remember that Transport Canada requires by law that the operator of a power vessel have Proof of Competency. If you are the person in charge of the vessel, you are the operator. As such,

you need to have obtained a Basic Cruising and a Pleasure Craft Operator Card. ABYC is in Toronto Harbour. The Toronto Harbour regulations require you to have your Power Vessel Operator Permit (aka the Harbour License). ABYC also requires you to have your Basic Cruising and the Marine Radio Operator Certificate (aka ROC) to be the operator of the vessel. We will ask you to send copy of Basic Cruising and ROC with your application. If you do not have Basic Cruising, please provide additional information demonstrating your boat handling proficiency for consideration. For those currently in the process of obtaining their Radio Operator Certificate, please let us know and we will see if temporary accommodation can be made.

How do I get certified?

ABYC offers Adult Learn to Sail courses such as the Basic cruising courses along with other required certifications.

How do I apply?

Fill out application and send to admin@abyc.ca

Once I have been accepted what is the next step?

Once you have been accepted, with the submissions of your certifications, you must pay your fees with the Office at admin@abyc.ca. This proof of payment must be supplied to Coop Keelboat Lead. The admin@abyc.ca must approve that your certifications have been completed to accept your payment and refer you to the Co-op program.

What happens when I have paid my fees?

You must pass a ride check on the type of boat you want to operate. These ride checks are NON-REFUNDABLE.

These Ride Checks are conducted by Adult Learn to Sail Instructors. Ride check slots are available on the Adult Learn to Sail page. <https://abyc.ca/learn-to-sail/keelboat-programs/>

Once the ride check has been passed your name will be placed on the Reservation System for the boat you have been checked out on.

Ride Checks can be found here; <https://abyc.ca/learn-to-sail/keelboat-programs/>

How many boats are available in the Co-op?

There are 5 boats, and each boat has a Boat Captain who oversees the reporting of the maintenance and orienting those who use the boat during the summer. Each captain will have a list of maintenance jobs which the member can opt to do. A sixth boat becomes available in August as it is used for Adult learn to Sail program.

How do I reserve a boat to go sailing?

Once you have passed a Ride Check, your name will be placed on a reservation platform where you can book a boat in different slots of time. Only the boat you have been approved on a Ride Check enables you to book on the reservation platform.

You must read the Co-op Keelboat Manual and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the program. This manual is available online in the membership area of the Co-op program.

Does someone orient me to the boat I have booked?

Once you have been Ride Checked on the size of boat you will go through an orientation of the boat you have been approved on. This will include the operation of the engine and sailing pieces of the boat.

What boats can I take out when I join?

New co-op members are only allowed to sign out smaller sized boats of Voila and Adventure. Once the first year has been completed, they can have a ride check for the larger boats of Destinee and Delphinus. If they are interested in racing, then Enigma could be opted into.

How do I communicate with the other members?

What's App is best way to communicate with email from the lead. Subscription to the Ship2Shore and Member's News is required to be informed about Club events.

What is expected from me as a member?

There is a new requirement of seven hours for boat maintenance such as a pump outs, thorough inside cleaning, thorough outside cleaning, fuel fills, launches, haul outs, etc. for our boats.

ABYC requires Associate members to work three hours around the club.

The fee for not completing the new work requirement of seven hours for the Co-op and three hours for your Associate membership, will be billed at \$65 an hour.