

Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club

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Introduction

ABYC, like most yacht clubs, has active racing programs and active cruising programs; generally, members prefer one or the other factions of sailing.

ABYC offers an adult keel boat instruction program, which has been very successful. However, graduates from this program do not have a natural progression – the step up to purchasing a keel boat and enrolling it into the Club fleet is a large and serious commitment. The CSP is intended to fill this gap.

Candidates who would find the CSP of interest include:

- Graduates of the Basic Cruising course
- Associate members who would like access to a cruising boat who are not in a position to commit to the expense of senior membership and full time boat ownership (must have Basic Cruising or equivalent)
- Experienced sailors (perhaps new to the city) who would like to "test the waters" prior to joining a yacht club;
- Existing ABYC senior members who are currently "between boats".

Features & Benefits

Feature	Benefit
The "participant to boat" ratio will be pegged at 8-9 participants per boat.	All CSP participants will have an opportunity to use the boat on a regular basis.
Existing ABYC senior members, with similar boats, will provide guidance in the maintenance and preparation of the boat.	CSP participants will have the opportunity to learn how to maintain the boat, prepare it for launch in the spring, and decommission it for winter storage.
At least one boat will be registered in the ABYC racing program (TueThu night series).	CSP participants interested in racing can "ease into" the program at their own speed.
CSP participants will be encouraged to participate in Club cruises.	CSP participants will get to meet other ABYC members on an "equal footing" basis, and to experience the cruising lifestyle.
CSP participants will be encouraged to participate in Club "work parties" to work along with ABYC senior members.	CSP participants will be able to build up a feeling of participation and contribution to the Club. Camaraderie is a major attraction to ABYC – our members do not consider themselves to be customers of a marina.
ABYC covers the cost of parts replacement, insurance, registration, etc.	Reduced administration and cost to the CSP participant.

General Information

To participate in the Keelboat Co-op Sailing Program (CSP), you must be a member of ABYC, in any adult membership category with the exception of Honourary Member or Out Of Town Member.

- Upon acceptance into the program, you will receive an orientation of the boats/engines. A practical test will also be required under some circumstances. Successful completion of the sailing test will be required before reservations can be made.
- The co-op participants are collectively responsible for general maintenance, upkeep and cleaning of boats throughout the season. The co-op Chair or Boat Captains will help to organize the required participation. Each participant is expected to contribute to maintaining the boats.
- In order to continue to make this a viable program members are expected to participate in volunteer activities and may be asked to help with the following:
 - Boat Prep for launch (late April) and haul out (mid-October)
 - Boat Orientation (for new members)
 - Other tasks as they come up
- Participants of the co-op program are required to hold the following current accreditation:
 - CYA Basic Cruising Standard certificate or equivalent experience
 - Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)
 - Toronto Harbour Licence
 - VHF licence (or Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime))
- Life jackets are provided on each boat, but bringing your own life jacket is preferred. We strongly encourage all individuals onboard to wear a lifejacket at all times.
- Diesel, gas and pump-outs are provided at the gas dock, at the program's expense
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted only while the boat is tied up at the dock or at anchor, and you are finished sailing for the day. Boating while impaired is an offense under the Criminal Code of Canada.
- Pets are generally not permitted on the boats
- Boats may not be taken outside of Canada (due to ownership and legal liability considerations)
- Participants are not permitted to sail solo, as in one person alone on the boat.
- Boats can be taken out overnight but cannot be sailed at night (after dark) and cannot be anchored overnight (they must be at a dock overnight)

Reserving the Boat

Boats are available to reserve on a first come, first served basis

- Each day is divided into two reservation periods. The AM period starts at sunrise and ends at 3:00 p.m. The PM period starts at 3:00 p.m. and ends at sunset.
- Unless you have the following AM period reserved for your use, all PM reservations must end with the boat returned to the ABYC dock by sunset. There are 3 start time options
 - 0700 - 1500
 - 1500-2100
 - 1700-2100
- Boats are booked on a first come, first serve basis. Each participant may have no more than one weekend and two weekday reservations at any time. Reservations can only be done up to 4 weeks in advance.
- Last minute, same day reservations are possible and do not count toward the number of available reservations.
- At least one boat will be registered to participate in the ABYC club races (Tues/Thur) and/or regattas.
- We are currently updating the overnight policy for taking boats out for up to 7 nights.
- ABYC runs cruises to reciprocal yacht clubs on Lake Ontario and CSP participants may sign up for these for no additional cost. If you cruise yourself to other clubs, you may be liable to pay for overnight accommodation as reciprocal privileges at other clubs are often only extended to senior members with identification.

Here is the fee schedule for 2023:

ASSOCIATE Fees	Annual Fees		Total Each Year
	Associate Dues	Program/Storage Fee	
No Program	339		339
Kayak/Paddleboard	339	181	520
Sailing Dinghy storage	339	258	597
Laser Dinghy Co-Op	339	500	839
Wayfarer Dinghy Co-Op	339	1,500	1,839
Keelboat Co-op	339	1,391	1,730

Notes:

- **All associate dues include a \$50 food credit in the clubhouse**
- Early registration discount of \$100 for Keelboat Co-op – until April 1st!
- Dues for a spouse/partner of an Associate member are \$194
- Annual fees are adjusted each year
- **All fees subject to HST**

Co-op Fleet

VOILA - Kelt 7.5 (about 25')

- Furling Jib
- Tiller steering
- Outboard gas engine - mounted inside boat

Sea Key - C&C 25

- Furling Jib
- Tiller steering
- Outboard gas engine

TILT - C&C 25

- Hanked on jib;
- Tiller steering
- Outboard gas engine

Destinee - C&C 29

- Furling Jib
- Steering wheel
- Inboard diesel engine
- Requires separate check ride; not available to introductory co-op members.

Delphinus - CS33

- Furling Jib
- Steering wheel
- Inboard diesel engine
- Requires separate course/check ride; not available to introductory co-op members.

Solena - Benetau 22

This is the school boat and may or may not become available as learn-to-sail courses end

- Furling Jib
- Tiller steering
- Outboard gas engine