



Participant Guide

Rules & Regulations

The Port Credit Yacht Club (PCYC) BoatHub program is designed to provide club members and adult LTS keelboat cruising program graduates the opportunity to enhance their sailing skills or just enjoy a community of like-minded people who want to get out for some fun and camaraderie on Lake Ontario without having to own their own boat. The program utilizes club owned sailboats (J/24) which are available from May 30th to Sept. 18th.

BoatHub is an approved program of the Port Credit Yacht Club and PCYC is solely responsible for decisions concerning the direction and management of BoatHub.

What are the features of the program?

- PCYC covers the cost of launch, haul out, dockage, insurance, registration, fuel and maintenance
- Each participant is able to reserve five (5) weekday and two (2) weekend time slots per month, as well as use of the club facilities as a PCYC member.
- The participant to boat ratio is pegged at 8:1.
- Time slots are for 9:00am to 2:45pm or 3:00 pm to sunset and require booking ahead of time.
- You may bring up to 4 guests for your booked boat time

Who is eligible to enroll?

- You must be a PCYC club member in good standing, 24+ years of age to enroll in the program.
- Participants enrolled in and successfully completing a Sail Canada Basic Cruising Standard may also register for the program when applying for a club membership.
- PCYC Crew members are not allowed to book or skipper a BoatHub boat.
- All participants of PCYC BoatHub shall be club members and pay the associated fees per membership regulations

What qualifications are needed -program participants must provide proof of the following:

- Valid Pleasure Craft Operator Certificate (PCOC)
- ROC(M) VHF license
- Sail Canada Basic Cruising Standard or equivalent for a skipper (see skipper qualifications)
- Start Keelboat Sailing or Basic Crew Standard for a crew (see crew qualifications)
- In lieu of a cruising or keelboat standard certification, a participant may demonstrate to an appointed club instructor, proficiency in boat handling and knowledge in an on-water session for a fee of \$75.
- Qualifications and/or instructor approval must be confirmed prior to being enrolled in the BoatHub program.

What are the costs of the BoatHub program?

- The BoatHub fee for 2021 is \$995 plus HST.
- Non-members must join PCYC as an associate or senior member.
- BoatHub fees will be prorated, as per club policy, for participants joining after start date.

What are my responsibilities as a BoatHub participant?

- Participants in the BoatHub program are required to attend a pre-season orientation session.
- While each BoatHub vessel will be equipped with all required safety equipment including PFDs, each participant should provide their own approved PFD or lifejacket and is encouraged to wear it while on the water.
- Participants should wear non-marking soft soled shoes.
- There must be a minimum of 2 qualified participants per boat, a skipper and one crew member or two skippers.
- The skipper's primary responsibility is the safety of the crew and the vessel.
- The Skipper must review and complete the boat checklist before departure and upon return.
- Boats are to be returned on time to the slip where they were found and secured in an appropriate manner.
- Participants are advised to refrain from sailing within the PCYC harbour.
- Boats should be clean and free of garbage.
- Any damage or equipment malfunction on the boat must be immediately reported to the program administrator.
- A skipper will be held liable for any major damage to a boat, as determined by PCYC, caused by poor seamanship or carelessness.
- Boats should never leave the dock if any of the legally required equipment is missing or unserviceable.
- Consumption of alcohol at any time on the boat is not permitted by law.
- Smoking is not permitted on BoatHub boats.
- BoatHub members and their guest(s) will abide by the club's Bylaw 5.81 – Standard of Conduct for Members and Guests.
- Participants must check marine weather reports the day prior and on the day of their booking.
- Boats shall not be taken out if a gale or storm warning is currently in effect or forecast for your reservation period. Serious consideration should be given to canceling sail plans when a strong wind warning (sustained over 15 knots) or large swell conditions are currently in effect or forecast for your reservation period.
- Program administrators have the right to cancel any bookings if weather or water conditions are considered unsafe.

How do I reserve a boat?

- To book a boat time use the online booking system found on the club website.
- Booking is done on a first come, first served basis. There are no back to back bookings
- Bookings should be made at least 24hrs in advance
- If you decide to cancel a booking it should be done as early as possible.
- Last minute, same day bookings may be possible depending on availability.
- PCYC reserves the right to alter boat reservation schedules due to maintenance requirements or special events. Affected members will be notified by email or phone in the event that changes are made to the schedule.

Name: _____

Member Number _____

Signature: _____