

BRITANNIA YACHT CLUB WOMEN'S PROGRAM



WOMEN SAILOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES 2019 NEWS FOR WOMEN SAILORS - SOCIAL AND COMPETITIVE

DON'T FORGET:

BREAKFAST CLUB	Nov to April
SPRING SAILORS' MTG.....	April 14
CLUB WORK PARTY.....	May TBA
WOMEN'S SAILING MTG	May 6
RACING STARTS (Series I).....	May 27
CRUISING OVERVIEW MTG ...	June TBA
COMMODORE'S BBQ.....	June 7
TUCKER-RODGER.....	June 8
SAILPAST.....	June 9
GET OUT ON THE WATER.....	June 22
SUMMER SAILORS' MTG.....	July /TBA
SERIES I RAFTUP	July 22
NAT'L CAPITAL REGATTA.....	July 12-14
RACING STARTS (Series 2).....	July 29
CRUISE WEEK.....	July TBA
WOMEN'S UPRIVER RACE	August 24
BASKIN'S WEEKEND.....	August 3
BASKIN'S WEEKEND.....	August 31
FALL SAILORS' MTG.....	Sept / TBA
WOMEN'S KEELBOAT (QC)....	Sept 26-29
LAST RACE SERIES II	September 23
INTERCLUB BANQUET(NSC)..	September 30
AWARDS DINNER.....	November
AGM (BYC & BYCF).....	December
CHRISTMAS EVENTS (3).....	December
2020 WOMEN IN WIND	April 25

WOMEN SAILING AT BYC

The BYC Women's Fleet is part of the largest women's sailing program in Canada and has developed many excellent sailors and competitors alike. In recent years BYC women have represented the Club at the Bob Yuile Memorial National Capital Regatta c. 1957, Opti North American Championships and the National Women's Keelboat Championships, to name a few.

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from some experienced as well as world class sailors who volunteer their boats and time to coach. For that, we are truly grateful.

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

Women in Wind Conference

Organized by the Ottawa River Women's Interclub Fleet Committee, the Sail Canada sponsored, day long workshop, is usually held in the middle/end of April and is aimed at both novice and experienced racers.

Speakers discuss sail trim, racing tactics, understanding wind patterns, etc. (email wiv.ncr@gmail.com to receive updates).



LESSONS / LEARN TO SAIL

To participate in the Coached Boat Program and develop racing skills, you need basic sailing skills. It is highly recommended that you complete a Basic Cruising Course (18+) being offered through Advantage Boating.

A variety of CanSail Learn-to-Sail programs are available through the Junior Club for children and teens ages 8-18 (see youth@byc.ca).

ORGANIZED RACING

BYC runs extensive racing programs for keelboats, dinghies and sailboards throughout the week. Boats must register for racing by completing a registration form.

Interested racers are encouraged to sign up with the Women's Fleet Rep to be assigned to a Coached Boat. If you have your own boat or access to a boat, you may wish to consider putting a crew together and start racing (see womensrep@byc.ca).

Sailing Instructions and necessary forms are available on the BYC website under Sailing/Rules and Forms.

There is also a regular **Women, Wind & Waves** column in the Full & By that provides the latest BYC women's racing news

Women's Monday Night Races

Women's racing on the Ottawa River is an interclub event involving members of the BYC, NSC and CVGR.

Series I races usually take place from late May to mid-July, and Series II usually runs from mid-July to the end of September. There are two starts. The first start will offer two separate PHRF results. The second start is for the Coached Boat Program or for those who wish to experience a more novice level of competition or start. Coaches are permitted on first starts for support but cannot offer direction or assistance during the race.

Crew is required to commit to most of the races on Monday evenings 5:15 - 8:30 pm.



Weekdays & Weekends

For members of Britannia Yacht Club, racing programs are offered for; one design, PHRF and JAM fleets on keelboats, dinghies and sailboards. Several options are available in what is the most popular activity at the club. Most races are run in conjunction with other clubs on the lake on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and various weekends.

Regattas

BYC enjoys an international reputation for running high-quality regattas. Our members include qualified regatta organizers, race committee experts, judges and social conveners.

Each year BYC hosts the Bob Yuile Memorial National Capital Regatta c. 1957. From time to time, BYC hosts other sailing and windsurfing regattas. We are also represented at many out of town events.

See **Sailing Instructions** for a List of Races, Regattas, Events and Seminars.



SAIL CANADA WOMEN'S REGATTA

Women's Keelboat Championship



A national event that is open to competitors across the country.

It is hosted annually, rotating through the western, central, and eastern regions of Canada.

Typically, it is held between mid-August and mid-September, lasting four days: one day of training, and three days of racing.

The 2016 Championship was held at BYC, 2018 was in Toronto. The 2019 Regatta is being held at the Hudson Yacht Club, Hudson, QC, September 26-29.

WANT TO CREW

The best way to hone your sailing skills (after you have taken your Learn-to-sail courses), is to crew on race nights. Let the Fleet Captain know of your interest.

You can also fill in and post a form to our crew bank to let skippers know of your interest.

NEED A CREW

Boat owners can contact the Fleet Captain to identify potential crew from the crew bank. Members are permitted to have guest crew occasionally; however, all regular crew are required to become members of the club.

A special Crewing/Summer Social membership is available at a very reasonable cost.

FUN & SOCIAL EVENTS

Stay in the Know!

As a member of BYC, you have access to a wide variety of events and activities. Make sure you sign up through the office for the general email blasts as well as the separate womensrep@byc.ca.

End of Series Raft-Up

Weather permitting, there is a fleet potluck raft-up on the lake at the end of the final race of Series I. It's a fun way to meet your competitors and share stories of past races.



Breakfast Club \$

Most Sunday mornings throughout the Fall/Winter (November to April). Volunteers prepare and serve breakfast to members.

For additional Fun Events and Social or Sailing Activities refer to your BYC Welcome Kit.

CRUISING

Not all sailors race or race all the time. BYC offers a number of annual events designed for cruising the Ottawa River such as; Cruise Week and the Baskin's weekends.

Cruise Week

Members with boats enjoy a week up-river. Daily raft-up happy hour (second or third week of July). Come for as much or as little of the week as you want. Keep an eye out for overview meeting in mid-June (see byc.cruise.week@gmail.com).

Baskin's Weekends

Enjoy long weekends (August and September) of good family fun at the annual BYC Baskin's BBQs. Great games, food, beach, campfire songs and much more! Drive, race or cruise up for a day or stay for the weekend.

Sail Share and Sail Syndicates... No Boat? No Problem!

Want to keep sailing after completing your lessons to gain more confidence? Want to find out "what it's all about" before becoming boat owners? Check out the *Sail Share Program* with Advantage Boating.

Alternatively, you could see if the BYC Crew Bank has other opportunities to cruise.

CONTACTS

Racing/Cruising at: fleet@byc.ca
Womens' Racing: womensrep@byc.ca
<https://byc.ca/sail/webcam-and-weather>

CONNECT ON FACEBOOK

Ottawa Ladies Sailing
www.facebook.com/groups/1757196567886927

Britannia Yacht Club
www.facebook.com/BYCOttawa

BYC Junior Club
www.facebook.com/BYCclub

Ottawa River Racing
www.facebook.com/ottawariverracing

Ottawa Laser Sailors/Masters
www.facebook.com/groups/1605189589725003

Ottawa Sailing Community
www.facebook.com/groups/397318500364338

WEBSITES

Britannia Yacht Club
www.BYC.ca

Advantage Boating
www.AdvantageBoating.com

Sailquest – Women's Racing
www.sailquest.com/women

Sailquest – Ottawa Cruising/Racing
www.sailquest.com/ottawa