Membership

Membership is open to persons aged 21 and older. You may join the Club as a Regular or Affiliate member. Regular members are shareholders and participate in its management. The years spent as a Regular member also accrue toward Life membership. Regular members can have a mooring or an on-land storage space for their boat.

Affiliate membership is a low-cost alternative to Regular membership for those who want to participate in the Club in a more limited way. Although they have the same access to the Club as Regular members, Affiliate members are not shareholders and do not participate in the management of the Club. Years spent as an Affiliate member do not accrue toward Life membership. Affiliate members may store or launch at the Club dinghy-type sailboats of up to 15 feet LOA or human-powered boats of up to 18 feet LOA (e.g., kayaks, canoes). Owners of larger sailboats who maintain them elsewhere may be Affiliate members to participate in CYC’s very active racing program and come away from the season with a trophy. Others with no boat at all are also welcome to join CYC as Affiliate members for social purposes.

Application Process

To apply for membership, simply complete the Membership Application and return it to the address provided with your $10.00 non-refundable application fee, at any time during the year.

Please note that you may apply even if you do not have a Club sponsor. In such cases, the Membership Committee will assist you. The Membership Committee will contact you to review your application.

After the Committee completes its review, the Secretary will request that you submit your check for the applicable fees. Upon receipt of your check, and after notice of your application has been provided to the membership in the Club newsletter, the Secretary will read your application at the next regular Club meeting. The members present will vote on your application. If your application is accepted, the Treasurer will deposit your check, and the Commodore will send you a “Welcome Aboard” package. If your application is not accepted, the Secretary will return your check.

For more information

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About the Club

The Club operates its own slipway and 15-ton travel lift for hauling and storing boats on Club property.

Youth Sailing Program

Each summer, the Club holds a youth sailing program for children of at least 8 years of age, using a fleet of Club 420s, Optimists, and O’pen BICs. Instructors are US Sailing Association certified and are often former graduates of the program.

The program bolsters children’s water safety skills, basic to advanced boat handling and racing skills, and seamanship. The primary objectives are to enhance individual skills and knowledge of sailing and to foster a life-long learning experience that will continue to encourage growth in the sport of sailing, develop self-confidence, encourage teamwork, and promote sportsmanship.

Adult Sailing Program

The Club also offers an adult sailing course, at no charge to new regular members and their spouse or domestic partner during their first year of membership, and at a discount to new affiliate members and their spouse or domestic partner. The course includes three days (21 hours) of on-the-water and classroom instruction provided by members who have successfully completed the US Sailing Association Basic Keelboat Instructor Certification Course. On-the-water instruction can be on the student’s boat or a CYC leased boat.

Fee Structure

To keep the cost of membership low, CYC is a working club. Regular and Affiliate members put in work hours on a regular or special work committee in accordance with the following schedule:

- Regular members work minimum of 26 hours annually through their 25th calendar year of membership, then four hours in their 26th year. Thereafter, no work hours are required, although many still volunteer.
- Affiliate members put in minimum 12 hours per year through their 26th calendar year of membership, and thereafter no work hours are required.

Dues and fees are as follows:

- Regular member applicants pay a one-time initiation fee of $800, payable in two installments upon request
- All members pay annual dues of $100, due each January
- Affiliate members pay an annual assessment of $250, due each January
- Regular members pay an annual assessment of $475, due each January (prorated in first year if you join in May or later)
- Mooring* (due annually in Jan): $18.00 per ft
- Winter hauling and storage* (due annually by Sept): $18.00 per ft

*Regular members only