

CREW BRIEFING

Whether you're a member or non-member* at our club, welcome to crewing!

**Non-members may crew at the Club for up to six days a year, provided they are guests of a Club member each time they visit. After this, they must apply to become a Social Member or purchase a Crew - Limited Access pass. Visit our Membership page for more information.*

PCYC ON-WATER PROGRAM

GNS (Good Neighbour Series)

Tuesday and Thursday evening competitive races between three clubs on the lake. It runs from May to September, then switches to Sundays in the fall when we run out of daylight. Boats typically leave the docks at 18h00. Please arrive around 17h30 so we can find you a suitable boat, unless you've made prior arrangements with a club member. We host a Sailor's Supper after the race, anyone can attend.

TGIF RACING TRAINING CLINIC

Friday evenings are more training oriented. We begin with a brief training session ashore then race around a fun and relaxed course. Participants normally gather on the patio at 17h30. An outdoor BBQ follows the race, also open for all to attend.

WEEKEND REGATTAS

There are also regattas that run throughout the summer on weekends. Visit our [Official Notice Board](#) for more information. These regattas can be lengthy with multiple races, so you'll need to be available between 10h00 and 15h00.

CRUISING

Of course, there's plenty of relaxed sailing happening all week long that doesn't involve a start and finish line.

For any and all of these sailing opportunities, there are always boats that will need crew - maybe for the whole season, maybe just for a weekend.

Sign-up so we can learn more about you. Our skippers will regularly browse the Crew Bank. Basic sailing knowledge is essential, and many skippers will be willing to work with you to learn more advanced elements, if you are keen.

We look forward to seeing your name on our list and assigning you a boat suitable to your skills and experience.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. I'm a friend of a club member, how often can I crew?

A. You are entitled to 6 invitations by a club member. After this, all non-members are encouraged to join our Social Membership or purchase a Crew Pass.

Q. I'm ready to crew, what's the next step?

A. If you haven't made arrangements with a Club member who has placed you on a boat, please sign up on our Crew Bank.

Q. Are there any crewing opportunities on cruising boats?

A. Yes, there may be cruising boats looking for crew to join them on a day-sail. But keep in mind that several racing skippers also enjoy going out for a short cruise or a practice session.

Q. What size are your boats?

A. Our boats range from 22 to 33 feet in length

Q. How many crew members are on a typical boat?

A. In general, the larger the boat, the more crew it requires. It could be just yourself and the skipper or you can be part of a crew of seven.

Q. Do races take place in the rain?

A. Yes. Some races are canceled or postponed during some weather events such as lack of wind, strong gusty winds, and active or approaching thunderstorms.

Q. What do I need to bring when crewing?

A. - Boat/deck shoes (or shoes with a non-marking sole)
- Sun protection such as sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat.
- Water, snacks for the longer outings
- Sailing gloves (or a pair of thin leather-like work gloves)
- An approved Personal Flotation Device (most skippers will be able to provide you with one, although it might not be the best fit for your body size)

Please contact the Fleet Captain or our office if you have additional questions.