

North Channel Yacht Club

Membership Application

**In the heart of the World Famous Cruising Grounds
of
The North Channel
Lake Huron, Ontario, Canada**



**NCYC
Lat. 46° 12.300' N
Long. 82° 39.100' W**

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Our Services

- Pump out
- Potable water
- Garbage disposal
- Transient dockage
- Block & ice cubes
- Hot showers
- Small boat launch

A Short History of the Club

The North Channel Yacht Club was formed in 1970 by a group of 5 boaters from the Elliot Lake area. They found that by working together they could better enjoy their sport of “boating” on the North Channel of Lake Huron. Over the years, the membership has grown with other sailors of similar interests.

Initially, the organization was simple, but as the membership grew, the need to formalize became apparent hence the Club Charter, Constitution and By-Laws. Even with this new “formality”, the friendly, helpful nature of the Club has prevailed.

The Club depends on the membership to do the majority of the work required to maintain the property and the facilities of the Club. We, as members, enjoy the use of our facilities, the camaraderie among members, and, not least of all, fees that are low when compared to other clubs and marinas on northern Lake Huron and beyond.

We can continue to enjoy these benefits only if we are willing to do our share. Our fee structure is based on the premise that the members do the bulk of the normal maintenance work. Work parties are scheduled throughout the year, and these have become an integral part of the Club’s social activity and help with the introduction of new members to the Club.

Special projects requiring specialized skills and equipment are planned by the Club Management Committee and contracted out.

Brief notes on how the Club operates

With very few exceptions, members’ boats are kept on assigned moorings. The Club does not have assigned slips. However, a limited number of slips are available for seasonal or monthly rental. Access to the mooring is typically via the member’s own dinghy. Boats may be brought to slips at the dock, but may not be left there unattended except if the boat has a problem which precludes leaving it on the mooring. The construction, setting and maintenance of mooring ground tackle to the Club’s specifications is the member’s responsibility.

Launch, haul out and winter storage are done using rail wheel mounted cradles built to Club standards by or for each member. Since we are a “self-help” Club, members help each other in these operations and do the work within established Club safety standards. Launch and haul out scheduling during the day is setup by mutual agreement between members hoping to finish that day.

The clubhouse and its facilities are there for members’ use. Most, but not all organized Club events happen here. We bring our own food and beverages, and often eat together. Limited refrigerated storage is available. The Club supplies propane for the Club’s BBQ’s.

Use of the shower house is free to members, and we try to leave it “as clean as or better” than we found it.

During the sailing season, we ask that members park their cars in the open areas adjacent to the mast racks, and not along the road encircling our storage yard.

For everyone's protection we require that boats carry a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability insurance. Proof of this is required with the Membership Application and every year with the payment of annual dues.

Membership Classes and Fees

Full Member:

Initiation Fee*: \$1,050.00 + HST

Annual Membership Fee** \$ 350.00 + HST

Summer Member: \$ 500.00 + HST Refer to page 4 for a full definition.

** The Initiation Fee may be paid in equal installments over 2 years (\$50 finance charge applies) **Annual membership, boating and storage fees are due March 01 each year, but may be paid in 2 equal installments, March 01 and May 15.*

Boating and Storage Fees

Due March 01 of each year.

Boating fees (summer) and storage fees (winter) are each billed separately. Each fee is \$0.80 per square foot of boat area.

Fees are calculated on the basis of area of the boat (length x beam)

Example: 30' x 10' x \$1.60 = \$ 480 plus H.S.T. (\$0.80 boating fee and \$0.80 storage fee)

Work Party Fee

Due March 01 of each year, when credit for the previous year's work is applied.

Full Members: \$800.00 per year minus hours worked.

Credit is calculated at 1/20th of the annual fee per hour (i.e. \$40 per hour) to a maximum of 20 hours, on approved projects. Extra hours worked cannot be saved. Each member records the time worked in the Work Party Log.

To apply for membership: complete the Application Form, and have it signed by two sponsoring members. Return it with a deposit of \$500.00 which will be applied to cover the first year's boating and storage fees, initiation fee and membership fee. This will be held or returned to the applicant, depending on acceptance or otherwise, as stated in section 06 of the Club By-Laws. The cheque should be made payable to the North Channel Yacht Club, and mailed to P.O. Box 175, Elliot Lake, Ontario, P5A 2J7 or delivered to a member of the Management Committee with the application or placed in the locked box in the Club House in the summer.

NOTE: Membership in the Club does not automatically entitle a member to the accommodation of a boat. Boats may be kept at the Club only if they conform to the safety and other guidelines laid down by the Club Constitution, and after approval by the

Management Committee, who will allocate a mooring space.

Boat owners must carry a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability insurance and supply the policy information to the Club Membership Recorder with this application and with each annual payment of dues.

Summer Membership

1. A one-time offer for persons who have never been members of NCYC before.
2. Applies for the balance of the current season ending 30 September. 2.1. An application for full membership if desired, must be received before this date.
3. Summer membership cannot be repeated or extended.
4. The fee is not prorated to the period remaining from the application date.
5. The summer member is entitled to the following privileges:
 - 5.1. Use of a Club mooring.
 - 5.2. Free self-operated pump-outs after instructions on the use of the equipment.
 - 5.3. All Club facilities, including kitchen, barbecues, showers, dock power and water.
 - 5.4. A key to the gate and copies of the NCYC newsletter.
6. The summer member is not entitled to:
 - 6.1. Voting privileges.
 - 6.2. Boat storage privileges on the yard rail system.
 - 6.3. Seniority in consideration for full membership.
 - 6.3.1. Seniority applies as of the granting of full membership.
7. Boat owners must carry a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability insurance and supply the policy information to the Club Membership.

Note: If a full membership application is accepted, the whole of the summer membership fee is credited to the total fees for the then current membership year.

Sponsors' Responsibilities

1. The sponsors of a member to the North Channel Yacht Club must be members in good standing.
2. The sponsors should get to know the potential member, and be prepared to recommend the person as a suitable club member
3. The applicant or the sponsors shall obtain the necessary forms from the management committee and discuss these with the individual, making it clear what

the club is about and what the expectations of membership involve.

4. The sponsors must see that the forms are completed and a cheque for initiation fee, yearly membership, boating fee and work party fee along with the boat insurance particulars are attached. The forms are to be presented to the treasurer so that the application can be posted, then discussed at the next Management Committee meeting.
5. If the application is accepted, the sponsors will be informed. It is the sponsors' responsibility to make them welcome and to help them fit into the club.
6. The sponsors must be present when the new member brings his or her boat to the club for the first time, must introduce them to other members and see that they get a burgee and a gate key.
7. It is the responsibility of the sponsors to ensure the new member is aware of policies of the club regarding the use of the dock, fuelling procedures, pump-out procedures, presence of visitors, gate security practices, parking, clubhouse use, shower building use, work parties, policies of handling of boats, operation of the winch, mooring requirements, cradle requirements, and any other information which will help the new member to fit into the club satisfactorily.
8. The sponsors will be responsible for ensuring that the new member correct any habits which are not in keeping with the club policies, or correct any complaints which have been brought to the Management Committee, and which the committee feels need to be corrected.

Members' Responsibilities

The following are some key summaries from NCYC Rules & Regulations adopted in 2008. The adopted Rules & Regulations govern.

1. Members must follow the requests of the Fleet Captain regarding any of the rules concerning docking, mooring and pump-out.
2. Members questioning the rules should address themselves to the Vice Commodore or a member of the Management Committee.
3. Guests must be in the company of members.
4. Mooring pennants and ground tackle must meet NCYC listed standards.
5. Electrical apparatus, especially heaters and battery chargers, must not be left plugged in when unattended, either in the yard or at the dock overnight.
6. Use safe practices on the club premises.
7. Members must leave their boat at their mooring unless they are on board at the dock or have made special arrangements with the Fleet Captain for emergencies. Boats are not to be at the dock for extended periods as there is limited dock space. Five slips are available for rental periods.
8. Members should pump out their own boats but must get instruction from the sponsor or Fleet Captain for the first time.

9. Ice is available on the honor system at any time. Fees are posted in Clubhouse.
10. Cars must be parked in the proper lot except for unloading or loading
11. Dinghies must not impede access to slips or cause damage to adjacent boats.

They are to be moved to shore side shallow docks or stored on shore in areas designated by the Fleet Captain as soon as their boat is secured

12. Dock boxes must be kept in designated areas and no boxes are to be kept within the yard (fire hazard).
13. Cradles are to be kept in designated locations and the cleanup of the area around each cradle is the responsibility of the owner immediately after boat is launched.
14. Boat name must be visible on the cradle.
15. Members are to lock the gate after driving through if the gate was locked at the time.
16. Members are to clean up in the clubhouse, in the shower building, or at the barbeques after they use them.
17. Dock carts are to be stored on the dock adjacent to the phone booth platform and are not to be used for excessive loads.
18. Members must make every reasonable effort to do their required hours of work. If work which they can do is not available see a member of the Management Committee.
19. Members must be trained in the use of the winch. No untrained person is permitted to use the winch under any circumstance.
20. Members should point out rule violations to those members who are not complying but any problems must be addressed to the Management Committee.
21. Members must have proper insurance and inform the Membership Recorder of the policy number. They also must make every effort to avoid any accidents by careful seamanship, safe practices, and by removing protruding objects from boats in the yard. The mooring must be under water or removed for the winter.
22. Barbequing is not allowed on boats while they are tied at the dock area.
23. All members must have their dogs on leashes at all times while on Club premises and must clean up after their dog.
24. All children must be under direct supervision while at the Club especially around the water area.

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____
DATE TO BE REMOVED FROM POSTING: _____



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I, _____, (PLEASE PRINT)
hereby apply for _____ (*Membership*
class: Full, Associate, Summer)

membership in the North Channel Yacht Club, and promise to comply with the Club Constitution and By Laws.

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Signature: _____

SPONSORS

We, the undersigned, as members in good standing of the NORTH CHANNEL YACHT CLUB, are personally acquainted with the applicant and are pleased to recommend him/her for club membership. We are aware of the sponsor's responsibilities and promise to comply with them.

SIGNED _____ Member # _____

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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Home Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: H: _____ C: _____ W: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Emergency Contact name: _____

Emergency Phone/email: _____

Spouse/Partner's Name _____

Name/age of Children (under 18) _____

VESSEL INFORMATION

Year: _____

Make: _____

Type of boat owned: _____

Name of Vessel: _____

Beam: _____

Length: _____

Draft/Displacement: _____

VHF Call: _____

Transport Canada Vessel License Number (include copy of License):

Hull Serial Number [HIN] (Include photo of vessel and HIN):

Private Information below will not be shared and will be held in confidence by our Administration

Insurance Company: _____

Policy: _____

Applicant's Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Applicant's Driver's License: _____

Please include the following:

1. Cheque attached
2. Insurance Documentation Attached
3. Full side-view coloured photo of pleasure craft
4. Copy of Transport Canada Vessel License
5. Photo of Hull Serial Number