



Hamilton Bay Sailing Club - General Information for Members 2017

Welcome to all returning members and new members!! We hope you enjoy your sailing and social activities with HBSC.

Information Nights: Tuesday April 18, 7:00 pm, Clubhouse
Thursday April 27, 7:00 pm, Clubhouse

Volunteering Your Help

We are a non-profit community cooperative club for adults. Membership comes with both privileges and responsibilities. The joys of learning to sail, the pleasure of being out on the open water, the company of good friends at the social events, the availability of a clean well equipped clubhouse, a fleet in good repair and sound docks from which to launch our boats - all these things are made possible by the collective efforts of members who willingly volunteer their time, talents, energy and skills... Reflect a little on the contribution you can make, and then make arrangements to follow through. The heart and soul of the club is our fleet, so if you enjoy sailing then we need you to participate in our maintenance programme. We need you in the sailing season to complete running repairs and we need you more on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the winter when our boats are stripped down and made ready for the following season. The good order of the club depends on our members stepping forward as willing volunteers.

Annual General Meeting/Elections

The Club holds its Annual General Meeting and Elections each October.

Barbecues

There are lots of informal barbecues and all members are welcome to make use of the Club barbecues.

Boat Maintenance

Boat maintenance is a yearly program. During the winter months club members meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays around 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. to work on the fleet. Please pitch in and assist with fleet repairs throughout the year. We are a co-operative Club and we appreciate our memberships' assistance. Your help with boat maintenance is required, especially during the winter months, so that we can enjoy fun, safe and inexpensive sailing. Our boat maintenance for the Club's Fleet is co-ordinated by our Fleet Captains.

By-Law 1

HBSC is a corporation and this is our corporate document. HBSC By-Law 1 is available in the Rules and Regulations binder stored next to the Club Bulletin Board or electronically on our website.

Change of Address, Telephone Number, email address

Please notify Wendy Wilson, our Club Secretary, with any change of information. The HBSC secretary email address is: hbscsecretary@gmail.com.

Clothing

Generally dictated by the weather. In the heat of the summer, shorts, T-shirts, white-soled non-slip sneakers, a cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen is the norm. In the early and late part of the season when the weather can be a bit cooler and wet, long pants, sweaters and windbreakers will keep you warm. A two-piece raincoat is worn in the rain by our more fanatic sailors. Sailing or weight-lifting gloves are helpful. Sailing members should bring a complete change of clothes with them. **REMEMBER**, it is

important to **BE PREPARED**. It will make your sailing adventures more comfortable. Gym bags can be placed in the cubby holes located at the back of the clubhouse while you are sailing. Small lockers are available to lock up your personal items. Bring your own padlock and remove it each night.

Executive

Eleven Executive Members in accordance with the Club's Constitution manage the Club. Should you have any questions concerning Club business, please feel free to speak to any Executive Member.

General Sailing Information

Members should take instruction from their Skipper at all times. Safety for all is the Club's primary concern. Please make sure that you always stay with your boat while on the water or in the water if you have a planned or unplanned capsize. Additional clothes or belongings that are taken aboard the boats should always be tied in.

Guests

Members are welcome to bring guests to any Social Activities. To help with planning, please let the Social Convenors know. If you wish to take a guest out sailing, arrangements must be made in advance with a Skipper. ***A Skipper must accompany all sailing guests on the boat.***

Harassment Policy

The Hamilton Bay Sailing Club is proud of its tradition in maintaining an environment in which all members are treated with respect and dignity. The HBSC Executive of the Hamilton Bay Sailing Club wants to ensure that the Club environment is free from harassment and discrimination. To this end a Harassment Policy has been developed and is in the Rules and Regulations binder, next to the Club Bulletin Board. Copies are available for Club Members.

Helpers

Helpers are required to assist with the co-ordination of various programs throughout the season. Your assistance is greatly appreciated with our boat maintenance, social events or racing programs. Please speak to any Executive Member if you can lend a hand. Remember, many hands make light work.

Instructional Sailing

Instructional Sailing will take place Monday to Friday. Members normally start arriving shortly after 5:30 p.m. to allow ample time to change and commence rigging boats. Boat assignments are made at approximately 6:00 p.m. Should you not be able to make it to the Sailing Club by 6:00 p.m., please let the Coordinating skipper know of your approximate arrival time. Members who arrive after 6:00 p.m. will be accommodated whenever possible, a space however, cannot be guaranteed.

Kitchen Facilities

The Clubhouse has a refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot, dishes, cutlery, etc. The Club supplies fixings such as ketchup, mustard, relish, etc. that are located in the refrigerator. The Kitchen is available to all Club Members. Members are expected to clean their own dishes and tidy up after themselves and to help tidying up after sailing and special events.

Large Boats

Large Boats are available outside of the teaching program to Skippers who have been checked out and passed the on-the-water evaluation. There is a calendar for scheduling large boat usage. Large Boat users are expected to replace the gas that they use. Bills for gas and/or oil should be given to our Fleet Captains for approval.

Life Jackets/PFDs

All Members and Guests must wear life jackets in accordance with the Club's Safety Policy and Canadian Coast Guard Regulations. The Club supplies adult sized PFDs.

Membership Dues

Membership Dues for Full Sailing Members must be paid prior to sailing. This is a requirement for insurance purposes. **No Exceptions!!**

Minutes of Executive Meetings

For the membership's information, minutes of Executive Meetings are posted at the Clubhouse and on the club website.

Parking:

Parking is available in the Leander Parking Lot or in the Pier 4 Public Lot across from Leander or in the Bay Front Public Parking Lot. The only motorized vehicles allowed through McDonald's to our clubhouse are service/delivery vehicles.

Racing Events

Watch the Bulletin Board for upcoming races. Races are fun and everyone can participate. You can also help on the Committee Boat. Please contact our Racing Co-Ordinator, if you can assist on the Committee Boat.

Refrigerator

Club Members are welcome to use the refrigerator located at the back of the clubhouse. Please help keep it tidy and clean.

Rules, Regulations and Policies

The HBSC Rules, Regulations and Policies are available on the club website: www.thehbsc.com

Safety Policy

The Club has a Safety Policy. All Club Members should acquaint themselves with the Safety Policy. See the Rules and Regulations binder stored next to the Club Bulletin Board. Copies are available for Club Members.

Sailing Manuals

Sailing Manuals are available for both Large Boats and Dinghies. You can access the manual on the club website.

Sailing Sign-Up Board

Please sign in on the whiteboard by the door when you come down for sailing under the appropriate category - Skipper, First Mate, Crew, Unscheduled. Members are guaranteed one night of sailing, as scheduled, but are welcome to come down more often and will be accommodated as space permits.

Shower

There is a shower in the washroom and Club Members are welcome to use it. Members have donated towels that may be used by Club Members. Should you use a towel, please take it home, wash it and return it to the Club.

Skipper's Manuals

Skipper's Manuals for both Large Boats and Dinghies are available on the website for new Skippers and First Mates.

Social Events

Watch the Social Bulletin Board and website for upcoming social events and impromptu events. Please watch for sign-up lists for the various activities. Please speak to our Social Convenors, if you can assist with Social Events.

Starting Time

Boat assignments will take place at 5:30 p.m. Members are expected to arrive before 6:00 p.m. to allow ample time to change and start rigging boats. Members who arrive after 6:00 p.m. will be accommodated whenever possible - a space however, cannot be guaranteed.

Telephone

There is a pay telephone on the main floor of the Gartshore Thompson Building at the side door. There is also a pay telephone at the front of the McDonald's Marina Office.

Weather

Sailing is fun but remember we must think about "safety" first. Weather conditions, at times, are not always conducive to getting out on the water. Please bear in mind that we are all at the mercy of the

weather conditions. We will not be sailing if there are high winds, weather watches or thunder/lightening storms. Unfavourable weather conditions can be disappointing to all of us but this is something that everyone has to contend with. Please be patient if you have to miss a night of sailing due to weather conditions - there will be lots of other opportunities.

Weekend Sailing and/or Day Sailing

Weekend and day sailing is encouraged but make sure you make arrangements in advance with a Skipper. A list will be posted on the Bulletin Board for members who are interested in weekend and/or day sailing. Please remember it is your responsibility to make your own arrangements. Don't wait for a phone call, please contact someone on the list.

Valuables

Do not take valuables out on the boat with you. Valuables can be stored in the small lockers located on the back wall. You will have to supply the lock and remove your valuables every day. Locks will be cut off lockers that remain locked overnight. HBSC is not responsible for lost or stolen valuables.

Should you have any questions, feel free to speak to any of the Executive Members.

Hamilton Bay Sailing Club Executive 2017

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