



# THE EDMONTON YACHT CLUB

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MEMBER CANADIAN YACHTING ASSOCIATION

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## Welcome to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Sailing Season at EYC

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Dear Members of the Edmonton Yacht club

A hearty welcome to the 93<sup>rd</sup> sailing season at EYC. Our first event planned this year will be the Family Day event on Sunday February 14, 2016. Come out for pot luck lunch at 1 pm on Sunday and enjoy a day "on" the lake.

Your new board has already met and in light of the economics in Alberta, the board has decided to forgo a fee increase for this season. Prudent financial management and excellent volunteer support in the past season has allowed us to put some savings away and still continue on with our asset refurbishment this year and keep fees at last years level.

Some of our teams of volunteers have already begun the much-needed repairs of standing docks in January. Thank you to our Harbour Master Dwayne Kegler and Al Day for making a heated shop available and getting everything organized.

Please be aware of the schedule to put your renewal application in and fee payments, so that our Hurry Inn Director and Harbour Master can assign moorage and cabins.

- February 10    General e-mail of registration kit
- March 1        Deadline for all registration forms to be returned
- April 1        Deadline for all invoices to be mailed to members
- May 1         Final Deadline for all payment of 2016 dues

The e-mail registration kit will contain the renewal forms, the commodore's welcome letter, the 2016 fee schedule and the application form and 2016 members handbook. If you have any questions or difficulty with the form, please email our membership director Daryl Wallace at [membership@edmontonyachtclub.ca](mailto:membership@edmontonyachtclub.ca).

The much-awaited Docks-in date is set for May 7<sup>th</sup> this year. We are anticipating an early ice breakup of the lake if the weather co-operates. Bring your enthusiasm and eat your “Wheaties” and we hope to have a great time getting our club ready for the boats and the sailing ahead.

Volunteer participation is what makes our club run and sets us apart from just being a place to come and sail. Your hard work in the past has brought us to a position that will set us up for the future. We plan to have some more repairs to cabins and clubhouse done in the early part of this year and ask you to keep an eye out for announcements. This early effort of volunteering will allow us to enjoy the sailing season more and require less time from everyone.

Also be ready to staff the weekend Officer of the Day slots to ensure safe operation of everyone on the lake and around the club.

For more fun we also encourage you to help out on Saturday night at the bar and enjoy some fellowship and “tall” stories with some short drinks. The volunteer spots will be posted on the bulletin board and on Dutyman online. For any questions I would direct you to Jeff and Jo-Ann Willis our gracious bar managers.

The other two big events and one smaller event we are planning and are in need of help with is July 1 Canada Day pancake breakfast and our August Seba Days dingy races and Volleyball concessions. Neil is in the process of retrofitting some barrels with EYC safety messages and club logos for the Seba Days fireworks, to ensure this big event goes off without incidents and supports the summer village in ensuring a safe evening of fun.

As a club we also host the Northern Alberta Sailing College (NASC). This is the learning arm of getting young and new sailors into the sport. The NASC is in need of instructors and helpers to staff their board and classes. If you are interested in getting the next generation ready for a great sport, please contact Bill Hunka at EYC.

Your board for 2016 was voted in at the last AGM and consists of Dwayne Kegler, Bob Iveson, David Darlington, Daryl Wallace, Darryl Savage, Greg Gillingham, Bill Hunka, Neil Sutcliffe, Rob Martin, Peter Pontikes and Thomas Kelm.

With that I would like to conclude my welcome and express a mountain of gratitude to all of you for being an enthusiastic crowd of sailors that continues to set an example of our core values of promoting the sport of sailing with integrity, community spirit and stewardship of our resources. Each of you is what makes the summer a pleasant time on the lake.

Come out and enjoy a great natural resource in a club that each of you has helped to build.

Thomas Kelm - Commodore

