

SAIL MANITOBA

CLUB MEMBERSHIP POLICY (Sail Manitoba & Sail Canada)

Sail Manitoba serves you and your club in many ways. Our aim is to make sailing accessible, enjoyable, and safe for our members. We serve our members in a variety of ways from promotion of our sport, to maintenance of Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) ratings, training and certification of racing officials, instructors, and training of athletes. We can help promote and assist in organizing your regattas and special events. Our programs include:

Sport Initiation:

- Mobile Sailing School
- Fort Whyte Sailing Centre Programs
- Learn to Cruise

Performance Pathway:

- Team development, training, and support

Club Development:

- Financial assistance for projects/events

Training and Development for Officials.

Liability/Accident Insurance for members participating in Sanctioned Events.

Sail Manitoba Awards.

By becoming a member you support:

- Provincial Funding: Sail Manitoba is a non-for-profit organization. Your membership is a major determinant for the level of Provincial funding through Sport Manitoba and Sport Program Funding.
- Development of programs to enable all levels of lifelong sailing throughout the province.
- Leadership and advocacy on behalf of member Clubs.
- Training Programs for Instructors, Coaches, Race Officials and Judges.
- The Provincial Sailing Team, Sail Canada, and Canada's National Sailing Team.
- Promotion of the Sport.

By becoming a member you have the right to:

- Access and/or deliver Sail Canada Programs
- Race and compete at Sail Manitoba sanctioned events
- Improve and develop your skills.
- Access resources to increase your knowledge
- Host Sail Canada Events
- The protest and appeals process

1. **Membership Definition**

- A Club or Association qualifies to be a member of Sail Manitoba if the Club has an interest in boating, charges fees for membership and has a minimum of 10 voting, paid members (see Bylaw 5.1).
- This membership policy defines the basis on which member Clubs are to calculate their annual dues to Sail Manitoba and Sail Canada.

2. **Membership Categories**

A. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS – Sail Manitoba and Sail Canada Fee - \$35

Club Members

- Who may own a sailboat (or sail a Club owned boat) and store their boat at a member club
- Who are active racers (racing participants - helm and crew) at their club and/or who participate in sanctioned events
- Who serve on the Board of Directors of Sail Manitoba
- Who are Sail Canada representatives including Sail Canada Instructors and Learning Facilitators

Non - Club Members

- Who are active racers (helm and crew) and/or participate in any events sanctioned by Sail Manitoba

Sail Manitoba Team Members

- Must be a member of Sail Manitoba either through membership in a Club that collects and remits fees on their behalf or by remitting fees directly to Sail Manitoba as a non-club member.

B. Sail Canada Programming, Participant Members - Sail Canada Fee - \$20

Anyone who participates in a Sail Canada Program, such as but not limited to, CANSail Programming or Learn to Cruise must at least be a Participant Member. This membership (\$20) ensures the participant has liability and accident insurance coverage.

If the program participant (someone who participates in a Sail Canada Program) holds a Sail Manitoba Individual Membership (\$35) they need not register at the participant level.

Club and or sailing schools must have completed participant registrations in hand prior to class commencement. Instructors must ensure forms are on hand. Participation fees should be remitted to Sail Manitoba in a timely manner, August 15th being the deadline.

3. **Accountability and Payment**

- The Club's Commodore or his/her designate will be responsible and accountable for submitting individual membership dues and member information in a form acceptable to Sail Manitoba (Appendix A) by **June 15**. Adjustments can be made to the list as needed through to August 31.
- To help ensure timely payment, Sail Manitoba will also invoice each Club at the beginning of May based on the most current information on the Club's membership.
- Sail Manitoba will submit the final membership payment to Sail Canada by August 31

4. Arrears and Loss of Good Standing

- A Club that has not remitted fees and provided member information by **July 1** shall be considered to be in arrears. Failure to rectify immediately will result in the loss of good standing.
- A Club not in good standing will not be eligible to receive Sport Funding Grants or request sanctioning by Sail Manitoba for Club races/events (Sanctioning Policy). Liability and accident insurance for its members may be suspended.
- A Club not in good standing will be ineligible to vote at Sail Manitoba Board of Directors' meetings.

5. Review and Approval

The administration and review of this policy is the responsibility of the Executive Director. This policy was first approved by the Board of Directors of Sail Manitoba on May 7, 2007. It was reviewed, amended and re-approved by the board of directors in May 2018, and May 2021. Subject for review May, 2024.