

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 not-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 2.1a).
- 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) A club or class association may be a member of the Association provided it meets the following conditions:
- It has a constitution or by-laws which are consistent with Sail Manitoba's objectives.
 - It holds at least one annual meeting of its club members for which notice is given to all club members.
 - It has a membership list with a minimum of ten paid and voting club members.
 - Fees are charged for membership and/or services.
 - It can demonstrate that it operates within Manitoba or Northwest Ontario.
- Clubs remit Sail Manitoba/Canada fees to the Association on behalf of their members. (currently \$40).
- b) Individuals who do not belong to a club can belong to the Association if they pay membership fees directly to Sail Manitoba (currently \$40, which includes Sail Canada membership). Individual members are entitled to attend and participate in Board of Directors' meetings and are eligible to be elected as an Officer on the Executive Committee.
- c) Participants who enroll in Sail Manitoba/Canada sanctioned Learn to Sail/Cruise lessons and are not members of a club are not considered members of the Association, but if they pay the Sail Canada Participant fee, they will be covered by Sport Manitoba's insurance. Individuals who pay Participant fees (currently \$20) are not eligible to be a Director on the Board of Directors or an Officer the Executive Committee or to vote at Annual General or Special Meetings of the Association.
- If the program participant holds a Sail Manitoba and Sail Canada Membership (\$40) they need not register at the participant level.
- d) Sail Manitoba Team Members
- e) Must be a member of Sail Manitoba and Sail Canada 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 at \$40.00.

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, May 2021 and November 23, 2022. Subject for review due to Membership Fee change, next review May, 2025