



# THE WATER IS CALLING YOU



CHICAGO YACHT CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION





# Welcome Aboard

We welcome you and your family to Chicago Yacht Club, the club membership of choice for those with on the water interest. You are invited to not only participate in our more than 125 racing events and boating lifestyle, but also to be a part of our rich history and enduring legacy. Founded in 1875, Chicago Yacht Club is one of the oldest and most respected yacht clubs in the world. Chicago Yacht Club is ranked on the top 5 list of U.S. yacht clubs by Platinum Clubs of America.

The Club is home to more than 1,400 members, including a winning America's Cup skipper, Olympic medalists and hopefuls, and outstanding boaters of all types, from ages 4 to 100. The Club offers year-round activities for its diverse membership at two locations on the city's shoreline, at Monroe and Belmont Harbors. We are recognized as a leader in sailing education, with one of the largest junior sailing programs in the United States.



Original Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Station, 1917



The Club hosts many world class competitions, including our signature Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac and numerous North American and World Championships. We want to help you get involved, learn to sail or race, join the race committee, participate with our Chicago Yacht Club Foundation, take a class or seminar, and attend our diverse social events.



“Fellow member, Stephanie Roble, and I are campaigning for the Olympics in the 49er FX class, and we are so grateful for the generous support of the Chicago Yacht Club members and Foundation. Their support has made it possible for us to compete internationally and represent Chicago Yacht Club all over the world.

CYC has been my sailing home for 15 years now, and I am proud to represent a wonderful community of awesome sailors and great people.”

**MAGGIE SHEA** // 2020 Olympic Hopeful





*Monroe Station*



*Belmont Station*



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“Joining Chicago Yacht Club gave us the opportunity to forge new relationships with people who share a similar interest of sailing and being on the water. Our membership started by just enjoying the restaurant and bar, but as we began participating in many of the activities the Club offers, we have made numerous lifelong friends.”

**JEFF & ROSE MILLS** // Members since 2014

In conjunction with the Club's management staff, our more than 40 active committees coordinate a variety of social events, educational programs, seminars, holiday festivities, cultural outings, and happy hour gatherings. From dock parties on the patio, to elegant wine tastings, our members always have a reason to celebrate their membership.

The Club's Main Dining Room at Monroe Station offers upscale dining and a menu featuring fresh, local ingredients. Belmont Station is a family-friendly venue for casual lunches and dinners and serves as a great location for hosting members' private events. With 10,000 square feet of meeting space, Chicago Yacht Club is perfectly suited to host your social parties, office gatherings and everything in between.

Whether you are a novice enrolled in our nationally recognized sailing school, or an "old salt" with seasoned sea legs, Chicago Yacht Club is sure to entertain you on and off the water, whether it be wind, fuel or oars that propel you.

*Follow us!*



**NO BOAT?** *No Problem!*

@chicagoyachtclub





# On The Water



## CRUISING SAIL FLEET

The Cruising Sail Fleet is an active fleet of sailors interested in cruising, whether it be to ports on Lake Michigan to distant ports of call (some have been to the Caribbean and around the world) or just local cruising with family and friends. The Fleet manages an active schedule of events throughout the year, both on and off the water, such as: weekend cruises to other Lake Michigan Harbors, rendezvous at more distant destinations, educational seminars of interests to beginner and more experienced cruisers, dock parties and navigational events on the water and off-season social events. The Fleet welcomes all members to share the knowledge and fun of cruising under sail.



## POWER FLEET

The Power Fleet consists of an impressive combination of vessels inclusive of multi-generation owned vintage cruisers, sport-fishing boats, small cruisers to brand new mega yachts. The fleet hosts annual philanthropic events for special needs groups and the visually impaired. An active social calendar including long-distance cruises around Lake Michigan, Predicted Logs, dock parties and boating safety seminars is sure to keep you entertained year-round.



## OFFSHORE FLEET

The Offshore Fleet is focused on maintaining a racing environment that is both competitive and inviting. We offer racing opportunities that encourage the development of the highest caliber strategic, tactical, boat handling and safety skills. The racing challenges come in many formats; multi-day regattas, buoy and distance races and beautiful Wednesday night Skyline racing. All boats are welcome whether they are the latest in one design, handicap or "ageless" speedsters. Our overall goal is to get more sailors and boats on the water.



## RACING YACHT FLEET

Chicago Yacht Club's Racing Yacht Fleets race out of Belmont Harbor most Saturdays during the season. The Racing Yacht Fleet is composed of One-Design classes and offers some of the best, and most fun racing in the Midwest. In One-Design racing all boats are equal, which emphasizes the skills of the sailors and the first boat to cross the finish line wins.



## HELLY HANSON NOOD REGATTA

The NOOD is the longest-running and largest sailboat racing regatta series in North America. The Regatta comes to the Windy City each June at Chicago Yacht Club. The three-day competition features 14 one-design classes and over 200 boats. The overall winner in Chicago will be granted the opportunity to compete at the NOOD Regatta Championship, where they will compete against the overall winners from each stop on the nine-regatta NOOD circuit.



## CHICAGO YACHT CLUB RACE TO MACKINAC

Each year, more than 300 boats register for the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac, one of the longest-running freshwater distance races in the world. "The Mac", which takes most competitors well over 24 hours to complete, is a 333 nautical-mile sprint from the Chicago Lighthouse, just east of Navy Pier, to the Round Island Channel near Mackinac Island, Michigan. Having started in 1898, with a mere five boats, "The Mac", has evolved into a world-class sporting event that welcomes over 3,000 sailors, annually. Today, sailors from 40 states and nine countries, spanning from Australia to the United Kingdom compete.

## VERVE CUP

The Club's oldest silver trophy has been contested over two weekends of racing for more than 25 years. The offshore event features two separate events, one three day regatta consisting of buoy racing and a one day coastal inshore race in which more than 100 boats compete. The inshore event features dinghies and sportboat classes from around the Midwest including Etchells, J/70s, Stars, Solings, Rhodes 19's, Lasers and Shields.

**CHICAGO YACHT CLUB**  
**VERVE®**



## CHICAGO REGATTA

Chicago Yacht Club hosts the Chicago Regatta with more than 100 boats in four different races on Lake Michigan. The regatta includes a number of events for all types of boaters, including buoy racing, distance race, a casual race and a "Poker Run" for power boaters all taking place along Chicago's lakefront. A sold out dock party, silent auction and remote controlled boat race follows the on-water activities. In 2019, the event raised more than \$150,000 for Chicagoland children's charities.

## ANNUAL REGATTAS

Sheldon Clark Regatta • Spring & Fall Frostbiting Series • Inter-Committee Challenge  
Saturday Racing Yacht Fleet Series • Wednesday Night Skyline Series • Remote Controlled Racing Iceberg Series





# Rentals

## PADDLE BOARDS & KAYAKS

The waterfront is more accessible than ever with paddle boards and kayaks available to members. Rent daily or purchase a season pass. Anyone can get on the water after a brief instruction with the board or boat! Paddle sports are great for a tour of the harbor and daily exercise.

## SONARS

The Club owns a fleet of eleven 23' keelboats available for member rental. Sign up for daily rentals or buy a season pass. These boats have a simple design that hold up to five people that make getting on the water easy for anyone interested.

## TOM 28 & ADVANCED PROGRAMMING

Match Racing is a staple in the Club's racing program. Belmont Station hosts Tuesday night practices, match racing regattas including Grade 2 and Grade 3 events and was the host of the U.S. Match Racing Championship in 2018.

**For additional information on rentals, please visit [cyc-rentals.org](http://cyc-rentals.org).**







## JUNIOR SAILING

Our youth programs are centrally located at Belmont Station's newly renovated Sailing Activities Center. Beginning at age five, the Club offers programs to fit every child's skill level from beginner to traveling racer. Summer program participants start in Prams and graduate to 420s, Sonars and Lasers. Youth looking for that competitive edge can enjoy our many race team options including the Opti, 420's and Laser teams.

## TRAVEL TEAMS

Chicago Yacht Club supports three travel teams in the Opti, 420 and Laser boat disciplines. Approximately ten times per year, these teams compete on regional and national championship levels throughout the United States.

## ADULT SAILING

Adult classes accommodate those who are new to sailing as well as those trying to build on specific skills. Our courses provide opportunities to develop the skills and confidence necessary to enjoy the sport of sailing. The Club offers:

• U.S. Sailing Keelboat Certification • Intermediate Lessons • Private Lessons • Safety & Rescue Handling



## WOMEN ON THE WATER

The Women's Committee hosts educational programs, networking events and monthly happy hours that encourage the women of the Club to get onto the water. The series features winter lectures and a summer sailing series that teaches attendees the ins and outs of sailing, racing tactics and new developments in the sport. WOW offers fun and professional instruction for women, by women.

## CREW U

Crew U transforms novices into able members of the Chicago racing community. This seven-week class from May to June is led by members of the Chicago Yacht Club who offer their boats and wisdom to help you get the skills you need to crew on a boat. The course includes some classroom instruction, but the vast majority is taught on the water. Students learn to crew on most keelboats, including rigging, sail trim and teamwork.

## U.S. POWERBOAT CERTIFICATION

We offer hands-on courses for anyone who wants to learn how to safely operate a small motorboat and improve their boat-handling skills with training in the classroom and on the water. The skills acquired during your certification are transferable to larger boat sizes.







# Dining



## MONROE DINING

Located on the city's shoreline with a 180 degree view of Lake Michigan, the Main Dining Room at Monroe Station offers upscale dining and a menu featuring fresh, local ingredients put together by Monroe Executive Chef Larry Asher. The Mackinac Bar is always a popular destination for a quick lunch, casual dinner or to hang out with friends and watch a game. The patio opens up in the summer for unsurpassed outdoor dining and views of the Navy Pier firework displays. Monroe Station's Fireside Lounge is an intimate area to meet friends by the fireplace and sip on a beverage, surrounded by many of our regatta trophies, including the historic Mackinac trophies.



## BELMONT DINING

Belmont Station is a family-friendly venue for casual lunches and dinners that typically serve more informal fare than Monroe Station. Belmont serves as a great location for hosting members' private events. In addition to à la carte dining, the Clubhouse offers summer dinner specials and themed buffets that members love.







# Entertainment and Events

With 10,000 square feet of meeting space, Chicago Yacht Club is perfectly suited to host your social parties, office gatherings and everything in between. The Club offers not just an excellent meeting place, but a tranquil retreat with unsurpassed hospitality for you and your guests. Chicago Yacht Club is renowned for exceptional dining and our culinary experts will be delighted to enhance your special event. For more information about packages and available dates, contact Catering and Events Manager at [catering@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:catering@chicagoyachtclub.org) or (312) 861-7770.

## WEDDINGS



## HOLIDAY PARTIES



## CELEBRATIONS



## SHOWERS



## CORPORATE MEETINGS



\*All private parties and functions hosted at the Club must be member sponsored. A member of Chicago Yacht Club or a reciprocal club may sponsor an event. All charges for the event will be billed through the member account.





# Associates Committee

The Associates Committee, comprised of more than 200 active members under age 39, hosts some of the trendiest events in Chicago including Dock Parties, Club Crawls and their signature events, the Big Kahuna Party and Pink Pony Party.

Associate membership is attractively scaled for young professionals. Whether you are new to Chicago, or just getting started in boating, the Associate membership is a great way to meet new friends.



“ I joined the Chicago Yacht Club when I moved to Chicago in my late 20's. Through CYC I was able to build wonderful friendships, met my wife, Whitney, while racing and we were married at Monroe Station. The Club has been an intricate part of my life and we have enjoyed all the Club has to offer: racing, sonar & paddle board rentals, waterfront dining, comradery among fellow sailors, excellent year-round events and lifelong friendships. ”

**TED TOWEY** // Member since 2007







# Membership

## MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

From sportsmanship to friendship, from our boats to yours, there's always so much to do and get involved with at Chicago Yacht Club. When you become a member, you are invited to meet and learn from fellow power and sail enthusiasts, take lessons or teach lessons at our Sailing School, get involved with a committee and socialize with friends and family onshore or on Lake Michigan. You don't need to own a boat to be a part of the Club!

### REGULAR

This membership class offers the member and their immediate family, including children under the age of 22, full access to the Club and amenities at both Monroe and Belmont Stations. In addition, any household member receives the member rate on marine education courses.

### ASSOCIATE

Associate memberships are perfect for young professionals under the age of 40. This membership allows you to enjoy all the perks of the Club as your career and family continue to grow. Initiation fees and dues at this level are scaled appropriately based on your age.

### JOINT REGULAR OR ASSOCIATE

Joint membership may be elected by married or in civil union applicants. As Joint members, either spouse may serve on board of directors, standing, or acting committee of the Club if spouse is not serving on such committee.

### JUNIOR

Junior members under the age of 21 receive a tremendous advantage on Sailing School tuition. Juniors also have access to the Club for lunch or dinner after sailing.



## APPLICATION PROCESS

We're excited to have you on board! To begin your voyage with Chicago Yacht Club, please complete the enclosed membership application and send it to Membership Director, Elizabeth Haley, at [membership@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:membership@chicagoyachtclub.org) or call (312) 861-7761.

New applicants require one member sponsor and one member endorser. If you don't know any members at Chicago Yacht Club, our Membership Director will be happy to make introductions for you.

Once your application is complete, our Admissions Committee will invite you to an interview to learn about your on the water interests and tell you more about our incredible Club. Following your Admissions interview, the Board of Directors will formally vote on your membership approval.





# Amenities

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

- Exceptional indoor and outdoor dining at Monroe and Belmont Station overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan.
- Reciprocity with Union League Club of Chicago, and more than 900 yacht clubs worldwide.
- Reciprocity with *Platinum Club Net* - an app that allows you to request access to over 100 private, platinum clubs worldwide.
- Year-round social events for everyone to enjoy.
- No food or beverage minimum or capital fees.
- Networking opportunities with world-class sailors, CEOs, and entrepreneurs.
- Meeting and banquet facilities for member rental and sponsored guests.
- Complimentary daily shuttle to the Loop from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Convenient and complimentary members-only parking at both stations.
- Shower, locker and storage at both facilities.

## ON THE WATER

- Transient docking at both Belmont and Monroe Harbors (up to 5 hours at no charge).
- Exclusive boat charter and rental opportunities with Pinnacle Yachts, Barton & Gray, Chicago Yacht Works and Chicago Sailing.
- Sonar sailboats, paddle boards and kayaks available for member rental.
- Team racing, match racing and women's sailing series.
- Host to dozens of annual regattas, including the Race to Mackinac, NOOD, and Verve.
- Member discounts on educational programs run by our sailing school.
- Racing series on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays Spring-Fall at Belmont & Monroe.
- Year-round events at both Monroe and Belmont stations

## COMMUNITY

- More than 40 committees to get involved with from event planning to communication to family activities.
- Community service opportunities through charity cruises, and the Sea Scouts.
- Host of the Chicago Regatta and silent auction which in 2019 donated over \$150,000 to Chicago area charities.
- Active power boat and cruising sail boat fleets planning a variety of annual cruises throughout the Great Lakes.
- Opportunities to give back with Chicago Yacht Club Foundation and charity events.





# Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in membership in the Chicago Yacht Club. Please complete this questionnaire and provide information about yourself and your background. Completion of this form does not confer any rights to use club facilities or membership privileges. All information will be treated as personal and confidential. Submit this form via mail or email to Elizabeth Haley at [membership@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:membership@chicagoyachtclub.org).

## I. MEMBERSHIP

State type of membership desired:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (age 40+)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Regular (for married or civil union members)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (age 22 - 39)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Associate (for married or civil union members) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (age 21 and under) |   |

## II. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Children:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## III. BUSINESS/PROFESSION (Parents of junior members, please complete)

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Employer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. EDUCATION

Nominee	Degree & Date	Spouse	Degree & Date
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High School _____			
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College _____			
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Post Graduate _____			
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## V. FINANCIAL

Annual Member or Household Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## VI. OTHER CLUB AFFILIATIONS (Yacht Club, Country Club, Community, Health/Fitness, etc.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. SOCIAL, SERVICE, FRATERNAL, RELIGIOUS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Name of Affiliation	Address	Period of Membership
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

## VIII. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Indicate your interest in the following club activities:

- ☐ Cruising    ☐ Powerboat    ☐ Team Racing    ☐ Social Events    ☐ Youth Programs    ☐ Dining Facilities  
☐ Sonar Rentals    ☐ Wine    ☐ Meeting/Banquet Facilities    ☐ Paddle Board    ☐ Kayaks  
☐ Race Committee    ☐ Committee Involvement    ☐ WOW (Women on the Water)

## IX. CLUB SPONSORS / ENDORSEMENT

List the members of the Club with whom you, or your spouse, are personally acquainted and who are willing to provide sponsorship. If you do not know any members, our Membership Director will gladly assist you.

Name of Sponsoring Member	Relationship
_____	_____
Name of Endorsing Member	_____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?    Yes / No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

## X. VEHICLE INFORMATION (Parking privileges for Regular and Associate members only)

Make/Model #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Make/Model #2 \_\_\_\_\_

## XI. BOAT INFORMATION

Boat 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type (cruise, race, power) \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat 1 Length \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Harbor \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type (cruise, race, power) \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat 2 Length \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Harbor \_\_\_\_\_

## XII. REFERENCE

How did you learn about the Chicago Yacht Club?

- ☐ Website    ☐ Friend    ☐ Boat Show    ☐ Live nearby    ☐ Social Media

## XIII. ESSAY

On a separate document, please describe your reasons for wanting to join, and how your membership will enhance the Chicago Yacht Club.

## NOMINEE AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE AND RELEASE INFORMATION

I hereby authorize the disclosure and release of information to the Chicago Yacht Club for the purpose of investigating my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, mode of living, reputation and financial condition. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information is correct. I understand that any misrepresentation shall be cause for denial of further consideration. If elected to membership, I agree to abide by the bylaws, rules and policies of the Club as set forth by the membership and the Board of Directors.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





# Join Us

MEMBERSHIP CLASS	ONE-TIME INITIATION FEE	MONTHLY DUES	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE*
REGULAR DUES (40+)	\$7,000	\$368	\$35
ASSOCIATE DUES (21-39)			
ASSOCIATE 39	\$6,014	\$349	\$33.30
ASSOCIATE 38	\$5,075	\$333	\$31.70
ASSOCIATE 37	\$4,299	\$315	\$30
ASSOCIATE 36	\$3,617	\$298	\$28.40
ASSOCIATE 35	\$3,045	\$280	\$26.70
ASSOCIATE 34	\$2,648	\$263	\$25.10
ASSOCIATE 33	\$2,298	\$246	\$23.40
ASSOCIATE 32	\$1,995	\$228	\$21.70
ASSOCIATE 31	\$1,733	\$212	\$20.20
ASSOCIATE 30	\$1,505	\$194	\$18.50
ASSOCIATE 29	\$1,301	\$178	\$16.90
ASSOCIATE 28	\$1,126	\$160	\$15.20
ASSOCIATE 27	\$980	\$143	\$13.70
ASSOCIATE 26	\$846	\$126	\$12
ASSOCIATE 25	\$735	\$109	\$10.40
ASSOCIATE 24	\$630	\$92	\$8.70
ASSOCIATE 23	\$548	\$74	\$7
ASSOCIATE 22	\$478	\$57	\$5.50
ASSOCIATE 21	\$420	\$40	\$5
JUNIOR (0-21)	\$99	\$33	

\*Property Maintenance is a monthly fee specifically used for maintaining and improving the Club's properties, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment.

## ASK ABOUT MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES!

Regular & Associate memberships include spouse/significant other and children under age 22 all residing in the same household.

No food or beverage minimum requirement.

All members pay an annual \$50 publications fee (includes Club Directory, Blinker magazine, Burgee newsletter, and other print and digital materials).

Contact Membership Director, Elizabeth Haley, with any questions and to begin your application to Chicago Yacht Club at [membership@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:membership@chicagoyachtclub.org) or (312) 861-7761.

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# CHICAGO YACHT CLUB

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