

New Management

Our previous Club Manager, Shannon Dean, parted ways on good terms with CYC this summer after being elected as the Mayor of Chestermere. We are grateful for his contributions to the club during his time in 2023-2024.

Our new Club Manager is Erin Clarke. She was CYC's Club Coordinator from May - August 2024. After her Club Coordinator contract ended, she stepped into the Club Manager role in October 2024.

Overview of Services Offered at CYC

- Club memberships
 - CYC currently has 131 active members
 - CYC ran Thursday Night Racing and Dinners for members during the sailing season
 - We ran approximately 21 races and dinners in 2024 (give or take a few weather-based cancellations)
 - Thanks to volunteers, such as our Commodore, these dinners no longer negatively impact the Club's finances
- Regattas/sailing events hosted
 - **May 11-12:** ASA training camp
 - **May 25-26:** ASA training camp
 - **May 31, 2024:** Ice Breaker Regatta - 45 sailors registered online
 - **July 19, 2024:** Let's Celebrate 100 Years - CYC Heritage Sail Event - 27 sailors registered online, 76 online registrants total
 - **Aug 30 - Sept 2, 2024:** 2024 Alberta Provincial Championships and ILCA-NA District 5 Championship - 90 sailors registered online
 - **Sept 14, 2024:** Commodore's Cup & Tea - members only 21 online registrants
 - **Oct 5, 2024:** Brass Monkey Sailing Event - members only 38 online registrants

- Parking dollied and trailered boats
 - CYC Members can pay for parking spots year-round
 - We are offering winter parking to the public for \$50/month until May 1st, 2025

- Summer camps
 - 8 full weeks of camp (July 1 - August 23) + one three-day water sports camp
 - Employed 9 Sailing Staff members
 - Offered:
 - Water Sports: 2 weeks
 - Wet Feet: 3 weeks
 - Opti Basic: 5 weeks
 - Opti Advanced: 3 weeks
 - Laser Basic: 3 weeks
 - Laser Basic/Advanced: 3 weeks
 - 420 Basic/Intermediate: 3 weeks
 - 420 Advanced: 2 weeks
 - Intro to Skiff: 1 week
 - We used the “Sail for All” grant from Sail Canada to fill 14 camp spots
 - There was an overall decrease in camp registrations, especially in the programs requiring previous sailing experience. CYC has strategies to help fill registration in 2025
 - Opti camps were the most popular

- Youth Race Team
 - There were 22 members in 2024
 - Four 29er sailors
 - Two 420 sailors
 - Seven Laser sailors
 - Nine Opti Sailors
 - At least five Race Team members joined this summer after being invited due to their performance in summer camps

- Laser, 420, and 29er sailors trained every Tuesday and joined Thursday Night Races
- Opti sailors trained every Wednesday and joined Thursday Night Races
- The \$975 Youth Race Team registration (+ Junior or Family CYC Membership, ASA fee, and an optional \$100 boat rental fee) provided:
 - 17 weeks of training sessions beginning on or about May 8th
 - Coaching at 5 Regattas within Alberta
 - Team bucket hat and shirt
- Other coaching:
 - From May - June 2024, a few of our Sailing Staff hosted groups (such as schools) to do sailing days
 - Sailing Staff taught Navy League Cadets from August 4th to Friday, August 9th
- Rentals
 - To support our club financially and become more involved in the Chestermere community, CYC has long-term rental agreements with the Sea Cadets, Highlander Army Cadets, and Luna P.L.A.Y. Kids (providing movement programs for children)
 - CYC has also been doing more non-profit one-off rentals in the off-season

It has been a turbulent few years for CYC, but this season was full of successes. Events like Provincials and our Heritage Regatta brought together numerous parts of the sailing communities. Many of our sailors performed competitively in national and international regattas. And, as always, our members, volunteers, and staff continued to sustain and steward our Club.

City of Calgary Glenmore Sailing School 2024 Report

2024

Total Adults	Total children & youth	Try Sailing Total	
323	873	875	

As for our plan for 2026 we are going to be offering the same programming along with the same number of courses.

GSC 2024 Summary

Another successful sailing season has come to an end. The Club finds itself in a good financial position with all programs full or nearly so, and which ran smoothly.

The keelboat program on the West Coast made a small profit this year and we hope to increase that in coming years.

Club boats have been well maintained this year and should be in great shape to start off next year. The Club refurbished 4 SJ 21s this year and hopefully we can continue this program.

The Club's racing agenda went as planned and we hosted the San Juan 21 Western North Americans with the help of Penticton Yacht Club.

The Club's rental business has increased substantially and now offers a good income source.

The Board is in the process of putting together a working group to investigate the viability of going forward with the Clubhouse expansion.

The Board has responded to a complaint about safety on the water from a member and will now require all racing boats to have one member attend the Rules Seminar in the spring.

The Club is in talks with ASAA to see how we can assist them in the coming year.



Sylvan Lake Sailing Club – 2024 Update

November 22, 2024

The Sylvan Lake Sailing club operates an active sail racing and cruising program in beautiful Sylvan Lake, Alberta. In 2024 we had 65 members of the club, and a total of 26 boats in our fleet. Central Alberta weather once again produced unpredictable weather with everything from gale force to calm conditions for scheduled events! Draught conditions did see the lake levels far lower than normal, but overall, none of our events or sailors were constrained by lack of water under the keel!

The Sylvan Lake Sailing School completed another successful season offering a variety of Sail Canada programs to students including Introduction to Sailing, Starter Keelboat, and Basic Cruising. All classes are taught by certified Sail Canada instructors who are members of the club, with special thanks to Norma Turner for her countless volunteer hours to make for a successful program. To date the programs have generated over \$25,000 of income to the club which is re-invested 100% back into club programs. Sylvan's strategy very much follows the successful adult programs offered by the Glenmore Sailing Club in Calgary. Sylvan Sailing now owns two keel boats in the club, and through a "Sailshare" program we had 7 customers buy into the program making our Catalina 22 "Small Wonder" the hardest working sailboat on Sylvan Lake.

Sylvan's club strategic plan is very different from most other groups in Alberta. We are focused almost entirely on targeting programs to adults and creating programs offering folks a chance to go sailing and hopefully become active members in the club. To date, we have seen a tremendous conversion rate of students directly to club members and boat ownership. Unfortunately, due to a lack of owned facilities, we are unable to offer kids racing/dingy programs to start a grass-roots program for young sailors to participate in.

In the long-term, Sylvan Lake Sailing Club will be working towards a club owned/sponsored marina and training facility. We would welcome an opportunity to work with the Alberta Sailing Association to access provincial grant funding to look into the feasibility of creating a Central Alberta Sailing Centre that all ASA members could use and integrate into provincial training and regatta events. The 2023 Provincial Regatta hosted by ASA and Sylvan Lake Sailing Club was a great success and the lake itself is a centrally located, premier location for all Alberta Sailors to enjoy.

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Michael Wuetherick, Commodore