



# THOUSAND ISLANDS YACHT CLUB

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## **Information for prospective members.**

The Thousand Islands Yacht Club is a small friendly club of boating enthusiasts who sail predominantly in the Thousand Islands and Eastern Lake Ontario areas. The Club does not have any fixed assets or facilities, and most members keep their boats for the summer at municipal or commercial marinas between Kingston and Prescott, and for the winter in Iroquois at Iroquois Marine Services. The Club itself is based out of Iroquois Marine Services whose marina and harbour are located on the St. Lawrence River midway between the 1000 Islands Bridge and Lake St. Lawrence, approximately 1/2 mile above the Iroquois Seaway Lock and it is encouraged that perspective members use the services of IMS.

As a recognized Canadian Yacht Club we have reciprocal mooring arrangements with approximately sixty Canadian and US Yacht Clubs in and around Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. It is through special arrangements with the marina, that the Club is able to offer its reciprocal privileges in Iroquois. Also since most of our members are to be found in and around the Thousand Islands during the summer, a place notorious for its lack of docking, we offer rafting privileges to members of other Yacht Clubs when they visit the islands.

The Club was founded in 1981 by its six original members, hence the six stars on the Club burgee, two of whom still take an active interest in the Club's progress. Since then the Club has grown and we currently have about thirty families as members. Prospective members should either be friends or acquaintances of existing members or be clients of Iroquois Marine Services. Membership applicants require two sponsors, preferably Club members; Robert Houze the owner of IMS is an Honorary member. Once an application is received by the Treasurer, information about the applicant(s) is circulated for approval, initially to the Club's Bridge members and then to the membership at large. New members are accepted and required to pay dues for an initial THREE year period and upon approval, they are issued a Club membership card and burgee, and required to attend an initiation ceremony at one of the subsequent meetings within their first year of membership. The Club membership year runs from January to December and nearly half of the membership fee is used to pay the Club's membership dues in the Ontario Sailing Association (OSA) and the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA).

The Club has numerous casual gatherings on island docks during the summer and recently has had five significant meetings throughout the year, but we are flexible:

- A Spring Party and dinner before the snow thaws, recently in Ottawa during Winterlude.
- A pre-launch BBQ and AGM at IMS in early May.
- The Summer BBQ and Initiation in July, usually on one of the islands.
- August Cruise.

The Mason Cup white sail race, a fun race out of Kingston, with dinner before in late August or more recently Labour Day weekend.

The Fall Party, recently on Binnacle Island, just outside of Gananoque.

Perhaps the Club is well characterized by the following three statements:

The purpose of the Club is to have FUN.

The best rules are NO rules.

Formal dress does not exist, the best dressed person is the least dressed person.

**Iroquois Marine Services** caters to yachtsmen, power boaters and vacationers on the St. Lawrence River. It is a full service boatyard and Marina Specializing in Winter Storage, Winterizing, seasonal and transient dockage, Hull Painting, hull, rigging and engine Maintenance & Repairs. To improve security the premises are monitored by closed circuit television cameras. The 30-Ton Open-End Travel Lift is always available for Hull inspections, Hauling & Launching. Although all and any work on your boat can be professionally undertaken by the Marina, boat owners are encouraged to work on their own boats once they are safely in the yards.

Other services include:

Fuel - Gas, Diesel & Cylinder Propane

Hydro and water on the docks

Snacks - Ice - Drinks

Public Telephone

Free WiFi internet access

Marine Supplies - Oil, filters, additives, paint, varnish, solvents, epoxy, brushes, rollers, tape, cleaners, polishes, batteries, and antifreeze.

Clean washrooms and showers

Mast Stepping Hoist

Inside and outside storage of sail, power and commercial vessels.

A full service shop with two heated bays for repairs and maintenance.

Help is always available placing and receiving custom orders.

To get into the Iroquois harbour, enter the 7 foot channel at Buoy 112, Chart 1434. It is approximately 0.5 nm from the entrance to the channel to the docks, keep the Old Galop Canal berm about 30 feet off your port side until you come to the cut in the berm to enter the harbour area. Centre your boat in through the cut, don't be tempted to "cut the corner", then if you have not already received instructions on VHF 68, bear to starboard and tie up on the long service dock. The offices and facilities are at the top of the rise up from the marina area. By road, it is on County Road 2 (Old Highway 2), 1/2 mile west of the intersection of Carman Road (401 Exit #738) in Iroquois. There are Thousand Islands Yacht Club Signs on both the road side and riverside to aid mariners

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