



THOUSAND ISLANDS YACHT CLUB

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Welcome New TIYC Member:

On behalf of the Bridge, I would like to extend to you a very warm welcome to the Thousand Islands Yacht Club. Our club is small by many standards, comprised of approximately 35 member families that include both sailors and motor cruisers. The TIYC was founded in 1981 so is now 39 yrs old. Our events are friendly and casual which make it easy for people to make friends and share stories.

The Club is well characterized by the following 3 rules:

1. The purpose of the Club is to have FUN.
2. The best rules are NO rules (but common-sense and safety should prevail).
3. Formal dress does not exist, the best dressed person is the least dressed person (a minimum of a bathing suit is required and for men, this Club is "Speedo free").

Club Facilities: While the club has no fixed properties or facilities, many members use the services of Iroquois Marine Services and therefore, we call this our "home base". This is where our AGMs take place yearly (usually in early May) and many boaters also winter their boats here (some in the summer too). Our cruising is mainly in the 1000 Islands and events are usually not too far from Gananoque. This makes it convenient for as many people as possible to attend.

Membership Process and Dues: 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 is collected and sent to the Club's Bridge members for approval. This is a relative formality that usually simply ensures we know who you are when you come to an event or the AGM.

New members are required to pay dues for an initial 3-year period. After that the fees are yearly. 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).

A Club membership card is issued to each new member (one per boat). Club burgees are available for an additional fee.

New members are usually initiated at the first meetup and BBQ event of the summer season that often takes place at Endymion Island.

Reciprocal Agreements: Since we are a recognized Canadian Yacht Club, and also members of the Lake Ontario Cruising Clubs Association ([LOCCA](#)) we have reciprocal privileges with approximately 50 Canadian and U.S. Yacht clubs in and around Lake Ontario and the St Lawrence. In addition, approximately 40 other clubs offer us reciprocals, (65 in Canada, 33 in USA).

It is through special arrangements with the IMS marina, that our 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 availabilities, we offer rafting privileges to members of Yacht Clubs when they visit the islands. A list of reciprocals and what they offer is shown [here](#).

Events: The Club has numerous casual gatherings on island docks during the summer and recently has had as many as 5 significant events per year (although the number is solely based on what the membership wants):

1. Spring Party and dinner before the ice thaws to start to make plans for the summer.
2. The Pre-Launch BBQ and AGM at IMS in early May.
3. A June rendezvous and BBQ at one of the 1000 Islands
4. The July Summer BBQ and Initiation usually on one of the Islands (Endymion).
5. An August dinner at a Restaurant in a convenient location (Clayton, NY or Gananoque)..
6. An End of Season Party sometimes held at Binnacle Island just outside of Gananoque.

Besides August dinner, the events are all potluck with the Club providing the meat for grilling. Others bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert for sharing (also BYOB).

Recently, to demonstrate our desire to be more responsible mariners, we have made these events No/Low Waste requesting that everyone bring their own cutlery, plates, cups/glasses and take back any recycling to minimize waste and clean up by the Bridge. We would especially like to reduce the amount of plastic waste/recycling that we create and would encourage all to think about this when choosing their beverages to bring. We will provide a large water jug of cold water so single-use plastic water bottles will not be required.

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, and can arrange for hull repair and painting, rigging and engine maintenance and repairs.

The 30-Ton open-end travel lift is always available for hull inspections, hauling and 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
- Pump-out
- Hydro and water on the docks
- Snacks, drinks
- Public Telephone
- Free Wifi internet access
- Marine Supplies – oil, filters, additives, paint, varnish, solvents, epoxy, brushers, 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.

Getting 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 ft off your port side until you come to the cut in the berm to enter the harbour area. Please go very slowly as there may be debris in early spring/summer that has moved during the winter. There are also green and red markers to heed that can sometimes be a bit hidden. Centre your boat in through the cut, don't be tempted to "cut the corner", then if you have not already received instruction 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 Rd 2 (Old Highway 2). A kilometer west of the intersection of Carman Rd (401 Exit #738) in Iroquois. There is a Thousand Island Yacht Club Sign on the road side.

We are happy to welcome you to our 1000 Islands Yacht Club. Please don't hesitate to ask anyone in the Bridge for more information. We will gladly oblige. We look forward to getting to know you and certainly encourage you to participate in as many events as you can.

Enjoy your membership and safe cruising!

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