

Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club

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Introduction

Our sailing school uses dinghies as its primary instruction vessels, and graduates frequently progress from the sailing school to become active racing crewmembers or even purchase their own boats, becoming senior members, and joining the TS&CC Fleet.

TS&CC also offers Basic Cruising, a Canadian Sailing certified keelboat instruction program. The Keelboat Fleet Membership is intended to fill the gap between this program and the point at which an individual wishes to purchase their own vessel and join the club as a senior member.

Candidates who would find the (KFM) of interest include:

- Graduates of an adult keelboat sailing school;
- Crew who would like access to a cruising boat who are not in a position to commit to the expense of senior membership and full time boat ownership;
- Experienced sailors (perhaps new to the city) who would like to "test the waters" prior to joining a sailing club;
- Existing TS&CC senior members who are currently "between boats".

Rules & Guidelines

TS&CC Keelboat Fleet Members will enjoy shared use of the available keelboats as well as other membership benefits such as use of the bar, restaurant, patio and BBQs.

The Keelboat Fleet Membership is subject to a number of rules outlined below:

- 1) The Keelboat Fleet Members are collectively responsible for the general maintenance, upkeep and cleaning of the Fleet Keelboats throughout the season. Each participant is expected to contribute to maintaining the fleet and each Keelboat Fleet Member must contribute 8 hours of general volunteer work each season.
- 2) Each Member must hold the following current accreditations: Sail Canada Basic Cruising Certificate or equivalent experience, a Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operator Card, a Toronto Port Authority Operators Permit for Power Driven Vessels (or equivalent Transport Canada Marine Certification). To operate a VHF radio in Canada you need a Department of Communications Radiotelephone Operator's Restricted Certificate, we highly recommend you have one.
- 3) Members are expected to abide by the guidelines to reserve the boat. See the Reserving the Boat section below.
- 4) You must check in with the Fleet Manager or TSCC Staff before taking a Fleet Keelboat out for your reserved session. If no staff is present contact the Fleet Manager as soon as possible.
- 5) Members must ensure the correct safety equipment is on board during each voyage of a Fleet Keelboat. A list of required safety equipment will be posted in each craft. All items on this list must be accounted for before leaving the dock/mooring.
- 6) Members must check the Marine weather report and record it in their vessels log prior to departure. Boats shall not be taken out if a gale or storm warning is currently in effect or forecast for your reservation period. Members are encouraged to check the forecast soon before coming to the Club in order to save time and avoid disappointment.
- 7) Members must complete the inspection checklist for their chosen boat immediately upon stepping aboard. Report any defects, damage or missing equipment before departing using the appropriate forms. The Fleet Manager should be notified when a form is filled-out. Completed reports/forms should be given to the Fleet Manager or left in their mailbox in the office.
- 8) Members must never leave the dock/mooring in a boat that does not pass the safety standards outlined in the inspections checklist.
- 9) Members must return the boat to the mooring and have it ready for the next person to use by the end of the period they have reserved.
- 10) Members who find that their chosen boat is not clean and ready for use upon arrival should record this in the log and notify the Fleet Manager as soon as conveniently possible.

- 11) If for any reason the boat is not operational at the end of the period you have reserved, please contact the Fleet Manager as soon as conveniently possible.
- 12) Members will not be charged or held accountable for wear and tear or minor damage incidental to normal sailing.
- 13) Members will be accountable for significant damage or loss incurred while the boat is under their responsibility, as well as lost items such as winch handles, fenders or safety equipment.
- 14) For minor repairs or missing items, the Programs Manager or Fleet Manager may ask members to fix or replace items and/or pick up parts at approved stores.
- 15) Members must check the fuel level in their chosen boat before departure. The fuel tank should never be allowed to go below half empty. If the gas tank level sinks below half, members should ask the Fleet Manager or another member of the TS&CC staff for assistance in refueling.
- 16) Please avoid using the head in the keelboats unless absolutely necessary. If members use the head on Fleet Keelboats they must pump it out and clean it thoroughly after each sailing session. Members may ask the Fleet Manager or another staff member for assistance if they are unaccustomed to the pump-out procedure.
- 17) Alcohol must not be consumed prior to or during a session aboard a Fleet Keelboat. Drinking on the boat is permitted only once the sailing session is over and the boat is either at the dock or on its mooring.
- 18) Pets are not permitted on Fleet Keelboats at any time.
- 19) On all overnight trips, Members must submit a sail plan to the Fleet Manager prior to departure. The Fleet Manager must approve of the trip in writing. If your planned return is delayed for any reason, advise the Fleet Manager of your new revised return time as soon as possible. Failure to do so may cause an unnecessary search to be initiated.
- 20) Members are permitted to bring guest on occasional voyages. Guests who plan to use TS&CC keelboats frequently must join as Keelboat Fleet Members.
- 21) If a Fleet Keelboat is pulled from service for any reason, efforts will be made to return the boat to service as soon as possible. Refunds, rebates or adjustments of the Membership fees will not be considered for this reason.
- 22) Members must not bring any Fleet Keelboat outside of Canada (due to ownership and legal liability considerations). Keelboats may not go outside of the area designated by the map in appendix 1), unless given written approval by the Fleet Manager.
- 23) For reasons of insurance, members are not permitted to bring on the boat any children under the age of five.

The Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club reserves the right to terminate any Keelboat Fleet Members participation in the program at any time.

Refunding terminated Keelboat Fleet Member's fee is left at the sole discretion of the Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club.

TS&CC reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions of this program at any time.

Reserving the Boat

In general, the Fleet Keelboats are available to Members on a first come, first served basis, subject to the restrictions outlined below:

- 24)** One boat will always be left available for members who wish to participate in Club Racing between 6pm and 9pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Members who wish to race must abide by the Club's racing rules and sailing instructions.
- 25)** In July and August, each day is divided into two reservation periods. The AM period starts at 9am and ends at 3:00pm. The PM period starts at 3pm and ends 30 minutes before sunset. In June and September, there is no AM session on weekdays, only a PM session from 3pm to 30 minutes before sunset. Weekends will always have both an AM and PM session throughout the sailing season.
- 26)** Unless you have the following AM period reserved for your use, all PM reservations must end with the boat returned to the TS&CC mooring 15 minutes before sunset.
- 27)** The boats may be booked on a first come, first serve basis. Each Member may have no more than one weekend and two weekday reservations at any time. Reservations can only be made up to 4 weeks in advance.
- 28)** Last minute, same day reservations are possible and do not count toward one's total number of available reservations.
- 29)** Members will be permitted to take the boat out of the Club overnight provided all reservation periods have been booked by the participant in advance (PM reservation period followed by consecutive AM period). Overnight trips must be approved in writing by the Fleet Manager, see point 19) above.
- 30)** Once during the season each KFM participant will be permitted to make a special two-day reservation. This reservation encompasses two consecutive calendar days, and includes four consecutive reservation periods starting with an AM reservation. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis, and can be made at any time following acceptance into the KFM. This reservation will not count toward any other reservations in Item 27. Please contact the Fleet Manager to make this reservation.
- 31)** If a member must cancel a reservation, please notify the Fleet Manager as soon as possible to allow others to reserve the boat. You should also alter the Google Calendar reservation to reflect the cancellation.

Using the KFM Online Reservation System

Keelboat Fleet Members will be invited to join a Google Booking Calendar via email

1. To make a reservation, log on to Keelboat Fleet Calendar. This Calendar should be used to make all reservations for Keelboat Fleet Members. Ensure to make the reservation public, and available to everyone using the calendar.
2. Please be sure to indicate:
 - Your name
 - The name of your preferred boat
 - The time of your reservation written as either AM or PM
 - **ie. Mike Cruiser, AM, Sensei**
3. The Calendar will show all current bookings: if there is no booking and you would like to come down last minute, you may come down to the club and take out a boat on a first come first serve basis. We recommend calling down to the Fleet Manager ahead of time to confirm a boat is free.
4. Each Member may have no more than one weekend and two weekday reservations at any time. Reservations can only be made up to 4 weeks in advance.

For special two-day reservation, please speak to the Fleet Manager in person.

Appendix 1)

Keelboat Fleet Program Boundaries

