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The mission of the Chicago Yacht Club is to encourage, promote and develop knowledge, participation and enjoyment of all aspects of yachting.

The Chicago Yacht Club was founded to encourage the sport of yachting and conduct world class sailing competitions and yachting activities.

We welcome you and your family to not only participate in our more than 100 racing events and boating lifestyle, but also join our rich history and enduring legacy. We want to help you get involved, compete in your first race, join a committee, participate with our Foundation, take a class or seminar, get your family passionate about boating and, of course, make lifelong friends.





HISTORY & TRADITION

1875

The Chicago Yacht Club was organized at the Sherman House in the City of Chicago on the evening of August 7, 1875 as an association with a membership of 37.

1898

The first Chicago-Mackinac Race was held. William Cameron's 64' fin-keel sloop *Vanenna* won the race among the five boats entered in 51 hours.

1920

Chicago Yacht Club and the Lincoln Park Yacht Club combined.

1923

The barge and clubhouse at Belmont Harbor replaced the lumber schooner *Carrier* that had served as the Lincoln Park Yacht Club clubhouse since 1915.

1925

Monroe Station moved from Randolph Street to its current location.

1975

Chicago Yacht Club celebrated its 100 year anniversary.

2004-2005

Belmont Station barge relocated to the south east end of the Belmont Harbor and added a Sailing Activities Center.

2008

A record-breaking 462 boats entered the 100th Race to Mackinac.

PRESENT

Chicago Yacht Club boasts a membership of more than 1,500 members and hosts more than 100 regattas annually including world and international championships and cruises.





TWO STATIONS

MONROE STATION

The Main Dining Room offers a warm experience with a 180 degree view of Lake Michigan and the city shoreline. The Mackinac Bar is always a popular destination for a quick lunch, casual dinner or to hang out with friends and watch the game. The patio opens up in the summer for unsurpassed outdoor dining and view of the fireworks displays. The Fireside Lounge is an intimate area to meet friends and sip on a warm beverage, adorned by many of our regatta trophies, including the historic Mackinac trophies, and a warming fireplace.

BELMONT STATION

Belmont 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 a la carte dining, our Chef offers summer dinner specials and pasta bar buffets that members love. Belmont is home to many regattas and racing series as well as family events like Mini Mac and annual must-dos like the Pink Pony Party.



LIFESTYLE & ENTERTAINMENT

ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

In conjunction with the Club management, our active committees coordinate a variety of social events, educational programs and seminars, holiday festivities, museum and cultural outings, and regular committee gatherings. From informal barbecues on the patio and potluck dinners on the docks to wine tastings and holiday parties, you will always have a reason to celebrate your membership.





AMENITIES

- Transient docking at both Belmont and Monroe Harbors
- Associate membership for young professionals under age 40
- More than 40 committees to get involved with from event planning to finance to family activities
- Extensive meeting and banquet facilities for member rental and sponsored guests
- No food or beverage minimum or capital fees
- Sonars, paddleboards and kayaks available for member rental
- Team racing, match racing and women's sailing series
- Networking opportunities with world-class sailors, CEOs and entrepreneurs
- Discounts on marine education programs run by our internationally-acclaimed sailing school
- Racing series on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays Spring-Fall
- Exceptional food and beverage programs coordinated by award-winning staff
- Ample opportunities to meet fellow members and learn more about Club services
- Free WiFi and charging stations at both stations for members and guests
- Community service opportunities through cruises, Sea Scouts, Chicago Yacht Club Foundation and North American Challenge Cup
- Shower, locker and storage at both facilities
- Tender service at Belmont Harbor
- Tender service provided by Chicago Harbors from Monroe Harbor to the Museum Campus
- Complimentary daily shuttle to the Loop from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Convenient members-only parking at both stations
- Reciprocity with the Standard Club in Chicago and more than 900 yacht clubs around the world
- Corporate membership rate at Chicago Athletic Clubs





PRIVATE EVENTS



Let us take you beyond special to the sublime — a place where year-round breathtaking views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline complement a tradition of hospitality and excellence.

Turn your special occasion into an event that will be remembered for years to come. Let our experienced staff create an event that is second to none. We want to provide more than just a location for you to entertain your guests; we want to help you create memories. Whether you are planning a lavish ceremony or a family get-together, our professional staff is prepared to exceed your every expectation. Treat your guests to a gourmet multi-course meal in a private room complete with cocktails and an enviable wine selection. Or enjoy casual fare with burgers for the kids.

Whether we are hosting your business meeting, wedding, shower, anniversary, birthday or fundraising event, Chicago Yacht Club will impress you and your guests.



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THE RACE TO MACKINAC



The Club's most famous event is the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac, which is the longest annual freshwater sailing race in the world. Starting in 1898 with a mere five boats, the Race has evolved into a world-class sporting event. Today, sailors from the Midwest and as far as New Zealand and China make this race an invariable part of their summer. Although the Race to Mackinac remains primarily an amateur event, this race has a proven record of attracting some of the finest sailing talent in the sport.

Although there have been changes to the Race over the years, the basic elements of this venerable contest have remained unchanged for more than 100 years. Stripped down to its essence, the Race to Mackinac is a test of strength, endurance, strategy and willpower.

Race fans from around the world track their friends, family and favorite boats via a live race tracker on the Race website and on their phones. The tracking service sends a ping every ten minutes updating the boat's position, speed and distance covered on a map. Throughout the Race, several boats and Race personnel share social media updates on weather, crew morale and the lore of iconic landmarks on the course.



MORE THAN 100 ANNUAL REGATTAS

We host more than 100 regattas annually from Sunday frostbiting to disabled events to international championships.

- Spring & Fall Frostbiting
- Saturday Racing Yacht Fleet Series
- Wednesday Night Skyline Series
- North American Challenge Cup
- Verve Cup Offshore & Inshore
- Sheldon Clark Regatta
- Timme Angsten Regatta

VERVE CUP

The Club's oldest silver trophy has been contested over two weekends of racing for more than 20 years. The offshore event features three days of buoy racing and a one-day distance race in which more than 100 boats compete annually. The inshore event features dinghies and sportboat classes from around the Midwest including Etchells, J/70s and Shields.

MATCH RACING: CMRC AT CYC

Match racing was added as a staple in the Club's racing programs for the 2016 season through a joint venture with the Chicago Match Race Center. Belmont Station hosts Tuesday night practices and match racing regattas including a Grade 2 event.

WOMEN ON THE WATER

The Women's Committee hosts educational programming that encourages the ladies of the Club to get on the water - Women on the Water. The series features onshore lectures by iconic women sailors like Stephanie Roble and Sally Barkow and on-the-water sessions on the Club's Sonars and member-owned boats like the Farr 40.

WORLD-CLASS RACE COMMITTEE

The Club's world-class Race Committee facilitates a fair, quality and competitive racing program. We are proud to have more than 25 U.S. Sailing certified race officers in our ranks, and most other volunteers have participated in race management seminars and training programs.





ON THE WATER ACTIVITIES



POWER FLEET

The Power Fleet consists of an impressive combination of vessels inclusive of multi-generation owned vintage cruisers and yachts, sport-fishing boats, small cruisers to brand new megayachts. 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, dock parties and boating safety seminars is sure to keep you entertained year-round.

CRUISING SAIL FLEET

The Cruising Sail Fleet is for members who enjoy a more relaxing ride around the lake. They plan both on and off-the-water activities, such as dinners, dock parties, weekend cruises and seminars on seamanship and marine equipment. The Cruising Sail Fleet also organizes group trips to the Caribbean during the long winter months.

PADDLEBOARDS & KAYAKS

The waterfront is more accessible than ever with stand up paddleboards and kayaks available to members. Anyone can get on the water after a brief instruction with the board or boat! Paddlesports are great for a tour of the harbor and daily exercise.

SONARS

Don't own a boat? No problem! The Club owns a fleet of 23' keelboats available for member rental, whether it's a leisurely sail around the crib or for racing in the Spring and Fall Frostbite Series. These boats are a simple design that makes getting on the water easy for anyone interested.





MARINE EDUCATION

JUNIOR SAILING

Our youth programs are centrally located at Belmont Station's Sailing Activities Center. Starting at five years old, the Club offers programs to fit every child's skill level from beginner to travelling 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 Team and 420 and Laser local and travelling teams.



ADULT SAILING

Adult classes accommodate those who are new to sailing as well as those trying to build on specific skills. The Club offers US Sailing Keelboat certification classes and lessons on sail shape and spinnaker handling. Looking to become a valuable racing crew member? Enroll in Crew U! Crew U will teach you the skills necessary to crew on most keelboats including rigging, sail trim and teamwork.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

From sportsmanship to friendship, from our ships 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.

REGULAR

This membership class offers the member and their immediate family, including children under the age of 21, 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 continues to grow. Enjoy dining, networking, social events, sailing lessons and so much more. Initiation fees and dues at this level are scaled appropriately based on your age.

JUNIOR

Junior Members under age 21 receive a tremendous advantage on Sailing School tuition.



APPLICATION PROCESS

The average application takes about three weeks or less for completion and approval. Please note that the timeline may vary dependent on whether or not you have a Club sponsor at the time you apply.

The Admissions Committee meets regularly to review membership applications. If your file is approved at the Admissions Committee meeting, you will then be invited to meet the committee.

Following the meeting, your file will then be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration at their monthly meeting. Upon payment of the initiation fee and Board approval, your member signature account will be activated, and you can begin using the Club.

If you have questions regarding membership, please contact Membership Marketing Director Emily Gaiamo at membership@chicagoyachtclub.org or call (312)861-7761.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in membership in the Chicago Yacht Club. We ask that you provide us information about yourself and your background. Completion of this form does not confer any rights to use Club facilities or membership privileges. Please complete this questionnaire. All information will be treated as personal and confidential. You can submit this form via mail or email to Membership Marketing Director Emily Giaino at membership@chicagoyachtclub.org.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

I. MEMBERSHIP

State type of membership desired:

- Regular (age 40+) Associate (age 22-39) Junior (age 21 and under)

II. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____ 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 _____

III. BUSINESS/PROFESSION *(Junior Applicants, please add parents' info below)*

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 _____

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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MEMBERSHIP INITIATION & DUES

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	INITIATION FEE	MONTHLY DUES	ANNUAL DUES
Regular (Age 40+)	\$5,500	\$310	\$3,690
Associate (Age 21-39)			
Associate 21	\$330	\$33.25	\$395.25
Associate 22	\$375	\$47.50	\$564.75
Associate 23	\$430	\$61.50	\$732
Associate 24	\$495	\$76.25	\$907.50
Associate 25	\$575	\$90.75	\$1,080
Associate 26	\$665	\$105	\$1,249
Associate 27	\$770	\$119.50	\$1,422
Associate 28	\$885	\$134	\$1,594.50
Associate 29	\$1,020	\$148.50	\$1,767
Associate 30	\$1,180	\$162.75	\$1,937.25
Associate 31	\$1,360	\$177.25	\$2,109.75
Associate 32	\$1,565	\$191.50	\$2,279.25
Associate 33	\$1,805	\$206.25	\$2,454.75
Associate 34	\$2,080	\$220.50	\$2,624.25
Associate 35	\$2,390	\$235	\$2,796.75
Associate 36	\$2,840	\$249.50	\$2,969.25
Associate 37	\$3,375	\$264	\$3,141.75
Associate 38	\$3,985	\$278	\$3,309
Associate 39	\$4,725	\$292.75	\$3,484.50
Junior (Age 0-21)	\$75	\$27	\$318

- No food or beverage minimum requirement.
- Regular and Associate memberships include spouse and children in the household under age 22.
- All members pay \$40 annual publications fee (includes Club Directory and Blinker).
- Ask about our finance options for Associate and Regular initiation fees.

Please contact Membership Marketing Director Emily Giaimo with any questions and to begin your application to Chicago Yacht Club.

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