

# Sunshine Bay

May 2026 Edition Newsletter

## YACHT CLUB

### DOCKS ARE IN!



From Dockmaster Andy: Big shout out to all of the help today. Everybody pitched in and got the job done safely and efficiently. I have never seen us done before lunch since I have been Dockmaster. It is a rewarding day for me to see all of the new construction fingers and spines come together so nicely. Thanks to Mike Mendzat for the great lunch also. (and for the great photo!)

### LAUNCHING THE FLEET MAY 16!

The ice is finally off the lake, and the boats that need craned in will be lined up at Wabamun Marina first thing Saturday, May 16. Please ensure you have your fees paid, insurance in place and waivers signed before the launch date. Volunteers needed for smooth launch operations! Refer to recent emails for details.

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# WELCOME FROM COMMODORE NICOLE SIKORA

Welcome back to all returning members, and a warm welcome to our new members! After a long wait for the stubborn ice on Wabamun Lake to finally disappear, we were thrilled to get the docks in the water. Thank you to all who helped with facilities opening and docks-in!

I'm excited to get the 2026 sailing season underway and truly honored to serve as Commodore this year. I look forward to working alongside our board and seeing all that our committees accomplish throughout the season. I'm especially excited to see what the Horticulture Committee has planned for our refreshed grounds.

Our racers are eager to get back on the water for Wednesday night sailing, and we hope to see some new faces join the fun as crew this season. Here's to a fantastic summer of sailing, friendship, and time on the lake!

## AGM / BOARD NEWS 2026

The Board of Directors held their Annual General Meeting on April 12, 2026 in Edmonton, AB. Your new and returning Board of Directors for 2026 / 2027 is:

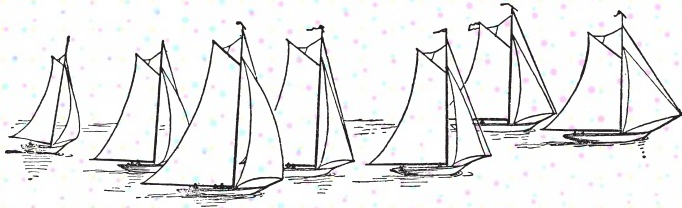
**Commodore** - Nicole Sikora  
**Vice Commodore** - Richard Schlachter  
**Secretary** - Avery Stobbe  
**Treasurer** - Craig Dirk  
**Membership** - Gerri Turner  
**Communications  
& Marketing** - Nicole Sharman  
**On Shore Events** - vacant  
**Fleet Captain** - Dan Meade  
**Facilities** - Lee Chrystal  
**Dockmaster** - Andy Minty



### WEBSITE - MEMBERS INFO

There is a members only area of our website that you can find lots of information, minutes of meetings, safety information, etc. Reach out to either Nicole for information on how to access.

# SAIL PAST AND MEET & GREET



Our Annual Club Sail Past is the traditional ceremony that opens the sailing season. Led by the Board of Directors, the procession often includes music, ceremonial remarks, and a blessing for the coming season. Club boats then sail past the docks, luffing their sails in salute to the Commodore or the reviewing vessel.

## MEET AND GREET

Following the formal ceremony, members are invited to the clubhouse for a Board-sponsored casual gathering. Appetizers and refreshments will be served as members mingle with the Board and fellow club members, socialize, and discuss the upcoming sailing season and club events.



A full events schedule has been posted to the Website under Noticeboard. Please review and remember to sign up early if you are interested in an event!

# REVIEW AND REFRESH

Please take a moment to review the Clubs Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct as well as our Clubhouse Etiquette, which will make life at the club enjoyable for everyone!

The SBYC Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct documents are available at [www.sunshinebay.org/membership](http://www.sunshinebay.org/membership)

SBYC Club Etiquette is on the next page for your reference. If you have any questions, please ask in Slack, or reach out to one of the board members for clarification.



## FIRE BAN STATUS

Be aware of Fire Bans and Restrictions. Check [albertafirebans.ca](http://albertafirebans.ca) if unsure. Our current status for Parkland County (May 14, 2026) is complete **FIRE BAN.**

## DON'T FORGET!



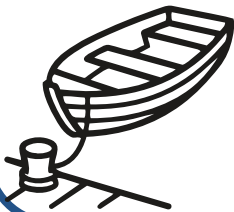
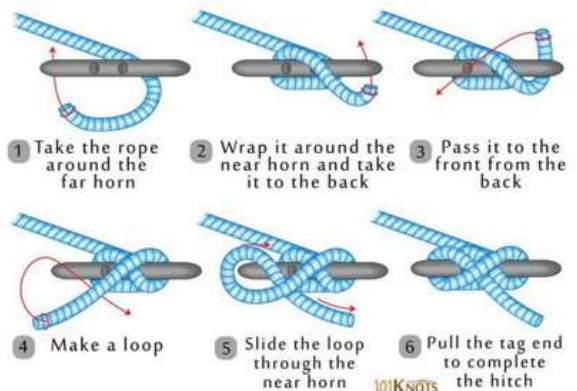
Do you have your contact information in the window of your boat in case of an emergency? You can find a template in the Members Only area of our website. Ask for access if you need it.

## DOCKS & SLIPS INFORMATION

Slip assignments have been issued by our Dockmaster for 2026!

Please refer to the Noticeboard page on our website for some important boat securing and dock lines info, as well as general tips and tricks for avoiding chafing of lines and docking tips.

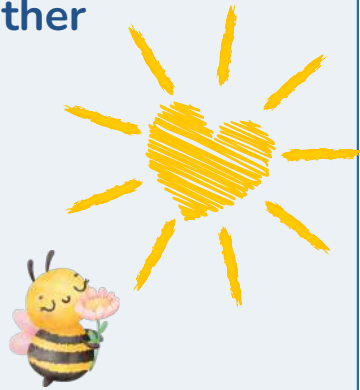
### Cleat Hitch Instructions



# Clubhouse Etiquette

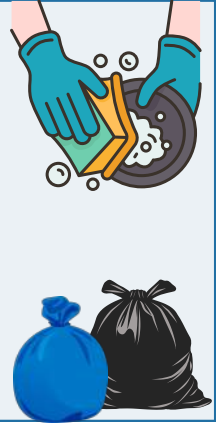
## Respect Each Other

Show kindness, understanding, and consideration to everyone in the clubhouse. Remember that everyone is there to enjoy the space, indoors and out.



## Keep it Clean

Clean up after yourself and contribute to a tidy clubhouse. Wash, dry and put away all of your used dishes. Also please clean toilet and sink areas after you use them, if they require cleaning. Take boat and trailer garbage home with you, the dumpster is only for clubhouse garbage.



## Pitch In

Please volunteer where you can to help if needed for events or general upkeep of the club. Facilities and events are provided for your benefit but are much more enjoyable when there's lots of help!



## Trailers / Parking Lot

Request temporary camping in the parking lot by contacting [vice\\_commodore@sunshinebay.org](mailto:vice_commodore@sunshinebay.org) or [membership@sunshinebay.org](mailto:membership@sunshinebay.org) PRIOR to arrival. Limited spaces available for \$25/night



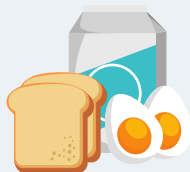
## Respect Septic Capacity

Our septic tank is only so big! Please keep showers short and do not flush anything other than small amounts of TP.



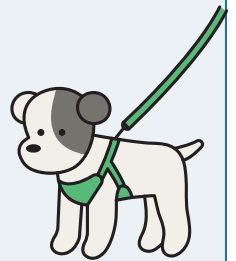
## Food Storage

Use Green Shack Fridge/Freezer **only**, keep clubhouse fridge for Event food.



## Pets

We love pets, but only when they're leashed and stay off the deck during club events. Otherwise, they can be leashed and with their owners on the lower deck (against the clubhouse), but never inside.



## CLUB WIFI

The clubhouse has Starlink WiFi for the members to access. The password for the network is posted on the inside of the clubhouse, on the bulletin board. Some have reported that the reach goes out to the docks / parking lot / camping areas!



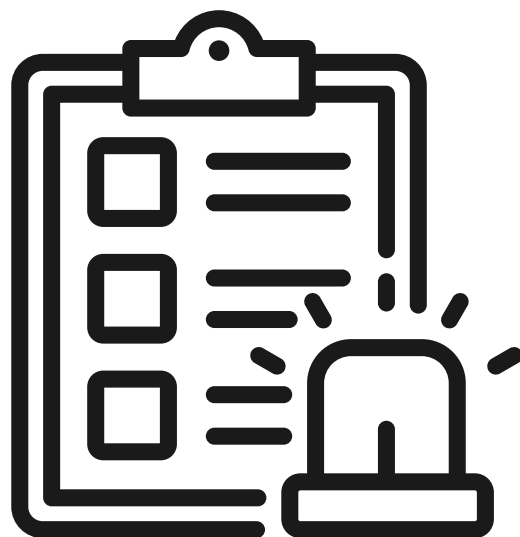
## ARE YOU READY TO FLOAT?

SBYC Alumni Barry Tonge has provided a really great resource for emergency preparedness, and it's listed on our website under Links.

Regular inspection of thru-hulls, seacocks, and hull integrity is vital to prevent sinking, as failures often occur below the waterline. Emergency supplies like plugs, patches, and tapes should be on board, with protocols to minimize pressure on fittings and ensure quick access. Closing all thru-hulls when away and lubricating fittings enhances safety; proper preparation and awareness are key to effective emergency response.

Read the whole article by referring to the link below, or navigate to [www.sunshinebay.org/sailing\\_links](http://www.sunshinebay.org/sailing_links):

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## CLUB COMMUNICATIONS



### TURN ON YOUR NOTIFICATIONS!

Don't miss out on the conversation! Things are going to start heating up, and now's the time to turn on those Notifications if you don't have them on. Remember, you have full control over which channels you tune into, your schedule for notifications and quiet times. All of the information being shared is in one place, so it's easily searchable and not lost in your emails!



Slack is our private, members-only communication platform where members can connect, stay informed, and share information in a secure space. Your phone number and email remain private, and the app works on Android, iOS, Mac, and Windows devices.

Slack is a great way to stay connected with club activities, find crew, share photos, buy and sell boating items, and keep up with club notices and events. We may even have a few fun contests and giveaways on Slack throughout the season!

Need access or help getting started?

Please contact Nicole Sharman at [communications@sunshinebay.org](mailto:communications@sunshinebay.org), or send Nicole a direct message on Slack if you are already a member.

Ways members are already using Slack:

- Buy and sell sailing or boating items in the [#buy-and-sell](#) channel
- Find crew or offer to crew for races and sailing opportunities in [#crew-opportunities](#)
- Stay up to date on club announcements in [#noticeboard](#)
- Volunteer for Race Committee Boat or discuss events in [#races-and-regattas](#)
- Share sailing, boating, anchoring, sunset, wildlife, travel, and pet photos in [#photos](#)
- Send private messages to individual members or groups
- Share helpful documents, links, and general conversation in [#random-chit-chat](#)

# WHALER TRAINING!

Whaler Training and Fire Pump Training will be held at the Clubhouse on Sunday, **June 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

All members who have not yet completed this training are asked to attend. In addition to providing valuable emergency response knowledge on the lake, members participating in racing and operating the committee boat must be signed off on the Whaler.

**Committee boat volunteers are very much needed this year for weekend races! No committee boat = no race!** Please reach out to Dan Meade, Fleet Captain for more info and to register for fleet events. [fleetcaptain@sunshinebay.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@sunshinebay.org)

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**QUESTIONS OR  
SUGGESTIONS?**

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