# Membership Policy

## Scope

This policy applies to all sailing organizations associated with sailing who wish to join Ontario Sailing.

## Policy

Ontario Sailing is a membership based organization that brings together groups of individuals from across the province of Ontario in pursuit of sailing and sailing related activities. These activities serve all ages and skill level. Within the Ontario Sailing membership there is a diverse group of individuals and organizations who are all part of Ontario's sailing community.

As the provincial sport organization responsible for sailing, in partnership with Sail Canada, we are linked to World Sailing Rules of Racing which allows the internationally recognized rules to apply to sailing within the province only when the designated person in charge is a member of an organization affiliated with Sail Canada. (Rule 46).

As such, in addition to the services Ontario Sailing provides members, being a member in good standing with Ontario Sailing allows the Racing Rules of Sailing to be applied to sailing activities that take place under the umbrella of each member organization.

To maintain membership within Ontario Sailing, each organization needs to ensure their financial obligations are kept up to date, they provide the requested organization information in a timely manner and ensure the club's actions and activities are in keeping with Ontario Sailing's mission and values. Additionally, any organization wishing to utilize the CANSail Learn to Sail and/or Learn to Cruise programs will be required to sign a contract before commencing activities as part of their annual membership process indicating their agreement to the fees payable per registered student.

*Board approved: June 2022*

---

## Operational Procedures

Ontario Sailing has created several categories for organizations and individuals to be able to purchase a membership to engage with Ontario Sailing. We have created definitions and fees for each category to be fair and equitable to all as much as possible.

We will work with any organization or individual wishing to join Ontario Sailing to ensure the fees are appropriate based on each organization's size.

Member Clubs – this includes yacht clubs, sailing clubs, community clubs and windsurfing clubs. This is our largest category and includes any organization that has a group of their own individual members involved in activities.
Member Camp - refers to camps who offer sailing instruction. A flat membership fee is paid
Member Affiliate - refers to associations outside of the club definition. Some examples include disabled sailing organizations and local handicapping associations. A flat membership fee is

paid.
Member Schools (Sailing Schools both Dinghies & Cruising Schools with Keelboats) - refers to schools or clubs who offer a learn-to-sail program. A flat membership fee is paid.

**Membership Fees effective 2025-2026 Fiscal Year**
*(Note unless otherwise noted, 50% of the fees collected are allocated to Sail Canada)*
**Organization Categories**
Member Clubs: Fees are based on club size; minimum payment is $638 annually.
Member Affiliate: $345.00 annually
Member Camp: $345.00 annually
Members Schools: $345.00 annually. This fee is required by all Dinghy Schools and all Cruising Schools.
New Member Clubs - fees set by taking the total number of sail boats owned by members and multiplying it by $24.00 per member (one per family unit only) plus $327.

**Individual Categories**
Maple Leaf Individual $36.00
CANSail Online Registration System Cost per Student Learn to Sail $24.00/Keelboat $24.00
Athletes $5.00
Coaches $5.00 (paid to Ontario Sailing from Sail Canada)
Tier One Ontario Sailing Team TBD - Team Year crosses fiscal year. (Fees in effect September 2024 were $11,000.00 ($11.00 to Sail Canada))

*Last reviewed: February 18, 2025*

*Operational procedures are not approved by the Board of Directors. Operational procedures are approved by the Executive Director.*