

WYC Cruising Program 2025

The Whitby Yacht Club cruising program is a fabulous way to meet your fellow club members and enjoy the services and hospitality of a large network of yacht clubs on Lake Ontario. Reciprocal bookings with other clubs mean that the WYC welcomes guests from those clubs, while our members can explore their clubs. The cruising program is open to all WYC member sailors and powerboaters.

Cruising allows members to visit other yacht clubs on Lake Ontario as a group, while enjoying the comfort of your own boat. For those new to boating or cruising, the cruising program is a terrific way to gain cruising experience by taking advantage of safety in numbers. Cruising can stimulate or improve your knowledge and interest in seamanship, navigation, and the overall handling of your vessel. Cruising also helps you to learn about unfamiliar places through the experiences and eyes of seasoned boaters, and it is a wonderful way to augment your navigational tools and Ports book with firsthand experience.

Typical schedule

A typical cruise combines the enjoyment of travelling by boat between clubs, an overnight stay away, and social time with club members. The flotilla of WYC boats journeys to the scheduled yacht club as a loose group. After arrival, the schedule might include a group BBQ or potluck or dinner at a local restaurant, dancing on the patio, costume or boat decoration competitions, shopping, swimming, a winery tour, or live theatre, depending on the location. The group departs the club the next day.

Moonlight cruises

The WYC cruising program also organizes and holds moonlight cruises throughout the season on the closest Friday evening to a full moon. A quick skippers meeting kicks off the fun, then the group sets sail under the splendor of the moon. Be creative – have a BBQ before heading out, dress your boat in a theme or with fancy lights, plan moonlight snacks, invite a few guests and join the flotilla of boats to share in the splendor of an evening sail as the moon dazzles you with its brilliance on the water.

Contact

The Cruise Director schedules the season's cruises, with volunteer Cruise Captains providing assistance during each scheduled cruise.

For more information about club cruising and moonlight cruises, or to volunteer as a Cruise Captain, contact Tina Reid, Cruise Director, at cruising@wyc.ca.