



AYC - Frequently Asked Questions



How to sign up & use the Kayaks and the J-22's

To sign up for a kayak just come down to the clubhouse or call and ask any instructor to make a reservation for a specific time or date. The current in the York River is very strong and we would recommend that you time your use of the kayaks to correspond to the tides – so go up river 1 hour before the tide changes, and then back to the clubhouse once the tide has changed. Another strategy is to paddle against the tide for the initial leg, then return to the club with the tide helping. Check in to the clubhouse at your scheduled time, and pick up a paddle and lifejacket, and someone will help you launch the kayak down on the docks.

In order to use the J-22's you will need to be 'checked out' by an instructor in terms of your knowledge and handling of the boat. Again, please call or stop by the clubhouse to make a reservation to be checked out. In most cases, this takes about 2 hours. You may also want to find some other AYC members that have been certified to use the J-22's and go on a sail or two with them to learn the ropes. Our instructors may decide that an individual sailing lesson or two is necessary before use of the boats. We do this when someone is close to competence, but rusty or inexperienced with salt water sailing, tides and currents. Once you have been certified, you are free to make a reservation for the J-22's. Remember that weekends tend to be very busy. If you do sail in the afternoon, you will have to be back to the mooring and docks by 5:30 as the club closes at 6pm. Instructors will ferry you back and forth to the boats.

How to use the York Harbor Reading Room for dinners

AYC has arranged for AYC members to use the York Harbor Reading Room (YHRR) for Thursday night dinners. Other available nights will be posted. Dinner starts at 6:30pm. You should call for a reservation at 363-2450 or 363-2562. When you are seated, identify yourself as an AYC member to your wait staff person. You will be given a slip that has the standard menu items (sandwiches, soups, etc.), and a special's menu for that evening. When you have made your selections, write it on the slip with your name and AYC at the top. There is no cash exchanged or tipping at the YHRR. YHRR will accept credit cards instead of you being billed. You can invite other friends besides your family members to join you for dinner, but they must charge their food and drinks through your credit card, or pay for their food directly on their own credit card.

AYC members are guests of YHRR, and we should be respect the privilege. Please dress appropriately for dinner (no jeans, and please wear collared shirts). Space is limited on the deck on nice evenings – you may want to consider sitting with others to free up tables – and to meet others. There will be certain days over the summer that YHRR will have events that conflict with the AYC dinners – check the calendar, or call in advance to check.

Can anyone come to the AYC summer events - even if we are only signed up for July lessons?

If you are an AYC member, all events for the summer are open to you and your family – even if your children are taking sailing or racing lessons in the first or second sessions.

What's the difference between a full member & a flag member?

There are two types of memberships at AYC – full members and flag members. The full membership is for families that want to use all the facilities of the club. The flag members are members that were typically members for many years, and want to continue to support the club – but don't use the facilities. The Flag Members have been very generous over the years in helping the club with donations, and financial support. In the last few years, there have been about 100 Full Members, and about 25 Flag Members.

I have guests visiting by boat this summer; can they use the club's facilities?

Your guests are welcome to use the AYC facilities, but they need to be accompanied by an AYC club member. They can use the main dock to unload and pick up people and supplies, but they cannot tie up for an extended period of time. Unfortunately, there are no AYC guest moorings that are available. Visiting by boat: Your guest can tie their dinghy up at our floats to access the village shops, restaurants for a limited time, and transient guest moorings are available through the Harbormaster (channel 9 or 16) for a small fee.

Does the shower in the clubhouse have hot water?

There is a hot water tank and therefore it "should" have hot water. The AYC clubhouse is 'modest' at best – no towels, scented soap or freshly cut flowers.

How can I use my AYC membership for privileges at other yacht clubs?

At the beginning of the summer, we issue an identification card for each AYC family. Many yacht clubs will offer reciprocity privileges and will allow other clubs to use their facilities. If you are planning a trip to another club on a cruise, the Commodore can write a letter of introduction to that club.

What's the chance of getting slip space at the club docks for my boat?

Boat slips do not turn over often, and there is a 15' limit to the length of the boat. You can be put on a waiting list by contacting the AYC Dockmaster. There are kayak rack spaces available each year. York Harbor Marine has slip and storage spaces available.

How can I get involved with some of the AYC committees?

AYC is a non-profit, 501C3 club. The club is led by the AYC officers and directors. There are 5 committees that help plan and run the club each year. These committees are: Finance, Membership, Sail & Education, Fleet, and Clubhouse. Please contact one of the club's officers for more information.

What are some of the restrictions for use of the club?

The AYC property and docks are owned by a family that have their residence directly behind the clubhouse. We have a long-term year lease, and a few restrictions for the use of the property. These restrictions include no alcohol of any sort and no or club activities after 6pm at night. Parking is very limited, and there is always a lot of activity dropping and picking up kids at the club. There is parking on York Street, and the club is just a short walk down Simpson Lane.

How do I buy those cool AYC sweatshirts?

AYC has a variety of logo merchandise available to the club members. In the clubhouse there are a sampling of the merchandise displayed on the wall. You can buy these items (assuming we have the right size!) from an instructor in the clubhouse. At various AYC summer events, we usually set up a table to sell the merchandise.

Who to contact to get more information?

Our sailing and racing instructors are very friendly and helpful, and anyone would be happy to answer your questions. Additionally below is a list of the AYC officers and directors with their summer phone numbers. They too will be more than willing to 'teach you the ropes'.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Doug Tuttle	Commodore	(207) 363-5420	Shappy Lapoint	Director	(207) 363-7833
Dan Morrison	Treasurer	(207) 363-3296	Dave Reynolds	Director	(207) 363-7968
Henry Harding	Secretary	(207)-363-9733	Marshall Jarvis	Director	(207) 363-3336
Jack Tracksler	Dockmaster	(207) 439-7405	Michael Brassard	Director	(207) 351-1196
			Chip Peter	Director	(207) 363-3368