

## **Guide for new members who know how to sail**

### **Testing**

If you know how to sail already you just have to:

- demonstrate your skills and
- go to the first class of the next White Sail course for an orientation session.

You must pass the Old Salt's Test, which is equivalent to White Sail III and is offered on Wednesdays as part of the Social Sail evenings or by arrangement, before you are allowed to take the boats out without another experienced sailor.

If you are a little rusty you can take the Spring Refresher Course which will review what you need to pass and/or do some paired sailing before taking the Old Salt's Test. If you never took White Sail III but learned to sail at the cottage or it has been a long time since you sailed get yourself assessed on a Wednesday to see what training you need, if any.

### **How we operate**

The club is run entirely by the members –there are no paid staff which is why it is so affordable. So please help out. There are jobs for everyone from cooking, to bringing drinking water from home, to helping plan or run a party, to taking beginners sailing, to firing guns for races. Volunteering is a great way to get know more club members and makes the club possible. We don't require specific volunteer commitments when you join. Just help out in whatever way works for you.

### **Getting involved with the club**

New members who know other members and feel part of the club have more fun and stay longer. If you pass the Old Salt's without taking a course it is recommended that you get involved early on in one or more of the following ways:

- Race Training (Monday evenings)
- Skills Building Course (Monday evenings)
- Bronze IV course
- Social Sailing (Wednesday evenings)
- Weekend paired sailing
- planning or running a party so that you get to know people at the club.

### **Resources**

The most up to date source of information on all aspects of the club is the website at:

**[www.sailtoronto.com](http://www.sailtoronto.com)**

Printed materials are the Members Handbook, the Rigging Guides, and recent copies of the Whisper Pole

### **Information**

If you want to talk to someone feel free to phone:

Paul Chandler (Commodore) for general information	(416) 467-5004
Fran Steacy about courses	(416) 465-3651
Mike Morrison or Ian Aukema about the Old Salts Test	(416) 488-3236
Beverly Knight (416) 850-0217 or Cathyann White	(416) 534-4695
Suzanne Young re: membership concerns	(416) 251-1773