



Join the Royal Victoria Yacht Club

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If you've ever wanted a place to get away from it all without leaving town, here it is.

A place to race...

Whether you want to race keel boats or dinghies, RVYC offers a secure harbour, great sailing and spectacular scenery. Racing takes place year-round: courses change but the excitement remains.

A place to cruise...

Power and sailing cruisers alike get together for scenic cruises to nearby islands. Most years, we organize a flotilla cruise to a more far-flung destination. Enjoy our dedicated outstations on Salt Spring Island and San Juan Island. Winter activities include hands-on educational seminars and cruising presentations.



A place for families to have fun...

Whether you have your own boat or sail one of ours, there is always something to do at RVYC. Our award-winning Juniors program is among the best in North America. Cruising, racing, learning or just hanging out – RVYC is a fun place to be!

A place to get away...

Enjoy your own piece of prime waterfront in Uplands on Cadboro Bay with an attractive and historic clubhouse, a comfortable pub, four-star dining and free parking.



AN INTERESTING HISTORY

Founded in June 1892, RVYC is the oldest yacht club in western Canada. The idea started some years earlier when a few local sailors hosted a race to celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday. The Club emerged when they needed a more extensive racing season and a place to swap racing stories. In 1911, we received a warrant from King George V permitting us to use the designation "Royal." Today, our patron is HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York.

SHORESIDE AMENITIES

Our clubhouse on Cadboro Bay opened in 1913 and has undergone a number of renovations over the years. Clubhouse amenities include a full dining room open from Wednesday to Sunday, a comfortable waterfront pub open every day, lounges and rooms for private functions. Dockside amenities include boat ramp, marine ways, hoist, cradles, workshop, change rooms, showers, laundry, and dry dock space for dinghies and small keelboats. We uphold the highest environmental standards for our dock services. We also maintain a small marina with a workshop in Sidney's Tsehum Harbour. Moorage at either location is by waitlist only.

RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES

RVYC members enjoy reciprocal privileges with over 130 yacht clubs in the Pacific Northwest and internationally. That means the next time you are in Vancouver, Seattle, Halifax, or even London or Acapulco, you have access to their moorage and clubhouse amenities.

RACING PROGRAM

RVYC organizes a number of regattas, including THRASH and Thermopylae, and the annual Swiftsure International Yacht Race—the premier yacht race in the Pacific Northwest. Members participate in regular Wednesday night and weekend racing. Popular racing fleets include Cal 20, Thunderbird, Martin 242, Mini 12, Star, J/80, Laser, Fireball and 470.

LEARN-TO-SAIL PROGRAMS FOR ALL

We offer Learn-to-Sail programs taught by Canadian Yachting Association-certified instructors to people of all ages and skill levels. Kids can start at age seven with Optimist dinghies. Adults and older kids learn to skipper and crew, tack, gybe and race on larger boats. Graduates of our programs have gone on to become national and international champions. While all our Learn-to-Sail programs are open to the public, members enjoy a discount.

OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS

We support several sailing teams who are preparing to compete in the Olympics and Paralympics.

PADDLERS

Our active kayaking group paddles regularly around local waters. We also undertake longer trips, with experienced leaders, to interesting and challenging destinations.

NO BOAT? NO PROBLEM!

We maintain Martin 242 and Cal 20 keelboats for members' use. Members may also participate in programs using the Club's own fleet of Mini 12s, Flying Juniors, and Lasers. If you want to crew on someone else's boat, an active crewbank on our website matches boat owners with people who'd like to get out for a race and improve their racing skills.



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