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Welcome to Britannia Yacht Club...



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The Britannia Yacht Club (BYC) is on the Ottawa River at the head of the Deschênes Rapids in the west end of Ottawa. It has a unique and picturesque location, unlike any other in Ottawa.

The lakeside atmosphere is tranquil and beautiful, and the grounds are outstanding for their space and character. It is Ottawa's best kept secret.

Incorporated in 1887, BYC is one of Canada's oldest and largest yacht clubs. This stretch of the Ottawa River offers 42 kilometres of scenic cruising water with well sheltered anchorages.

Private functions / Business meetings



The Britannia Yacht Club has, without a doubt, the finest venue for weddings, banquets, business meetings and

retreats in Ottawa, and is available to rent by the public for a competitive fee.

In the beautiful heritage clubhouse, you will enjoy professional attention in breathtaking

surroundings perfect for large or small meetings and occasions.

Many make BYC their "cottage in the city", enjoying boating, sailing, kayaking, swimming, tennis and great barbecues on the patio. The club has an active adult and youth sailing program. On Friday evenings during the sailing season, members and friends enjoy live entertainment in the clubhouse or under the marquee.

The upper level overlooking the Ottawa River can accommodate up to 200 people for dinner, dancing or conferences and seminars. The more intimate Sunset Lounge is ideal for smaller parties or meetings of up to 50. Food services are available to meet your needs. Choose from one of our gourmet menus or design your own meal for your event. Call or email us at info@byc.ca to arrange a tour and discuss your function in more detail.

Join us!



The Britannia Yacht Club provides a remarkable venue for members, friends, guests and visitors alike. We welcome the opportunity to host your next event and heartily invite you to explore your many options at BYC.

Directions

Pincrest exit off 417 head north. Turn right onto Richmond Road. Go straight through the intersection of Richmond and Carling. First light turn left onto Poulin Avenue. Poulin Avenue becomes Howe Street. Turn right at Britannia Road. Follow to end, left at last stop sign onto Cassels Street. Quick right into BYC parking lot.

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Sail away...



Racing

- evening racing programs Monday to Thursday
- classes of competition include: PHRF, JAM, One-Design Keelboat, Women's, Dinghy, Skiff and Sailboard
- races run in conjunction with other clubs on the lake
- long-distance events upriver almost every weekend

Hosted Regattas

- high-calibre local, national and international regattas
- Easter Seal Regatta
- the region's longest running regatta, the National Capital Regatta

Cruising

- 42 kilometres (25 miles) of picturesque sailing waters with a number of sheltered anchorages
- annual Cruise Week
- frequent social gatherings at upriver anchorages
- seasonal use of keelboat through a syndicate program (extra cost)

Boating Education

- a full range of sailing and boating programs for novices and experienced boaters alike – open to the general public
- boats and equipment supplied
- professionally led exciting courses and services
- accredited Canadian Yacht Association (CYA) Learn-to-Sail summer camp for juniors
- seminars and skill-building sessions for racers and cruisers
- safe-boating practices
- the Brigantine Black Jack operates from BYC harbour helping young people develop skills through challenging sail training



Youth Program

- certified sailing school (Junior Sailing Camp) in the summer for children and young adults (aged 8 to 18) – open to the general public
- boats and equipment supplied
- taught by CYA certified instructors
- all sailing levels from White Sail 1 (beginner) to Gold Sail (advanced)
- on-the-water and in-class instruction
- opportunities to compete in local and out-of-town regattas — Colin Brandy Olympic Fund to help with travel and racing fees
- tennis and social events included
- access to the Junior Clubhouse



Play, dance, dine...

The Clubhouse and Grounds

The clubhouse features the region's best view of the Ottawa River, fine dining and year round activities.

- large wood fireplace
- unique bar fashioned from a 30' Dragon-class sailboat
- 50" television
- marquee patio area
- covered front veranda
- library
- boutique
- meeting rooms
- wi-fi areas
- Sunset Room overlooking Lac Deschênes
- BBQ
- ample free parking
- picnic areas
- four outdoor tennis courts
- children's play area
- perimeter fence and on-site security

The Harbour

The club offers an excellent harbour with both Mediterranean and floating docks able to moor close to 300 keelboats and motorboats. Members drive up to their mooring and park. There are dry dock, storage and launch facilities for dinghies, canoes, kayaks and sailboards.

- sheltered harbour
- approximately 300 moorings for power and sailboats
- dockside electrical outlets
- launch area for sailboards
- service dock with gas, diesel, fresh water and pump-out
- two cranes and a ramp for self-launching
- spring and fall mobile crane service
- winter storage
- workshops and indoor storage available
- full-time harbour manager

Baskin's Beach Memorial Park

In 1947 some farsighted members purchased an acre of land at Baskin's Beach in memory of Club members who fought and died in World War II. This property is held in trust for the members of BYC. It is used for camping and picnicking and twice a year for Club-sponsored barbeques and parties. It is approximately a four-hour sail from the club and offers sheltered anchorage.



Tennis at BYC

BYC has an active tennis program that caters to all ages and skill levels. There are four lit plexi-pave courts. Activities include tournament play, round robins, single and doubles matches. We are affiliated with the National Capital Tennis Association and participate in inter-club competitions. Lessons are available from our club professional. The social activities of the tennis players are renowned for their fun and enthusiasm.

Social Events

Britannia Yacht Club hosts events for all ages. Our events are often open to the public and members may invite guests any time. For children and youth there are the family Christmas party, youth dances and other events at the junior clubhouse. Adults, friends and guests enjoy the New Year's Eve Gala, sommelier-led dinners, dinner-dances and other events year round. We also offer year-round dining, movie nights in the off-season and Friday night entertainment throughout the sailing season. As with other sailing clubs, the Commodore's Weekend in June is the social highlight of the sailing season.



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