**Commodore’s Message
April 2019**

**Dear FYC Members**

Sailing season is around the corner!! Club members have been working hard scheduling activities to ensure we spend a good part of our summer on the water. Be sure to mark your calendar for the **18th of May** when we will have our Spring Clean up, Club opening and BBQ lunch. On the 19th and 20st of May we hope to begin the weekend racing series, weather permitting, and finish off clean up, boat rigging, completion of the new bathrooms and begin boat ramp(s) renovation. These are great opportunities to meet other members and work together to get the club up and running for the summer. Make sure you come with your working gloves to give a hand! Grounds/Harbour Master, Al has prepared a separate document which provides more information regarding the various duties to be completed.

Be sure to check out our newly revamped website at: [*falconyachtclub.ca*](http://falconyachtclub.ca). The website includes: the calendar of activities, a downloadable membership form, By-laws, the member responsibility policy, a list of Board members and membership list. Remember, we’re also active on Facebook and Instagram.

We have a terrific, inclusive activity schedule with something for all levels of sailing experience. In addition to the usual weekend racing schedule, we have planned 3 keelboat races (everyone should be on the water in a boat), 2 skill development clinics, 2 clinics to learn how to drive the rescue boats, a catamaran cup series, continuation of the ladies’ Learn to Sail along with a weekday ladies racing program, plus the usual BBQ’s and, of course, the Commodore’s Cup and evening BBQ on **August 24**. Significant events are noted on the schedule below, but be sure to see the full calendar on the website.

Similar to previous years, the MB sailing team will be training periodically at Falcon in the latter part of July.

Sail Manitoba’s Mobile Sailing School will be at FYC from July 15th to 19st. The youth program will run in the mornings followed by the Ladies LTS Program in the afternoons. A weekend Intro to Sailing Course will be held July 13 & 14. Be sure to invite your friends and colleagues. Registration and payment can be done directly from the website ( [*falconyachtclub.ca*](http://falconyachtclub.ca)*).*

As usual, weather permitting we hope to sail during September with close up on September 28th.

Attached you will find the 2019 Membership Renewal Form. Please return the signed form along with payment to Penny Kelly no later than **May 31** (or bring to the club opening day). Information on how to submit your renewal is at the bottom of the form. Please be prompt with your registration.  The late fee will apply to all members who do not get their fees in on time.

Finally, we are a group of volunteers. Our Member Responsibility Policy reflects our desire to ensure a fair distribution of club maintenance and operation responsibilities while recognizing the diverse profile of our membership all the while retaining exceptionally low membership fees. The Policy identifies the numerous activities that allow the club to be sustainable. We encourage all members to seek opportunities to volunteer some of their time towards these activities, including participation on the Board. Al will post a lawn mowing schedule in the club house. Be sure to sign up to take a turn mowing the lawn (or remit a $25 fee).

I wish you all a great and fun sailing season!

Sincerely

Sharlene Telles-Langdon

Commodore
Falcon Yacht Club

**FYC 2019 Key Dates –** Please see the website for a complete schedule (falconyachtclub.ca)

May 18 All day Club opening & lunch

May 19 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Club races start, weather permitting

June 15 5:00 pm – 11:45 pm Folk Dance Club eve

June 23 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Keelboat race

June 29 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Motorboat training

June 30 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Sail Better Workshop TBC

July 7 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Motorboat training

July 13 & 14 All day Introduction to sailing; adults starts

July 15 LTS Starts

July 7 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Motorboat training

July 31 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Women's racing starts

August 4 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Keelboat race

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Evening BBQ

August 10 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Better Sailing Workshop 2

August 24 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Commodore's Cup

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Evening BBQ

September 1 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Keelboat race

September 28 All day Club close-up

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