

Portland Yacht Club



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Portland Yacht Club had its beginnings in 1908 as the Willamette Motor Boat Club, later named the Portland Motor Boat Club. The club received its present name in 1926. The current clubhouse was built in 1952 after the original was damaged during the Vanport Flood of 1948. PYC members have been active in sailboat racing since the club moved to the Columbia River in the early 1920s. PYC has produced many winning boats, including the Ticonderoga, which was first to finish in the 1963 and 1965 Trans-Pacific Race.

PYC will present several sailing events this year including the Rose Festival Regatta, Commodore's Race, Fall Regatta, and the season finale, the Robert A. Smith Regatta. To promote active participation both on and off the water for all sailors, social activities are held at the PYC clubhouse after many events. The annual Sailors' Dinner in April is open to non-PYC members and guests. A major participant and sponsor of sailing races and regattas, PYC has talented and extremely competitive sailors who score high in these events. PYC sailors compete in regattas around the Northwest and also participate in major events such as the Oregon Offshore, Swiftsure and Pacific Cup. PYC has an annual 'members only' event. The Mauni Elliot regatta is run the first 4 Wednesdays in June. To prepare our club crews we have scheduled a Beer Can two weeks before the first race.

PYC and Willamette Sailing Club have partnered to offer youth sailing programs.