

How Belwood Lake Sailing Club (BLSC) works - 2022

BLSC is a volunteer run club, of sailors, paddlers, windsurfers and those who enjoy Belwood Lake and it has no employees. This means that all members are expected to help other club members when at the club. Members are also expected during each visit to the club to do things like taking their garbage and recycling home, stacking the plastic Adirondack chairs after use, giving the dock a scrub if the geese have left a mess, putting a new roll of toilet paper on the dispenser if they empty the roll, washing any dishes used, assisting with pushing the docks out and cleaning the BBQ after use.

To keep the maintenance of the club in good order, each member is asked to indicate their choice of volunteer duty when renewing in the spring. Members that pay the \$100 participation exception fee when paying their yearly membership are not assigned a volunteer duty.

The club does NOT have any rental boats, in water slips to moor boats nor does it offer lessons. The club has a number of cameras in place to protect the safety of members and discourage vandalism and trespassing.

If you have a question or see something isn't working: email publicity@blsc.on.ca

BLSC has been following the guidance of [WDGPH](#) since the beginning of the 2020. The club will continue to follow that guidance to protect its members and the community.

Here are some simple everyday things you can do to protect yourself and others:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wear a mask when in:
 - Crowded spaces with many people nearby.
 - Close contact, especially with close conversation.
 - Confined and enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.
- Maintain 2 meters distance from others.
- Stay home when you are ill.
- Use rapid tests or get a PCR test if eligible.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the garbage and wash your hands.
- If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm.

Note that none of the buildings at BLSC have any type of ventilation system. Open doors and/or windows provide the only source of fresh air.

BLSC HAS MANY AMENITIES

Secure locked gate: At the entrance to the club is a secure metal gate that is kept locked at all times. Members use their key to open the lock, swing the gate open, drive through, and then **close and lock the gate**.

Key: Upon joining each member is issued a club key. This opens the gate lock and all buildings as well as the propane cage. There is a \$10 charge for each key and a family can request more than one key.

Clubhouse: Directly in front of you as you drive into the club is the clubhouse. The clubhouse door is unlocked by the first person arriving for the day. The last person leaving ensures the clubhouse lights are turned off and the door is closed and locked. The clubhouse has washrooms with hot and cold running water (water is from a deep well and is tested each May with the test results posted in the kitchen area), kitchen, ping pong table, and a good sized gathering area for meetings and social occasions. Please do not bring pets inside the clubhouse and no smoking/vaping in the clubhouse, deck or any buildings is permitted. There is a ramp for wheelchair access and a spacious deck on the lakeside. The section of the clubhouse away from the lake is a storage and workshop room (see below), and also has a curtained off change area for members. At the rear of the clubhouse is the tile bed which is roped off as a reminder that it should not be driven over. The clubhouse is stocked with toilet paper, cleaning supplies, plates and cutlery, and complimentary coffee, tea, hot chocolate, sugar, coffee whitener is in the kitchen. During the season one fridge is for short term member use while at the club. The other fridge is stocked with complimentary assorted free drinks – members are asked to take the drink containers home and recycle them. The small freezer beside the clubhouse door is stocked with free frozen treats June until the end of August.

First Aid Kit: A fully stocked first aid kit is kept in the clubhouse for emergencies. There is an AED in the clubhouse, located beside the first aid kit - both are on the wall between the two washrooms.

Phone: There is NO phone at the club but there is cell phone reception available at the club. Members should bring a full charged cell phone when coming to the club so that they can call 911 in case of an emergency. Members can also access the Emergency Procedures that are posted around the club.

Parking: The main parking is to the left of the driveway into the club. There are accessible parking spots by the clubhouse for use by members who have an accessible parking pass. Members may also park near their boats if there is room without blocking access. Parking along the lakeshore is discouraged.

Docks: There are two docks. The brown EZE ramp dock is for launching and has a concrete ramp. Once your boat is in the water, please move it to the other black

mooring dock as soon as possible to leave the ramp available for others to launch or remove their boat. Please do not tie up your boat to the brown EZE ramp dock or block the kayak/canoe EZE launcher. Swimming off the docks is not permitted. Please use the designated swim area. Children under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult. Water shoes are highly recommended while on the water front, swimming or boating.

Garages: There are two garages next to each other on the left as you turn into the field. The first garage has lawn mowers, gas powered weed trimmer and grounds maintenance supplies like rakes and shovels and an air compressor. Safety glasses are provided in the garage for use by members or members may wear their own. The wearing of safety glasses and shoes is strongly recommended to reduce the risk of injury. Please be careful when cutting grass and other members are nearby. The second garage is used to store the committee boats and racing equipment. The committee boat trailers have hitch locks as required by the club's insurance policy.

Boat parking spots: All members have an assigned boat parking spot. Please do NOT move your boat into a spot that is not assigned to you. Do not park your car in a boat parking spot that is not assigned to you. Members are strongly encouraged to have hitch locks on their trailers and secure all removable items like paddles, motors, gas tanks, seat cushions etc. Members are also encouraged to have a boat box that locks behind their boat to store items. Please put this boat box on a raised platform to help with grass trimming. Please do not cover the boat parking spot concrete marker. Members are responsible for insuring their boat(s) and trailer/dolly. The club does not have insurance on members' possessions or personal liability.

Boathouse and Racks: Behind the clubhouse is the boathouse where canoes and kayaks can be stored indoors for an additional fee. There is limited space here. All canoes, kayaks, SUPs and windsurfers at the club must be stored on the club's provided racks, on the member's assigned rack. Racks are located in three different areas on the club grounds. Please secure your boat to the rack.

BBQs: There are three propane BBQs next to the clubhouse deck which may be used by members. Brush them off well after use. Spare propane tanks are located in the yellow propane cage behind the clubhouse

Picnic Tables & Adirondack chairs: There are many picnic tables and plastic Adirondack chairs scattered around the entire property. Trees provide good shade in the area facing the lake. Members are asked to stack the chairs after use to prevent them from being damaged by wind or storms.

Play Equipment: Swings, teeter-totter, naturalized play area and a sand box are under the trees in the picnic area. There is a Siren sailboat located near the sandbox. Children may use any of these but must be under active parental supervision.

Fire Ring: In the central grassy area, members will find a steel fire ring with wood stacked nearby. As per the GRCA license this is the only location at the club that can have an open fire. The yearly fire permit is posted in the clubhouse. Please bring your own newspaper and lighter to start the fire. The use of gasoline or other fuels to ignite a fire is not permitted. Members are requested to bring their own tools to roast marshmallows or cook other food – please do not cut branches off trees at the club. When done with your fire, please fully extinguish it using the provided bucket and water. If the county announces a fire ban, the fire ring will be closed and a notice posted.

Camping: Appendix A of the license Belwood Lake Sailing Club (BLSC) signed with the GRCA, states:

11. The parking or placing of any tent, tent or other camper trailer, mobile home, houseboat, or similar vehicles or equipment on the Subject Lands or the Lake shall be prohibited without the express written consent of the Licensor, which consent may be unreasonably or arbitrarily withheld. The Licensee shall deliver to the Licensor on or before the beginning of the season each and every year during the term and the renewed term, if applicable, a letter requesting camping during special events scheduled for that year and Club procedures and policies governing member camping at other times.

Camping has been approved by the GRCA with the following requirements.

The club may offer overnight camping at BLSC this season. Only members of the club are permitted to camp.

1. Members place their camper/tent in one of the two signed and designated member camping areas. One is behind the clubhouse and the other is in the open grassy field about 200 metres from the clubhouse. Note that both of these areas have enough space to accommodate several members and their families while ensuring lots of space between campers. There are no formal serviced or unserviced sites or pump out facilities.
 2. Members may stay for only a few days with the maximum stay being one week.
 3. Members take all garbage and recycling home with them, which is what all members do when they visit the club on a day use visit.
- Camping begins May 20 and ends October 10 (May to Oct. long weekends)

Programs: The club offers a variety of programs such as racing, paddling and casual cruising and social events, at no additional fee, for members. Additional information about location, dates and requirements for participation are provided to members on the secure section of the website as well as in the messages to all members.

<https://portal.newblsc.ca/events/1> <https://portal.newblsc.ca/events/2>

Lockers: There are lockers in the clubhouse storage room which are used by members on a first-come first-serve basis. See below for general storage guidelines.

Storing your Possessions - STORAGE ROOM GUIDELINES

- You may only store your belongings in the rafters or in a locker. Please do not store anything on top of the lockers.
- Do not store personal items that are not boat related like lawn chairs or bicycles in the storage area, or large items like dollies or canoes.
- You may store long and thin items like mast, booms or spinnaker poles and paddles neatly in the rafters. Smaller masts, booms and spinnaker poles and paddles maybe stored in the racking on the bottom shelves. Please make sure that each item is clearly marked with your name. Sails that are rolled up are to be stored in builder tubes in the racking.
- Lockers must be identified with a label showing your name. Lockers without names on them will be opened and the contents removed.
- All life jackets, tarps, bumpers and sails in bags must be stored in lockers.
- ANY ITEMS THAT ARE IN THE STORAGE AREA MUST BE MARKED WITH THE MEMBER'S NAME ON IT. IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE ITEM IT MAY BE REMOVED.