



Welcome back to the Old salts Seniors canoe club!!

We enjoyed a very successful season last year, in spite of Covid and look forward getting back on the water and canoeing our favourite waterways We hope you will join us (3) Thank you for your support, whether you canoed or not!

If you know of anyone who wishes to join our club, refer them to our website which can be accessed here: <u>Old Salts Web Site</u>.



Membership Registration Meeting

We are very pleased that we will be able to hold an in-person membership registration meeting this year. This event is a chance for members to get to know one another via a meet and greet atmosphere (members should remember to wear their name tags). You will be able sign up to to renew your membership, register for training, and hear short presentations by our Club Board members on what to expect for the coming season.

When: Tuesday, March 22nd Where: Rim Park Waterloo, ON. Time: 1:00 pm (doors open) -3:00 pm. If you can't make it, please let me know.

The membership fee is still **\$40**. Your membership is assured when you submit the fees along with completed and signed forms (2 sides - one side is the membership portion, the back side is the waiver/agreement portion that must be signed.) You can either bring the form and fees to the membership registration meeting or submit everything via mail or drop off at: **132 Kesselring Ct**. **Kitchener, ON N2E2P2.** Please bring a cheque or cash. We will not be handling change, so please bring exact amounts. Unfortunately we are still unable to offer the direct-transfer option.

The membership registration form can be found <u>here</u>. Hard copies of the registration form will be available at the meeting for anyone without a printer. More membership information can be found <u>here</u>.



OSSCC Club Handbook & Rules

This is a booklet that outlines everything a member needs to know about our club and is a good reference to have at your fingertips. It also has water safety information, how to read the river, canoe strokes, etc. Members have had access to this handbook on our club blog but have also expressed an interest in having a hard copy available. To this end, we will have printed copies available at the membership registration meeting to purchase (\$10). This handbook is a wonderful resource and we encourage all members to read it and refer to it when required.

Training

We are pleased that this year we will be able to offer a full training program (less pool training). Most members haven't had any training in a while and may want to brush up on their skills. For our new members from last year...you will be able to sign up for the training that wasn't available in 2021. The membership registration meeting is the perfect place to sign up for training and have questions answered by our Training Co-ordinator. Safety for all our members is of the upmost importance to us as a club which is why beginner canoe training is mandatory for all new members. This is so skill levels can be assessed and our trip leaders and future partners can be assured you have the required abilities for the types trips you want to participate in. (If you are already trained and/or ORCKA certified, please see the Training Co-ordinator at the meeting).

Fees for training are reasonable and the sessions themselves are very informative and worthwhile. These sessions are also a lot of fun and a great way to meet new people and start the canoe season under the guidance of a qualified instructor and experienced volunteer members. We have some great trips planned this season that you won't want to miss!

You can see the schedule, course descriptions and fees here: Canoe Training

2022 Canoe Schedule

The Trip Planning Committee has put together a wonderfully diverse schedule that includes some new trips that most of us haven't done before and most of our favourites. The 2022 trip schedule will be posted <u>here.</u>

Social Events

Although canoeing is our main focus, many of our members like to organize and get together for other events both during and after the canoe season. If you have any ideas, let the Social Committee Chair know at the meeting. See: <u>Other Activities</u>

Bondi

The BOD is thinking of resurrecting BONDI for the fall if there is enough interest. If you think this is something you would like to see, please let us know at <u>info@oldsaltsclub.com</u>

Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of our club. Without them, we would not be able to operate. When you complete your registration form, don't forget to check something in the volunteer section. Everyone should be able to contribute in some capacity. We especially need Trip Leaders and Towers. To that end, we will be offering training workshops so everyone will know what is required and what to do. We also ask members to consider becoming part of the Board of Directors as we have some current members stepping down at the end of 2022.

Finally, we look forward to meeting you at the membership registration meeting. Please note that although covid restrictions are changing daily, the City of Waterloo requires that we wear masks in their facilities.

We hope to see you at the meeting! If you have any other questions or concerns before then, please call or email me at <u>info@oldsaltsclub.com</u>

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