

**EXEC231205-5b - ONCA Letter to Members**

Dear CIYC Member

Re: Ontario not For Profit Act “ONCA”

The Ontario Government passed an act that changed the way Ontario Not for Profit Corporations do business. This was intended to clarify and make the rules for not for profits to run more unified. This Act is now law and the actions for clubs such as ourselves is mandatory.

To ensure compliance, we have set up an ONCA Committee who themselves have worked closely with the advisory and legal arms of Ontario Sail to ensure compliance. To date, the following actions have been taken. That is, the rewriting and simplification of our Bylaws to meet the requirements of the Act. These Bylaws appear quite different as many items that were in previous Bylaws will now be transferred to Policies and Procedures, the intent of which, is to allow membership to change operational items with greater ease and flexibility. In short, our Bylaws were too complex.

Whilst we need to review and vote on the new Bylaws, we really have little choice. If we do not comply with the Act then, by law, we will be required to follow a set of standardized Bylaws that do not precisely fit our needs.

The second phase, for now, will be to take those items in our current Bylaws and move them to Policies and Procedures so we may preserve these important tenents until such time that we can review and rewrite the Policies and Procedures, which will be the third step.

It seems like a lot of work but as stated, we must be in compliance.

Thanks for your understanding  
The ONCA Committee