

Mainsheet

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Commodore: Stephen Hill

Commodore's Message

Well winter is over and spring is here and it's time to start thinking about sailing once again. The power boats are getting their spring tune ups and it looks like we should be able to get started on time this year as Spring Clean-up will be on May 1st. Gordon Shepherd our Shore Captain will be leading us on that day so bring your tools and maybe a good pair of work gloves.

For the last few weekends Neil Dickey has been working with a team of volunteers to finish off the main floor renovation. They are doing the finishing carpentry around the windows, filling nail holes and putting a fresh coat of paint on the walls. They should have it done before the clean up.

We will be having a Training weekend again this year on May 8 & 9. There will be a race management course and water safety course with a focus on equipment operations too. So remember to sign up when the e-mails come out.

We have yet to fill a few positions like the SailWeek Coordinators and we are looking for a new Club Archivist, as Keith would like to retire from the position. So if any one would like to step up to the plate just give me a call.

See you at the Clean Up on May 1st.

Stephen Hill

Commodore





Exciting changes for Wabamun Sailing Club race management

The club's Saturday and Sunday race management program has been rather static and not kept up with the available technology. Up to now

the race course length and configurations have not been consistent from week to week. GPS technology is being used for the Open events but for weekend events race officers are guessing distances and angles. Also, the club is seriously lacking certified race officers. This impacts our regatta budgets because we have to bring in certified race officers from out of town. **During this year's training weekend there will be three sessions to help new and existing members to understand the use of our equipment and to run fair and consistent races:**

1. May 8, 10:00 - How to set a race course for WSC weekend races.

In this session you will learn how to use GPS technology to set a course. The WSC OD manual has been rewritten to include this new process. It should be noted that all weekend races are expected to be GPS based courses. The updated manual has all the information to execute this process. Here is a link to the manual: <http://www.wabamunsailingclub.ab.ca/index.php?Page=626.0> All members of a weekend race committee team should be able to follow this basic process. Racing experience is not a prerequisite for learning this process. In the case that you are not able to attend the training weekend May 8th, there are 9 members who you can contact to receive this GPS training. These people are:

- Vern Willett
- Frank Kortbeek
- Allen Rempel
- Hannah Rempel
- Jordyce van Muyden
- Peter van Muyden
- Stacey Gibbs
- Bruce Barrs
- Judy Townsend

You will need to make your own arrangements with

these people and this training must happen before your day of race management duty.

2. May 8, 14:00 - Safety review and how to use the on the water equipment.

Safety is an important aspect of the Wabamun Sailing Club and it is necessary that the membership know where the equipment is and how to use it. It should be noted that by law and club policy all motor boat drivers must have their Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate (PCOC).

3. May 9, 10:00 - Assistant Race Officer (ARO) training course. The fee is \$30 and includes a training manual.

Come and learn to join the Race Committee Team! This course covers the first of 4 levels of race management. The attendees will learn how to be a member of a race management team. This is the best way to learn the proper way to run races. Learning from others might transfer their bad habits to you.

In conclusion, I would like to share that the OD schedule will be coming out soon. It will be about sound racing foundations, teaching, training, encouragement of this new race format and a mentorship role to encourage another 50 years of successful racing at the Wabamun Sailing Club. When you see the new Officer of the Day schedule it will take some explanation. What we have arranged is a lead for each weekend. Saturday the lead OD would be teaching how to run a race and then on the Sunday we have the person being mentored stepping up and running the Sunday race. This is of course, with the lead close at hand, guiding, encouraging and facilitating another well run race. If you should have any questions about this, I would love to answer questions to this change in format.

That being said about the leads for each weekend, we STRONGLY encourage the leaders to be at the Race management weekend May 8-9th Please also make sure that you have done your PCOC, which can be done over the internet at <http://www.boatsmartexam.com>. Finally, please read the updated OD manual and the ARO course announcement which can be found @ <http://www.wabamunsailingclub.ab.ca/index.php?Page=626.0>

Cheers to another season of sailing,

Hannah Rempel

Fleet Captain

Spring Cleanup 2010

Hello all. Winter is behind us (according to the calendar) and the time-honored rite of spring that is known as “the Spring Cleanup” is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st. We will meet at 10:00 am, bring the family! Kids can always be put to work cleaning windows or chasing spiders out of the washrooms. I hope to see you all there to kick off the sailing year and get the club in good shape for summer. I should mention another time-honoured rite: “the Spring Chili”, pots of chili simmering away in the kitchen while we work. The better the turnout, the quicker we`ll be done and getting (re)acquainted over a chili supper.

One of the projects will be tree-pruning. This includes cutting back and possibly cutting down some of the willows. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact me BEFORE Spring Clean-Up so that we can come up with a game plan.

Currently the Clean-Up list includes but is not limited to:

Launch of all of the equipment

General cleanup of the entire clubhouse and grounds

Tree-pruning

Clean up, fill and level Marg’s trailer stall

Level the camping area beside the boathouse

Paint the lockers in the boathouse expansion (weather dependent)

Build 2 new dock sections

Reseal or apply weather treatment to the deck (also weather dependent)

Paint trim and caulk / seal windows

Order of launch:

Pier

Boat hoists

Ramps (including a ramp on the east side of the pier if possible)

Whalers

Locate mooring chain

Mooring buoy

Barge

Finally, the Club is still in need of an Equipment Manager. No experience necessary! If you are so inclined please contact myself or Stephen Hill.

Thanks in advance,

Gord Shepherd

Shore Captain





Wayne, Adrian Rootsaert, John Henderson, PVM, and Dean Rootsaert sailing their Victorias



Dan Sorochan and friends - Photo taken by Ross Cheriton

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Last weekend's race, June 18th, was pretty exciting for the five boats that took part - one capsized and two broken tillers. Gerry Van Wachem was declared the winner after Fred De Giest who crossed the finish line first, reported he had struck one of the marks on the finishing line. A warm welcome to two new Wabamun sailers, Walter Spotowski (Y972) and Dr. Bill Cochrane (Y287).

All Y Flyer owners intending to take part in the Nationals to be held at Seba July 27th, 28th and 29th, must have their five dollar (\$5.00) Annual Dues paid to the Y Flyer Association if they wish to compete. The address of the Canadian Y Flyer Association is: c/o Mrs. Irene Steffen, 49 Winston Circle, Point Claire, Quebec. Also please take note that the number of entries for the Gold Fleet from each club will be restricted, although there are no restrictions on the number of entries in the Red Fleet at the Nationals. The method of elimination to be used for our club will be the results of Series Racing between next weekend up to and including July 17th, 1966. The reason for the elimination in regard to the Gold Fleet is that only thirty yachts are permitted to sail in the Gold Fleet. Since there will be ten representatives from Eastern Canada, this means only twenty places are left for the seven Western Canadian Clubs (Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Glenmore, Seba, Pigeon and Wabamun). The number of representatives a club will be allowed to sail in the Gold Fleet will be determined by the number of paid up Y members in each club - so fellows here's another reason to get those dues in.

Club Property: We have reached agreement with Mr. George Prudham (the landlord of Prudham Point) for the purchase of 2 1/4 acres of lake front property. We are at present discussing with our legal advisers the proper corporate arrangement to handle and finance the property. We expect to have all details worked out within a few days at which time we will send out a special bulletin.

See you at the starting line!

Walter Howard - Editor (Acting and Unpaid)

First ever Mainsheet—it was one page



Victorias rounding a mark



Victoria fleet ashore

Wanted: 2 person monohull sailboat, in good condition, suitable for a new sailor .

Interested in Taser or Enterprise but open to other options.

Call Doug at 780-467-4132 in evenings or send email to dm.flowers@shaw.ca.



Notice from the membership chair

The April Mainsheet will be the last version mailed out to all WSC members. The next Mainsheet will only be mailed to those members who requested a hard copy on their 2010 membership renewal form. An electronic version will be posted on the website and an email will be sent out to let you know when the latest version is available. This is a cost saving venture with the added advantage of being green. As well, internet links to other sites can be now included in articles. This will be also the last Mainsheet for you if you have not paid your 2010 dues.

Peter van Muyden



Northern Alberta Sailing College

In 2010 the Northern Alberta Sailing College will hold sailing lessons at the Wabamun Sailing Club (WSC) and the Edmonton Yacht Club (EYC).

The full-time weekday instructors will be Brittany, Dylan, Eve Dewart, Kiana Matwichuk and Dan Wiles. Our weekend instructors will again be Alison, Alisdair, Laurie and a returning Cam Manning.

Class sizes are always limited by the number of boats, but this year the NASC 420 fleet will be expanded by three to a total of nine boats.

NASC will hold its courses at Seba until after the Western Intermediate Sailing Championships (WISC) and come to WSC for sailweek and the week following. The courses will then be taught at Seba for 2 weeks in August.

The courses are divided up into Basic (White Sail 1 and 2) and Advanced (White Sail 3, Bronze 4 and above). All weeks will have both basic and advanced sailing. The 2 weeks starting July 5 leading up to WISC will have an emphasis on racing to encourage those that might be interested in participating in this event.

Week 3 is WSC Sailweek, This week is always busy for NASC with the addition of Puddle Jumpers and WSC activities, so register early.

Students interested in taking Bronze 5 should contact NASC before the year starts in order to set up an individualized program.

Remember, NASC originally started as a combined effort of the Wabamun Sailing Club and the Edmonton Yacht Club as an arm of both clubs to teach sailing at Lake Wabamun. It is a non-profit organization. Five of the seven board members, Frank Grell, Roy Tichkowsky, Fritz Martens, Alison Rayner and myself are all members of the Wabamun Sailing Club. You are welcome to contact any of us if you have questions or concerns.

Details of the courses are at the NASC web site:

<http://www.northernalbertasailingcollege.com/>.

Application forms: [http://](http://www.northernalbertasailingcollege.com/signup.htm)

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Your early return of applications to our registrar Fritz Martens helps make planning easier. If you bring your own boat in working order (meeting the approval of the instructors), to an advanced course, there is a 20% discount.

The NASC would like to thank WSC, EYC, the Alberta Sailing Association, the Alberta STEP program, Alberta Lotteries Community Initiatives Program and the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation for their support.

Yours sincerely,

John Henderson, NASC President

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Life is like sailing.

Sometimes it's rough,

Sometimes it's simple.

Sometimes you must be strong

But also be nimble.

Both of which are pleasing to me,

Life is sailing out on the sea.

--Paris Billings age 11 - Junior Sailor.