



IN 2009 CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY THE FIRST COMMODORE'S SAILPAST RECEPTION in the newly completed second floor of the clubhouse.
Photo by Robert Rose



An important change in the club in the 2000s was that the membership numbers increased. Previously there had been about a twenty year lull from 1986 to 2006.

For the first time in many years, the club executive had the problem of lack of boat stalls for members. It was a healthy problem to have.

The 2000s was another active decade for hosting regattas. Here is a brief list:

- 2000 Sail West
- 2000 Laser Midwest Championships
- 2001 Canadian Laser Master Championships
- 2002 Western Canadian Laser Masters Championships
- 2003 Sea Spray Nationals
- 2004 Western Canadian Laser Masters Championships
- 2005 Canadian Laser Master Championships
- 2005 CYA U-16 Western National Sailing Championships
- 2006 Western Canadian Laser Masters Championships
- 2006 CYA Youth National Sailing Championship
- 2007 Western Canadian 505 Championships
- 2007 Western Canadian Summer Games
- 2009 Western Canadian Laser Masters Championships
- 2009 Canadian Laser Master Championships

CONCLUSION

The 50 year story of the Wabamun Sailing Club history has a lot of detail about the facilities and the major events. For the members though, it's mostly about the people. Over the years, there have been many, many members who have gone far beyond expectations of the club. In preparing this history, I have not attempted to gather the contributions of every single

member over the 50 years. I have attempted to give the reader a flavour for the culture of the club and the activities of the members. The contributors to the club are simply too numerous to completely name in this small volume.

Besides all the members previously mentioned, here is a brief look at some members, in no particular order or ranking, that I believe provide a sampling of the contributions of so many members.

(BELOW) FOR OVER 25 YEARS BETTY TICHKOWSKY HAS HOSTED THE SAILWEEK HOT DOG WIENER ROAST AND BANANA BOAT EVENT. Every child who grew up with the club has very fond memories of this event!
Photo by Keith Driver



(RIGHT) AT SIX TIMES, PETER RAUSCH PROBABLY HOLDS THE RECORD FOR HOSTING THE MOST SAILWEEKS. Each one had more activities than the last. In 2009 his Mexican theme was a big hit. *Photo by Robert Rose*



(ABOVE) JOHN HENDERSON ENJOYS A SAILPAST WITH HIS DAUGHTER LISA AND ANDREA DIAMOND. John has raced at the club since the early 1960s as a teenager but also has a love for just "messing about in boats." For many years, John has had more kinds of boats at the club than any other member. *Photo by Keith Driver*



(ABOVE LEFT) KEN TICHOWSKY IN CONVERSATION WITH JAC VERSCHUREN. A member since 1970, Ken has been the powerhouse promoter of the Fireball class for over thirty years. He has served many of the positions on the executive. He and his wife Betty also did the social position three times and were Sailweek coordinators four times. Every time there is a call for volunteer carpentry, Ken is there with his tool belt.

(RIGHT) JEAN AND DAVE HARRIS HAVE DAY SAILED AT THE CLUB SINCE 1970. They have never had an interest in racing which is just fine. The club has always committed that it is not just for racing. Jean and Dave are always there when volunteers are needed for club work. *Photo by Robert Rose*





(ABOVE LEFT) MAE HADLEY SELLS ICE CREAM AT SAILWEEK TO EVEN THE BIG KIDS! Mae has not missed a year selling ice cream in over 28 Sailweeks. For many kids it was always the highlight of each day. Fred and Mae Hadley have been members since 1977. They are one of only two couples to have both been commodores. Their incredibly friendly attitudes are always a welcome beginning for new members joining the club. *Photo by Robert Rose*

(ABOVE) ROY TICHKOWSKY AND HIS WIFE MARILYN HAVE BEEN MEMBERS SINCE 1971. He's held every position on the executive except treasurer and secretary. He's been Fleet Captain in three separate decades and has been a regatta chairman many, many, many times. *Photo by Keith Driver*



(LEFT) RANDY DIAMOND IS BARMAN AT THE 1983 COMMODORE'S SAILPAST RECEPTION. A member since 1978, Randy has held almost every position on the executive. He was commodore while in his twenties and even did the social position while a single guy in his twenties! He's organized the Sailpast for over twenty years and has been a regatta chairman countless times. *Photo by Keith Driver*



(ABOVE LEFT) THE CLUB BARBECUE IS A GREAT SOCIAL CENTRE. Fred Hadley, Jim Goodvin and Adrien Rootsaert have a discussion about the right combination of barbecue sauces to use.
Photo by Robert Rose



(ABOVE RIGHT) THE COMMODORE'S SAILPAST RECEPTION IS ONE OF THE BEST TIMES OF THE YEAR TO SOCIALIZE WITH OLD FRIENDS. Seen here at the 2008 Sailpast from left to right are Ken Tichkowsky, Susan Driver, Fred Hadley, Keith Driver and Mae Hadley.
Photo by Robert Rose



Besides the contributions of individual members, people remember the times when they are together at the club. Again here is a brief look at typical events to capture some of the flavour of our club's gatherings.

(LEFT) WATCHING THE KIDS GROW UP EACH YEAR AT THE CLUB IS A JOY. The sack race is about to begin at the Wabamun Olympics!
Photo by Keith Driver



One of the greatest joys for a parent is to see their children grow up and share their love of sailing as I have.

This concludes the first 50 year history of the Wabamun Sailing Club. May the next 50 years be just as fun, joyful, happy, exciting, exhilarating, rewarding and successful for the club and its members!

See you on the water,

Robert Rose

ROBERT ROSE
2010 Rear Commodore

DENNIS ROSE ENJOYS TRAPEZING WITH HIS DAD ON THEIR FIREBALL.
Photo by Jordycee van Muyden



ALL THE CLUB MEMBERS WHO HELPED RUN THE 2003 SAILWEEK.
The Rose family organized it but there was a lot of help to make it happen! *Photo by Robert Rose*

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NASC STUDENTS START DAILY LESSONS
WITH A GAME. Photo by Robert Rose



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