



Mainsheet

JUNE 2015

COMMODORE'S MUSINGS

Welcome to the first Mainsheet of the 2015 WSC sailing season. We had a great turnout for the yearly cleanup, pier placing and barge launching party. Many thanks to all who were present and worked hard to accomplish a lot of work in a very short time. Thanks also go to Neil Dickey and his band of kitchen helpers who put together a lovely meal for the end of the day.

The Development Project is complete and now we are able to play. We have had two weekends of sailing already and one of training, with coaching provided by Alberta Sailing Association. Although I was not able to be there, I heard that the training was excellent and the weather very cooperative.

Next Saturday June 13, will be our first potluck of the season. For those in the know, these are a monthly occurrence and are a fantastic opportunity to meet other members and have a fabulous dinner in the process.

Each family brings enough for a few and all spoils are shared. We have had some very interesting dishes brought in the past and there is always something that everybody loves. Following the potluck on Saturday we will be launching our new website which has been under development for the past few months. It should be a great night. Please come out.

The following, Saturday June 20, is our mandatory for all Safety Training Day. We plan to start at 10 am and lunch will be provided. The evening will finish with our yearly evening races, The Solstice Regatta. This series will begin at 7 pm and may go all night if the light holds. Who knows for sure?

Saturday June 27 is another big event day with the Memorial & Anniversary Cup which will be followed by the Commodore's Sail Past. For anyone who has not attended previously, there is a passing of the torch so to speak from the rear commodore to

the current commodore followed by a reception where there is an opportunity to mingle and meet some past members as well as current members. This event is usually well attended and I hope this year will be as well.

Finally I want to let everyone know about Founder's Regatta and training camp, July 2-5. More info will follow in this Mainsheet.

It sure sounds like there is a lot going on in June. I hope to see many out for the racing and for some pleasure sailing as well.

Commodore Judy

FOUNDERS' REGATTA

Training Camp July 2 & 3

Regatta: July 4 & 5

Fun! Competitive Racing! Training Camp! Barbeque!

For Notice of Race and to Register: www.wabamunsailingclub.ab.ca

NEW WEBSITE!

THE WSC EXECUTIVE IS VERY PLEASED TO PREVIEW OUR NEW WEBSITE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13 ON THE BIG SCREEN IN THE SAIL LOFT AFTER THE POTLUCK DINNER.

DUNCAN FROM OUR WEB DESIGN COMPANY, STRONG COFFEE MARKETING, WILL BE THERE TO SHOWCASE THE NEW SITE AND WALK US THROUGH SOME OF THE WONDERFUL FEATURES.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!



SAFETY TRAINING DAY

Saturday, June 20, 10 am at the Clubhouse

We will be reviewing:

Boat Usage

Club Equipment Usage

OD Review

Whether or Not Depending on Weather

...and a little more.

We cannot force you to be here, however, we believe Safety Comes First.

Be Responsible, not only to yourself, but to your fellow members and sailors.

Hope to see you there.

Lunch will be served.

Good Grub, good company and you could very well learn something new on this day.

Join us and feed your appetite, your soul and your brain all in one fell swoop!



BOAT HOUSE PURGE!

For the next few weeks there will be tables in the centre of the boathouse stacked with goodies there for taking. If you are at the club, stop in and take a look if there is anything useful to you, and if so, help yourself.

First Come First Served!

Anything left by the end of the month will be taken to a thrift store if it is not considered trash.

SOCIAL NOTES

Thank you to the many people who signed up to work our Casino on June 24 and 25 at Apex Casino in St. Albert.

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to confirm your scheduled duties through DutyMan.

It will be busy in the kitchen at Founders Regatta. We will be serving 11 meals over the training and race days, July 2- 5. If you plan to attend, please register early. It is very helpful to have accurate numbers to plan the meals for the event.

See you at the lake,

Corinne

TRAINING DAY AT WSC

A great weekend of training was held the last weekend in May at WSC, sponsored by the Alberta Sailing Association and with last minute coaching help from the two Calgary sail clubs.

Six to seven Calgary sailors along with about the same from our club had glorious conditions. The Calgary folks came up to do some wave training and were not disappointed and neither were our folks.

Winds were, shall we say brisk, with waves suitable for practicing surfing. There were also ample opportunities to practice boat righting as well (that's pointy end up.....). There were good comments on our facilities and hospitality.

They will be back en masse to compete in the Founders Regatta.

Neil Dickey – Fleet Captain



THURSDAY NIGHT FUN RACING

Yes, Thursday Night Sailing is on for yet another year.

It has been pointed out to me that last year's sailing was not conducted with the same high level of wind control that everyone has grown to expect. For some reason three or four weeks of no wind followed by a lightning storm didn't go over as well as I had anticipated. I apologize for that and want to let everyone know that I have booked a summer of the old five to ten knots of steady wind accompanied by pleasant temperatures and sunshine for the coming year. This past Thursday we missed a lovely night by as little as one hour. Obviously some fine tuning is in order, or the wind gods simply didn't view the attendance as acceptable.

As in the past, dinner for the Triple Tooney Thursday meal will once again be served between 5:30 and 6:30 pm followed by an excellent FUN series of three races, starting at 7 pm (all times are subject to +/- thirty minutes or so, variability depending on the whim of management). The Bear in the Woods handicap system will remain as our standard handicapping process. Time reduction will be considered for especially colourful sail wear and as always complimenting the race management people will certainly work in your favour.

Let's make an effort to get more fleets out this year! This is a great opportunity to do a little boat on boat tuning, especially for those funny two sail boats like the Fireballs, 505's, Tasars etc.

This year as a special feature, we are going to introduce two never seen before boats exclusively on Thursday nights. Pictures are not allowed, of course, so if you want to see them you have to come out. We also hope to see more of something rarely seen at Thursday sailing: a boat that requires two hulls in order to sail. Rumours are rampant that point toward these "normally" hearty sailors as being overwrought with fear brought about by the Wall of Shame disciplinary process.

All we need is your involvement, so let's get out there, people, and enjoy a little laughter, a little harassment and a whole lot of fun on the water. Note: if you are a top notch, highly competitive, extremely serious, by the book kind of sailor - stay home!

SAIL TRIM/RACE TECHNIQUES SEMINAR WITH LAWRENCE LEMIEUX

When: Saturday, June 13

Time: 10:00 to 15:00

Where: Sunshine Bay Yacht Club

Cost: \$20 per person

Bring: Food and grog

Back by popular demand, we have the privilege of having Olympian Lawrence Lemieux once again run seminar with practicum on sail trim, handling and basic racing tactics. The course is open to all SBYC, EYC and WSC. There is no need to preregister you just need to show up.

The first two hours are spent in the classroom. Then from 13:00 to 15:00 is spent on the water, although Lawrence has been known to continue teaching after the posted end time!

For those of you who are new to SBYC, EYC, or WSC and would like to have an opportunity to improve your basic sailing skills both technically (classroom) and practically (on the water) this is a MUST for you.

Hope to see you out.

Pat MacDonald

2015 EYC Fleet Captain

In the past couple of weeks we have had a few new members join our fantastic sailing club. Should you run into someone you do not recognize, please introduce yourself and make our new members feel welcome.



It appears that we have whitefish spawning right here at Wabamun Lake, truly a wonder to watch. Thought I might share and hope that the pictures do the event justice!

Lori Jones

GOOSE FENCES AND OTHER BIRDS

(important if you use the club during the week)

We are trying a new goose deterrent. Anyone who accesses the water on Club property during the week or in evenings needs to be aware that there is a low fence that is difficult to see. It consists of 2 strands of very fine line strung on several posts and the intent is to remove the line each morning the club is occupied.

Please contact Lori (membership@wabamunsailingclub.ab.ca),

Bill (shorecaptain@wabamunsailingclub.ab.ca),

or Jordyce (secretary@wabamunsailingclub.ab.ca)

if you wish to learn how to remove and replace the system.

For the next few weeks while the robins are nesting please keep all doors on the boathouse closed. There is a pair trying to set up house on top of the door opener.

RV STALLS – CAN WE SHARE?

Are you an RV stall occupant and willing to lend your RV and/or your RV stall?

Do you need to bump up your usage of your RV stall?

Are you going to be away for a time this season when you could let someone else park in your stall or use your RV? Even for just a weekend?

If you don't have friends or family that would use it, we would like to match you up with members who would like to camp at the Club, but do not have an RV stall.

Please email Jordyce van Muyden at secretary@wabamunsailingclub.ab.ca with any dates you would be willing to loan your RV or stall.

Are you an Active Member wishing you could camp in an RV or bring you own to the club on occasion?

Would you like to have your name on a list to call if current RV stall occupants are able to lend out their RV or stall? Please email Jordyce (see above).

There are a few cottages in the neighbourhood who might be willing to let someone park an RV on their lot from time to time. Your Executive will not approach cottage owners on your behalf, but we can help you decide who to ask. Please get in touch with Lori Jones (membership@wabamunsailingclub.ab.ca) or anyone on the executive if you would like assistance.

There will be limited parking permitted for RV's in the visitor stalls during regattas.

O.D. DUTY – 101

Congratulations, you are scheduled for O.D. duty! O.D. stands for Officer of the Day, (not Oh Damn).

If you are brand new to the club, you probably got a pass the first year.... but in subsequent years you will likely be assigned one weekend per season. Not to worry however, as newbies get on the water training for several seasons before leading a race management team of their own.

So, your responsibilities:

- * Show up one full hour before the race times specified in the yearbook or on-line
- * Bring your life jacket
- * Bring your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) or equivalent. (Mandatory if you want to drive a boat)
- * Pack some water for warm days and a lunch on Sundays
- * What you will be helping with:
 - * Any changes to the Sailing Instructions must be posted on the race board
 - * Set up at least two whalers with batteries, gas and safety gear
 - * Check out three charged radios
 - * With the aid of our GPS, position the barge out into the lake
 - * Also with GPS, set up the course as noted on the race board
 - * Note all boat numbers and names on the racing record sheet
 - * Help with the race start sequence
 - * Record the race finish times as the competitors cross the finish line
 - * Repeat as required

After the last race retrieve the on water equipment and return the barge to its mooring

On Sundays, remove the batteries and gas tanks from all boats and store in the boat house.

There are many more small sub-duties managed by the O.D. leader which you will learn as you go.

F.A.Q.

Q: Why are so many people required on the race team?

A: Sometimes people are unavoidably detained, but mostly it is a safety issue. Typically once or twice a season the weather turns nasty and rescue missions are required.

Q: What are the rescue duties?

A: This depends on the situation. It may vary between ending a race and sending everyone to shore (high winds or approaching lightning storms) or it has at times meant rescuing people off their boats and anchoring the overturned or damaged boat for later rescue.

Q: What if I cannot make the assigned duty date?

A: Go to Dutyman on the WSC website and question some members who have future duties, if they would be willing to trade dates.