



Mainsheet - May-June 2016

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Commodore's Musings

Hello Wabamun Sail Club.

Welcome to the 2016 Season. We have had another successful day of work, clean up and chili to start our 2016 season.

Everything seems to go in quicker and with less concern than the year before, thank you to everyone.



We have some important dates on the horizon in June. The Founders Regatta will be on June 11th and 12th. Also Safety Day is planned for June 18th. Please make note of both.

As for the safety day I would be pleased to see some solid attendance in that proper use and maintenance of all our gear is essential to the success of our programs week after week. Even if you're comfortable using all that sits in the

boat house, a small refresher is never a bad thing.

I am really looking forward to what I expect to be an incredible season and hope to see you all on the water.

Bravo Zulu on the first day is a good way to start,

Derrick Hiltz
Commodore



All WSC members are required to carry adequate insurance. This means:
If you race you must make sure you are carrying racing insurance. It is important that you contact your broker or insurance company to confirm this. Most policies **do not** cover this type of insurance and others limit when you are covered such as only when you are at your own club or only up to a certain size of boat. Some members have policies that provide the correct coverage from Intact Insurance, Elite Insurance and Aviva Insurance. If you occupy an RV stall or have an RV that you bring to the Club, you are required to carry liability and property insurance for that RV. When you registered in WebCollect you



Goose fences have been installed again. Last year we were very successful at keeping the geese from grazing and pooping on our lawn. Sorry for the inconvenience, but I hope everyone agrees it is the lesser of two evils. There are two rows of nearly invisible line about 8 and 15 inches above ground level all along the shoreline of our property including across the pier and the ramps. If you want to cross it, please be careful and step over the lines. Also be aware that most dogs are unable to see it.

checked a box or boxes confirming that you carry adequate insurance. Now, please ensure that you do.



If you wish to remove the lines please follow these instructions. The line must be wound clockwise on the reel while keeping tension on the line. Connect the ring on the end of the line to the post you are not winding up and pick up the other post. Turn the crank and walk along the line as you wind. It is important to keep slight tension on the line to prevent tangles in the reel. To lock, place the ring at the end of the line over the handle on the reel and pull the loop from the top of the pole and place it over the ring. Repeat on the other side with the other reel.

From the Shore Captain

Thank You's

Finally sailing season is here! It seems like forever since the ice went out, certainly several weeks earlier than I've seen in 30+ years at the club, including the years when the old power plant kept the east end open all winter. However, doesn't our Fleet Captain look like a genius for not scheduling anything during the long weekend monsoon.

The work party April 30th was a success! There was a great turnout Saturday. By the end of the day all the new siding was stained, both sides and there was still time for lunch & stories. Thank you to everyone who helped! My apologies to anyone who came out Sunday, I wasn't able to contact everyone.

Clean-up Day, Saturday May 14th was perfect - sunny, warm, a light breeze and a big turn-out. A tremendous amount of work was accomplished! If it didn't move it got painted and if it did, it was put in the water. The part of the Shore Captain's job that makes it worthwhile is seeing what can be accomplished by a willing, enthusiastic crew (and bossing everyone around...). Check out the dock...the crew used a level this year, first time ever- who'd a thunk! Finally we made full use of the levelling screws Allan Bell added when he rebuilt the pier stands several years ago. Thanks to everyone who helped out! I hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed Neil's chili. We hope to have a contractor installing the new siding that the work party stained, on the north side of the clubhouse by mid-June. Because I so enjoy work parties, there

will be one more (probably Sat. June 25 AM) to install the guard rail in front of the electrical panels; add some sidewalk blocks in front of the ramps; and install a new window in the women's washroom (no peeking!). Stay tuned for more information.

Reminders:

1. Security is Everyone's Responsibility.

If you are the last person to leave the club, you are responsible to lockup. This includes:

- a. Boat hoists (also check for ignition keys, gas tanks & batteries left in the boats and the drain plug is out).
- b. Boat house – 2 man doors on each side;
 - overhead door (yes, this has been left open..)
 - don't forget to check the gas shed!
- c. Clubhouse – balcony doors (close the drapes while upstairs)
 - kitchen – windows, door (incl. barrel bolts)
 - dining room – main doors (incl. barrel bolts), west main door (incl. window)
 - washrooms – windows, doors
- d. Lock dumpster.

About 5 minutes of your time should insure the club is locked up. And don't forget to turn off the lights as you go. May I also suggest that if you are the second last to leave, that you inform the last person that you are leaving and that they are responsible for lock-up. You could even offer to do some of the lockup for them.

2. Barge Motor - please raise the motor upon mooring, to prevent algae clogging the cooling water intakes and possibly causing engine overheating or seizure.

Note: When starting any of the engines, insure there is a steady stream of cooling water coming out the back of the engine – if not, shut it off.

3. Boat Hoists – On occasion over the years, the boats have been left barely raised above the water at the end of the day. In order to minimize the potential for damage to the boats or hoists from storm wave action, please raise the boats so the motors (in the down position) are completely out of the water (incl. the skegs). This should provide sufficient clearance.

OD's, please remember that securing the boats is part of your duties.

4. Garbage – Please keep the number of branches & such in the dumpster to a minimum. If you are trimming, please cut them up & put them by the firepit. If you are putting boxes in the dumpster, break them down first. Please keep the dumpster locked.

5. Lawnmowers – Every year we are serenaded with the sound of our mowers hitting

rocks, tie-downs, etc (thankfully, no feet!). Please be careful, check for obstructions and don't set the mower too low.

6. Propane Barbeque – The propane barbeque on the east side of the clubhouse is for members use. A few simple rules:

- after use, brush the grills;
- turn off the propane at the tank;
- replace cover & return to storage location under the stairs;
- if the tank is empty, get it filled at the Home Hardware in Wabamun and submit an Expense Form (available on the bulletin board) with receipt to the Treasurer (Wanda Bornn).

In Conclusion

WSC works through the collective efforts of its members. All the work that occurs during a season happens because some member(s) stepped up and did it. If you see something that needs doing, then please do it. Together we can get it done! Thank you for your cooperation.

Note: If something is broken, please record it on the white board in the boathouse (by the flags).

Here's hoping for another season of great sailing & good times!

Bill Russell
Shore Captain

Do You Have Your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)?

As you know WSC encourages all of our members to obtain their PCOC. We need more of our members to be capable and comfortable using our powerboats. There are several websites where you can take a course, write a test and obtain your card online. One of them is Ace Boater and they are offering us a 40% discount off their regular price.

www.Aceboater.com

The coupon code is WABA-SC-2015. Members will need to enter it at the bottom of the payment page into the discount code box.

You will access that page after the quiz of chapter 1.

It's a 40% off discount code. So it will be \$29.97 + taxes instead of \$49.95 + taxes.

This coupon code is valid for 50 persons. Please send an email to secretary@wabamunsailingclub.com when you take advantage of this offer. When we reach 50 we will ask for more.

MEMBERS' SAFETY DAY

Saturday June 18th, 10-3

PLEASE Plan to Attend

Everyone should attend this important event!

Lunch will be provided.

Stay for the Solstice race Saturday evening.

Proper use and maintenance of all our gear is essential to the success of our programs. Even if you're comfortable using our power boats and all that sits in the boat house, come and see if there is something new for you to learn.

TOPICS:

Motorboat Operation & Safety

Equipment Review

Safety is a priority at WSC and all members are requested to attend

Officer of the Day Procedures

2016 FOUNDERS' REGATTA June 11 – 12

This is our Club's only Open Regatta this year. Plan to come and compete with our friends from around the Province.

Registration can be completed on our website. Fee includes breakfast both days, Friday evening reception and BBQ dinner on Saturday. Lunches will be available to purchase.

[Notice of Race](#)

*Have you had a chance to look at the book *On the Living Edge* that is in the clubhouse? It is a great resource for how to be good stewards of our lake. We have obtained a few more copies of this book and they will be available to members on a first come first served basis. Email Secretary@wabamunsailingclub.com if you are*

interested in your own copy.



Spring WWMC Newsletter

The spring newsletter is now available. [Click here to download.](#)

Highlights include:

- Boat Launches and Crowded Lakes
- Mine Reclamation
- Habitat Destruction
- Wetlands

The **next meeting** of the WWMC is Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 p.m. We meet in the **West Board Room** at Suite #1, 250 Diamond Avenue, Spruce Grove, Alberta



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