

Mainsheet



Commodore's Message

Happy June, WSC'ers!

Wow did May fly past! (Likely because I spent two weekends destructively engaged with my trailer, with the upcoming June excitement of caulking/taping/insulating/installing, etc.)

The season has started with a bang with June activities including:

- Club Racing
- Friday Fun Racing (Yes, Friday! Started June 2nd)
- Founders Regatta training (June 9)
- Founders Regatta (June 10-11)
- ILCA Series/Potluck (June 17)
- Solstice Regatta (June 24)
- Plus lessons, instructor training, and Cadets!

As we have moved to a new insurance provider, we have had to have a marine survey completed on all our boats. There are lots of little things to do on the small whalers, however the big whaler needs some bottom fiberglass repairs (huge thanks to Trevor for tackling this work!) which has taken it out of commission. The 50hp whaler also developed an electrical problem, so it was in for repair until the day before the Founders' Regatta. EYC and Sail Alberta kindly responded to our plea for boat support for the Founders'. Hopefully we will get through this current boat stress and with a repaired 90hp whaler are set up for another decade of zooming around the lake.

We are also again welcoming the Cadets from two different corps to WSC. They will be using a mix of their own boats (along the West fence) and WSC boats for the Stony Plain Corps.

This is a great opportunity for WSC to engage with youth sailors and bring that youthful enthusiasm to the club.

Please make sure that you are signing up for volunteer duties using iVolunteer through the website. Volunteerism is the heart of our WSC community and we all benefit from our group contribution to make the club strong.

See you at the club!

Commodore Tim





Ahoy Fleet!

Summer is upon us and the smoke has cleared (fingers crossed) - it's time to get out sailing!

If you're looking for a friendly way to get into sailing, come out Friday nights through June and July to join our evening sailing (and paddling) program hosted by Fred Hadley. Be ready to be on the water for 7pm. If it's your first time, let Fred know and he'll connect you with someone who can show you the ropes :)

Coming up on June 24 is the annual Solstice Regatta. On this day we take advantage of our long daylight hours and race in the evening. Warning signal is at 7 pm.

Safety Day has been postponed to a later date. Instead we are going to use the time before the Solstice Regatta on June 24 to catch up on some of the maintenance needed at the Club. Please come to volunteer during the day and sail in the evening.

On July 1 we will race the Dick Harper Ancient/Junior Mariners Regatta and on July 2 we have the Anniversary Cup and Memorial Race in the morning followed by the Commodore's Sailpast in the afternoon.





Did you miss the first potluck of the season? We enjoyed the usual great food and company though it was a cool day and we had to move indoors. The next potluck is on July 15.

Hope to see you then!

Mini work party day

Saturday June 24

Please come to help shorten our To-Do list and then head out for an evening sail at the Solstice Regatta

Here is a trip down memory lane or a great read for young folk who want to know what it was like sailing in the 70's. Click on the link below for an article about sailing at Glenmore Reservoir in a 1978 issue of Western Living.

[Memory Lane](#)

A Message from the Manager

Hello from your club manager Halie, I am happy to let everyone know that I am the go-to person for the club this season. Any requests you may have I would be happy to listen to and bring forward to our executive committee. I am also continuing my work with our Sailing lessons program and am happy to announce that our first season working with the local school division has been a success and I look forward to growing the program over the coming years. This will allow for a continuous group of youth in our area being exposed to the sport we all love. I have already had a few Parkland students sign up for lessons over the summer! Private lessons have kicked off with a bang with most weekends full throughout June. There is a new boat in our loaner fleet. Peter and Jordyce van Muyden have donated their keelboat to the Sailing School. If you have sailed a keelboat before please consider taking out your dinghy sailing friends. I think this is a great way to introduce your family and friends to our sport (while keeping them dry!). I hope to offer lessons this fall and grow this program next season. If you wish to borrow the Ranger or any of the other loaner boats, please contact me.

I'm enjoying beautifying the club with a few seating changes and some fresh flowers to brighten up the front deck. I am currently looking into deck boxes so that we can store the cushions each week. In July I will be hosting activities in the club house on Friday evenings along side racing. Our First Friday July 7th will include a felting Art project. A small fee of \$25.00 will cover your materials for the event. I will have a sign-up sheet posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

Wishing you all a fantastic month ahead!



Interested in taking a First Aid Course?

We are planning to offer a first aid course this summer. The date is not yet confirmed, but if you are interested please send an email to manager@wabamunsailingclub.com



Please be careful

The lake level is very low this year so we must be diligent about looking after our propellers on the whalers. Please remember to put the motor up to harbour tilt when leaving and approaching the pier. It's also a good idea to take a look at the prop before you leave and after you return. A prop with even a small ding in it can cause damage to the motor if it is driven at high speeds.



Solar Power Update

The panels have been ordered and should arrive soon. Plans are underway and a tentative installation date has been set for July 15/16. Many hands make light work so please come out to volunteer that weekend.



Volunteer Sign-up

If you have not done so already, please sign up to volunteer for the 2023 season. This year we're back to using ivolunteer. Everyone needs three or four slots to volunteer over summer either on the water or for social activities.

- Go to *member sign in* on the WSC website
- Click on the *Volunteer Calendar*
- Choose 3 or four dates where you see a vacancy
- Add your choices with email and phone number

You will be contacted with email reminders. If you are unable to work a shift it's up to you to find a replacement, then please email me at volunteer@wabamunsailingclub.com with your name and replacement name.

Thanks for doing your part,
Richard Stroud
Volunteer Coordinator

Have something to share...

Member Mainsheet Contributions!

Hey members. If you would like to share something with the membership through the Mainsheet, please feel free to do so! Pictures are most appreciated.

Send your articles to
manager@wabamunsailingclub.com

Commodore's Sailpast

The Commodore's Sailpast is coming up on July 2. For new members this is a day when we honour our commodore by sailing past (weather permitting) and saluting. This is followed by a social event with drinks and snacks usually around 2pm. Please plan to join us.



Rear Commodore's Message - Founders' Regatta

Forty-one competitors (12 from WSC) in thirty-six boats had two days of excellent sailing at the 2023 WSC Founders' Regatta. With temperatures up to 29 C and winds of 10-14 kts (and a few exciting gusts to 20 kts), Saturday was described as near perfection. Sunday added three more races and featured some shiftiness and lulls down to 4 knots to further challenge the competitors.

We were fortunate to start the weekend off with a Friday training session graciously led by Isaac Bussin from CYC and Russel Krause from WSC.

This event was a great success on and off the water. As usual a small army of volunteers made this happen. The RC was led by RO Stacey Gibb, assisted by Jordyce van Muyden, Bruce Barss, Sean Stevenson, Tracey Griffin, Tim Roth, Robin Stroud and Frank Grell.

Rachel Jean and Margot Henderson led the kitchen crew which served up delicious and nutritious food for the regatta. This is a big job and Rachel and Margot were helped by Mary Roth, Mae Hadley, Marguerite Childs, Corinne Brown and Richard Barham.

Fred Hadley did his usual excellent job of organizing the site so that it was easy to get boats in and possibly even more importantly, get them out and onto trailers without undue delays. Fred has a finely honed plan! He and his team of Louise Stewart and Ken Lummis managed to squeeze in everyone's boats and tents.

We had some power boat issues that developed in the weeks leading up to the Regatta and were able to count on the ASA and our friends at EYC to provide some backup power boats to ensure our Regatta was not compromised.

Our Shore Captain Brian Mark was working hard to ensure we did get one of our own Whalers back from the shop just in the nick of time, as well as ensuring we got our new BBQ and new benches assembled in time for the Regatta.

Thank you to all the competitors, volunteers, parents, coaches, and everyone else who helped make this regatta a success.

Frank Grell, Rear Commodore
Regatta Chair
2023 Founders' Regatta





Whose Boat is this Boat?

Please take note we are going to be cleaning up the boat park this summer. If you see a sticker on your boat please contact the Shore Captain as soon as possible.

If you have a boat in a stall or on a rack that you have not paid for please sign in to Membee and remedy this.

And speaking of our boat park, did you know it is your responsibility to mow the lawn under your boat? If you have not been out lately, please come out to move your boat, maybe go for a sail, and mow the lawn in your stall.



We're weeding through your area!

Our 2023 Weed Control Program will be focusing on your area.

Weed inspection may take place on your property, and weed control may take place in ditches or other County property nearby.

Visit parklandcounty.com/weeds for more information or call 780-968-8888



Let's try to control the Tansy growing at WSC. This noxious weed grows in several places on our property and while it is very difficult to eradicate it, we should do our best to control it by pulling out/cutting off the weeds before they bloom and propagate.

