

WABAMUN
SAILING CLUB



Commodore's Message

Back to Basics

To say that the 2020 and 2021 seasons have posed challenges to our club would be an understatement. However, I am very proud of the way the club pulled together in 2020 to make the year as successful as possible, and I am confident that the same will happen in 2021.

In 2020 we found that some events could not be held (our Open Regatta, the Commodore's Awards Night). Other events were delayed or held with slight modifications (Anniversary Cup, Sailpast Reception, Sail Week). And other events proceeded more or less as they always have (Thursday Night Racing, Saturday and Sunday Racing, the Thanksgiving weekend races, haul-out and Turkey dinner). Until the weather stopped co-operating around September, we had an excellent program of club racing. Sail Week was a smashing success. All in all there were excellent opportunities for racing, volunteering and socializing.

Despite the limitations imposed by Covid 19, I believe that 2021 will be bigger and better than 2020! In this Newsletter you will find our tentative schedule, and you will see that there is something fun to do at WSC every weekend, and many weekdays this summer, from June through to the Thanksgiving weekend. Your Executive has worked hard to develop club protocols which comply with Alberta Health directives, which protect our members, but which also allow us to enjoy our trailers, our club, our boats and our lake. The legal protocols have changed on a more or less weekly basis in the last few months. We are one of many institutions which are struggling to stay ahead of the most recent rules. We hope that you will bear with us, and stay tuned to WSC communications, because we expect that many of the restrictions currently in place will be relaxed in the near future.

It is true that racing and group sail training are currently prohibited at Lake Wabamun. What about the simple joy of sailing? There is nothing to prevent any of us from getting back to basics and going for a simple pleasure sail. Now is the time to fix up all those things around our club which need fixing. Now is the time for tinkering on our own boats, something I enjoy immensely (so much so that sometimes I cannot resist the temptation to tinker on other people's boats). Now is the time to take our kids, wives, husbands and significant others for a pleasure sail.



Commodore's Message (cont.)

In many ways, Covid 19 provides a tremendous opportunity for the sport of sailing. Other recreational activities in northern Alberta have boomed since the pandemic struck: downhill and cross-country skiing, golf, camping, hiking, cycling, paddling and canoeing, etc. What do these sports have in common? They are wholesome activities that people of many ages and physical abilities can enjoy. They take place in the great outdoors. They involve co-operation and fellowship. They allow people who have been cooped up for a long time to get out and get active while maintaining appropriate social distancing. This is a great time to grow our sport!

I thank all members for their anticipated assistance in making the 2021 sailing season at WSC as good as it can possibly be. I look forward to seeing you all at the club, and on the water.

Rick Stoppel



2021 WSC Racing Calendar

All dates are tentative

May - No Events due to COVID restrictions

June Events

Saturday June 5 - Saturday Series

Sunday June 6 - Sunday Series

Thursday June 10 - Thursday Fun Racing

Saturday June 12 - Saturday Series

Sunday June 13 - Sunday Series

Thursday June 17 - Thursday Fun Racing

Saturday June 19 - Safety Training Day, Solstice Regatta (Evening)

Sunday June 20 - Sunday Series

Thursday June 24 - Thursday Fun Racing

Saturday June 26 - Saturday Series/Laser Series, Communal Meal

Sunday June 27 - Sunday Series

July Events

Thursday July 1 - Canada Day Thursday Night Racing

Saturday July 3 - Dick Harper Junior & Ancient Mariners Regatta

Sunday July 4 - Sunday Series

Thursday July 8 - Thursday Night Racing

Saturday July 10 - Saturday Series (Dick Harper backup)

Sunday July 11 - Sunday Series

Thursday July 15 - Thursday Night Racing

Saturday July 17 - Saturday Series/Laser Series, Communal Meal

Sunday July 18 - Sunday Series

July 19-23 - Sailweek

Saturday/Sunday July 24/25 - Sailweek Regatta

Thursday July 29 - Thursday Night Racing



2021 WSC Racing Calendar (cont.)

All dates are tentative

August Events

July 31/August 1/2 - August Long Weekend, No Racing

Saturday August 7 - Saturday Series

Sunday August 8 - Long Distance Race

Saturday August 14 - Saturday Series (Long Distance backup)

Sunday August 15 - Anniversary Cup/Memorial Cup, Commodore's Sail Past

Saturday August 21 - Saturday Series

Sunday August 22 - Sunday Series (Anniversary Cup/Memorial Cup backup)

Saturday August 28 - Saturday Series/Laser Series, Communal Meal

Sunday August 29 - Sunday Series

September Events

Sept 4/5/6 - September Long Weekend, No Racing

Saturday Sept 11 - Eastward Ho

Sunday Sept 12 - Sunday Series

Saturday Sept 18 - Saturday Series (Eastward Ho Backup)

Sunday Sept 19 - Sunday Series

Saturday Sept 25 - Saturday Series/Laser Series, Communal Meal

Sunday Sept 26 - Sunday Series

October Events

Saturday October 2 - Saturday Series

Sunday October 3 - Sunday Series

Saturday October 9 - Rum Barrel Regatta

Sunday October 10 - Thanksgiving Regatta, Club Cleanup, Thanksgiving Dinner

2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing Book – available now at ASA. \$25 plus shipping if applicable



WSC Sailing School

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Halie Mark and I am this season's Junior Sailing coordinator and Program Manager for the newly formed WSC Sailing School. Along with my husband, Brian and our two boys, Logan and Koby, I joined the Club last season to expose our boys to a sport that Brian and I grew up loving in our youth. I am extremely excited to share my love of the sport with our local sailing community with the hope of growing the sport's popularity in our region.



I am incredibly happy to share with our members that we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Canada Summer Jobs Program. This will allow us to start strong with a team of 4 highly qualified local instructors.

This season we plan to offer a series of weekday youth and adult lessons as well as private individual and group options on the weekends. Lessons will be offered to members at a 20% discounted rate. We hope to offer weekend training starting the beginning of June 2021.

Confirmed weekday programing dates include:

- July 5-9
- July 12-16
- July 19-23
- July 26-30
- August 9-13
- August 16-20

Please keep an eye on our website to register over the next few weeks. Covid restrictions will likely delay the start of our programing but I do feel we will have a promising season ahead of us as we move forward towards the summer and getting back to a new normal.

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Ahoy maties! Judy from Membership here calling out to all of you who have been delaying. It's coming! I guarantee it! Summer will arrive and you will want to be at the Sailing Club. Please go online to [WebCollect](#) (check your emails from about April 14) and fill in your renewal. People have been slow to sign up this year and it is challenging for the executive to complete the schedules etc for the upcoming summer without knowing who is planning to return. Come on back because fun will be had and we all need some of that this year. If anyone needs help or needs me to re-send the email please contact me at [membership@wabamunsailingclub.com](mailto:membership@wabamunsailingclub.com)



## Update on Club Manager Activity

It has been a busy time during this new year for the Club Manager, Lori Jones. A lot of effort has been devoted to the undertaking of the five major initiatives, called the vital few. Some of the items required modification while others required a total program development.

This has been a very short time frame to accomplish so much, however, in spite of some tough times involved when Lori's mother passed away, she has made it through right on schedule and looks to be the most excited person at the club about getting the season underway.

To refresh your memory, the vital few items identified at our last AGM were: Communication, New Member Orientation, New Boat Loan Program, Website Utilization and Interfacing with Sail Canada and the ASA. Although these are not everything that need to be undertaken, nothing else is so important as to interrupt the accomplishment of these tasks.

Presently, the New Member Orientation Program and the New Boat Loan Program have been developed, the manager's responsibilities have been assigned and this has been passed, by your executive, into operation. The Communication program has been reviewed and recommendations for improvement have been made plus several new methods of communication have been developed that will allow for more direct interaction with you, the members. This now awaits executive approval at the May meeting. The Website Utilization program is underway along with the Interface programs and these are expected to be in the hands of the executive for approval by the end of May.

Once we have accomplished the resolution of all the vital few items, they will become part of the Club Manager's job description. The implementation and operation of these programs will then become her primary responsibilities. Naturally, there will also be some other housekeeping responsibilities which will then fill out our expectations for the job this year.

This has not only been a strong undertaking on the part of our Club Manager but also a great deal of effort from our executive and some members as well. I would like to thank all those who have assisted us on this journey.

Regards  
Fred



# 2020 Wabamun Sailing Club Award Winners

Hello Sailors

A difficult year with COVID's pall hanging over the club, we made the best of it with 68 Saturday/Sunday series races and a good number of our Cup races. In total we had 34 boats compete for the overall championship.



## Anniversary Cup

1st Ken Tichkowsky & Macy Sheppard - Fireball 15033  
2nd Frank Kortbeek - Laser 210689

## Memorial Cup

1st Bruce Barss - Blade F16 716  
2nd Neil Dickey - Radial 180144

## Commodore's Race

1st Bruce Barss - Blade F16 716

## Ancient Mariners' Regatta

1st Frank Kortbeek - Laser 210689  
2nd Russel Krause - Laser 200134

## Summer Solstice Regatta

1st Rob Legate & Lyndon Thiessen - Zim 15  
2nd Bruce Barss - Blade F16 716  
3rd Russel Krause - Laser 200134

## Sailweek Regatta

1st Ken Tichkowsky & Natalie Kortbeek  
2nd Fraser Keith - Radial 187790  
3rd Russel Krause - Laser 200134

## Saturday Series (Sorochan Nuts and Bolts Trophy)

1st Neil Dickey - Radial 180144  
2nd Glynis Dorey - Laser 203604  
3rd Bruce Barss - Blade F16 716

## Sunday Series

1st Bruce Barss - Blade F16 716  
2nd Neil Dickey - Radial 180144  
3rd Glynis Dorey - Laser 203604

## Grand Champion

1st Neil Dickey - Radial 180144  
2nd Glynis Dorey - Laser 203604  
3rd Bruce Barss - Blade F16 716

## Orange Fleet

1st John Henoch - Laser 200546  
2nd Heidi Veluw - Radial 178562  
3rd Judy Townsend - Radial 205515

## June Champion

1st Glynis Dorey - Laser 203604  
2nd Bruce Barss - Blade F16 716  
3rd Russel Krause - Laser 200134

## July Champion

1st Russel Krause - Laser 200134  
2nd Neil Dickey - Radial 180144  
3rd Glynis Dorey - Laser 203604

## August Champion

1st Frank Kortbeek - Laser 210689  
2nd Neil Dickey - Radial 180144  
3rd Bruce Barss - Blade F16 716

## September Champion

1st Neil Dickey - Radial 180144  
2nd Glynis Dorey - Laser 203604  
3rd Bruce Barss - Blade F16 716

**Most Improved Sailor** - John Henoch Laser 200546 - Capturing the Orange Fleet 1st overall and 9th overall, John continues to improve and show his increasing comfort in his Laser after years in a Fireball.

**Best Female Sailor** - Glynis Dorey Laser 203604 - Glynis is always a force to be reckoned with out on the course, racing all but 3 races of the 68 held during club racing.

**Most Deserving Crew** - Lyndon Thiessen Zim 15 - Always easy to pick out wearing their fluorescent green jackets, Lyndon and skipper Rob Legate zipped around the course finishing 14th overall in club standings.

**Youth Development Award** - Macy Shepard - Whether it's jumping into a boat to crew, or racing past in her yellow hulled laser, Macy is continuing to demonstrate that she is one of the best sailors in the fleet. Macy finished 11th overall in club standings.

**Crash & Burn Trophy** - Russel Krause Laser 200134 - While generally known for his skills on the racecourse, one memorable Thursday, Russel was more known for his reckless abandon. The story of how many boats he hit that night varies depending on who you talk to, but he definitely spent one memorable moment T-Boning Ken Wells' laser (to which your Fleet Captain exclaimed, "and that my friends was the Crash and Burn Trophy moment")



## Sundance Boat Launch Update

Parkland County has informed the Wabamun Watershed Management Council that construction of the boat launch on the south side of the lake will soon be proceeding, beginning with land clearing and the preparation of a timeline of events. The latter will be made available for the public on the [project web page](#). Scroll down to the bottom of that page to **sign-up for an email notification** of updates about the project.

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Ivolunteer Reminder

Please sign up at [Ivolunteer](#) when you are planning to visit the club. Tracking who attends our site is an AHS requirement for a facility such as ours.

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## Did you know?

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.

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

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RV Stall Loan Program

Would you like to camp at WSC, but do not have an RV stall? We want to make the most use possible of our RV stalls and to facilitate this we are continuing with the loan program. Please send an email to me at secretary@wabamunsailingclub.com if you would be interested in using a vacant stall or RV should one become available any time in the 2021 season. If you have a specific time in mind, then please indicate that in the email. Availability is not predictable and those who express an interest in using a loaned stall will be contacted in the order in which their email has been received by me. There is no cost for the use of a loaned stall, however it is expected that you would participate in some activity at the sailing club while you have the use of the stall. This opportunity is available to any member of WSC. You are not required to have your name on the RV stall seniority list.

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DO YOU LIKE WORKING ON BOATS?

When I was growing up in the 60's and 70's, it was almost impossible to buy a new fiberglass sailboat in Western Canada. If you wanted to sail or race sailboats you had to build you own boat, and if it broke you had to fix it. In those years I developed a real appetite for boat building and repair...although my skills have not always matched my enthusiasm!

For many years WSC has maintained a fleet of Opti's for club use. The last two years we have entered into a boat acquisition program to give our members, and people learning to sail, access to adult-sized sailboats. There is general agreement that the cost of owning a boat is a very major impediment for people entering our sport. If we can teach people to sail...and introduce them to racing...we can cultivate long-term participants in our sport and our club.

This season WSC is taking over sailing lessons at WSC from NASC. Our fleet of "loaner" and instructional boats will include 3 C-420's (leased from NASC), a Laser Pico, a Laser I, and two Laser II's (all donated to the club in the last two years). We have had many people...inside and outside the club...approach us with possible boat donations. We are limited by the manpower necessary to look at the boats, assess their suitability, transport them, and fix them up. This is a tremendous resource for the club...but these boats average about 25 years old. When donated they often need substantial work and repairs. Also, there is ongoing maintenance. We could really use help from club members with this work. Over the years John Henderson has devoted countless hours to keeping the NASC fleet in good repair. This work has been supplemented by numerous club members, including Roy Tichkowsky and Keith Briggs. As our club fleet grows, we will need more people to help with this. Please let someone on the Executive know if you are willing to pitch in.

Some of us have been sailing many different types of boats for many years. Inevitably you wind up with boxes of tools, spare fittings, line, shock cord, etc. Please consider sharing some of it with the club if you have some. I find it really encouraging to see the way that new members with little racing experience are welcomed into the club when it comes time to set up their boat for sailing and racing. Inevitably someone who owns the same type of boat is offering advice and parts. Sometimes you will see a number of members swarming over a new member's boat in an apparent competition to show who has the best tools, who has the best spare parts, who has the best solution to all the fascinating little engineering problems that a racing sailboat presents. The Covid situation may prevent us from engaging in racing to the extent we normally do. Let's consider using the time we gain to join in the maintenance and repair of "club" boats and the boats of new members, as well as our own boats.

Rick Stroppel

Delayed Opening and Covid Protocol

Clean-up weekend and the official opening of the Club will be delayed again this year. Washrooms will be open May 15. The club is not closed to members, but Covid protocols must be followed. Please understand that any recreational sailing is entirely at your own risk as there will not be any rescue boats available until we are able to put the dock and boats in the water.

The [linked PDF](#) is our Covid Protocol for attending the Club this season. This document will be updated as Alberta Health Regulations change.

Please stay safe and let's hope our situation improves very soon.



This newsletter has been published for the Wabamun Sailing Club by Bruce Barss.

