

WABAMUN
SAILING CLUB



Commodore's Musings

Hi WSC,

I would like to say the Provincial Regatta hosted by WSC on the September long weekend was great! The first day there was no wind but the second and third days the wind was from medium strength to strong. The Laser class sailed a total of 8 races. In the Laser class WSC had a strong presence with good results too. Mark Bugiak sailed very well to place second in the Laser Standard Class. Thank you to all the volunteers that made it possible for the Provincial regatta to be such a huge success.



I hope to see everyone at the Thanksgiving Regatta, which closes out our sailing season. This is 2 races in the morning followed by a work party to bring our equipment out of the water. Please plan to come to lend a hand to close the club for the season. After all the boats are out of the water and the pier sections and stanchions are on the shore, Turkey Dinner is served. This is the perfect time to talk about the last sailing experiences of this season. Please see the post elsewhere in this Mainsheet to purchase tickets for dinner. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and this can be done online.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing everyone at the year-end banquet and awards night. It is not just about awards so please come and enjoy dinner, music and dancing.

Thank you,

Joao Deus





Thanksgiving Celebration at WSC

Please join us for Turkey Dinner on Sunday, October 13

Dinner is served after the clean-up work is done!

Buy your Thanksgiving tickets by October 9th [HERE](#)

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## 2019 Sail Alberta Provincials Regatta

And the winners are!



Full results [here!](#)



## Where Has Peter Been Lately?

After spending time in Australia and two trips to Singapore for race management events last winter I went to seven regattas in Canada starting in July.



The first event was at Georgian Bay where they were expecting 45 Lasers, and 75 showed up. The club is a keelboat club which had never run a dinghy event. Winds were light on the first day and a bit better the second day. My highlight was seeing Joe van Rossem who recalled sailing at WSC in 1987 during our major Sail West regatta. At a barbeque hosted by one of the locals for all the sailors there was a band playing and Joe, who celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, played trumpet for a few songs.

A week later I ran a J105 regatta at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. This is one of poshest yacht clubs in Canada. Over the years I've run 3 other events there and they treat me very well.

Then I headed to the Laser Radial Youth Worlds at Kingston, Ontario. This was one of my principal events and I was pleased to be appointed by the International Laser Class. It was very well organised at the 1976 Olympic sailing site where the winds were favourable. The race management team was formed 7 months earlier and consisted of many top Canadian race officials.

Sail Canada ask me to be the PRO (Principle Race Officer) at Sail East, which was held in Shediac, New Brunswick right after the Worlds. The sailing site was very good, but there were several challenges with equipment. This only reinforced what I already know about how important it is for clubs to prepare for regattas.

The next event was Chester race week and Bruce Barss reported on that event already. After Chester I went back to Kingston for the Laser 4.7 Worlds where I was onshore helping with the results. The scoring for events with many attendees like the 4.7 Worlds use qualifying and final series and is rather complex.

The last Canadian event was the Albacore Internationals in Shelburne, Nova Scotia. The Albacore class does not have enough world representation, and therefore it's not called the Albacore Worlds. There were 47 boats from Canada and USA and two container loads from GBR. The signal boat was a massive lobster boat and I enjoyed getting to know the captain/owner. One of the organisers owned a micro brewery and, after racing in very good winds, most of the sailors tasted his products.



I'm writing this while flying home from the Netherlands where I was the PRO for the Laser Masters Worlds. Sailors from 35 to 83 years old were racing Laser Standards and Laser Radials. There were over 300 competitors, and with 70 boats on the start line, calling the starts was a challenge. Joe van Rossem, who was mentioned above, was one of the sailors and won second place in the Legend Radial division.

One of the sailors who was at Sail East, the Albacore Internationals and the Laser Worlds told me that he thought that I was stalking him.

My next two trips are to Bermuda for the World Sailing meetings and Bilbao, Spain for the Yacht Racing Forum. Jordyce is coming with me on those trips. Then my race management year will end with a World Sailing appointment as PRO for the SEA (South-East Asia) Games in the Philippines.

Peter van Muyden





WSC members are quite active on distant waters, whether it be competing at a regatta, performing race management, or pleasure sailing. We want to hear your *Sail Away* highlight story and see your pictures. Please submit a maximum of 300 words and two photos to:

[communications@wabamunsailingclub.com](mailto:communications@wabamunsailingclub.com)

## Canadian Laser Masters August 16-18, 2019

Fourteen Alberta Laser Master Sailors travelled to Kenora, Ontario to participate in the 2019 Canadian Laser Masters hosted by the Royal Lake of Woods Yacht Club. We were a force with which to be reckoned! From the Wabamun Sailing Club was Barry Tee, Russ, Heidi and me, Glynis.

Some sailors like Heidi and Russ, flew to Winnipeg then rented a car. Their boats were transferred by the Calgary trailers. However, others, like me, drove across the beautiful, open prairies. My trusty, light Kittyhawk laser trailer gave me no problems. En route, at the Winnipeg airport, I picked up Stacey Gibb, our coach and sailing support.

Lake of the Woods is all about islands. Therefore the yacht club and our billeted chalets were on various islands. When sailors arrived at the Keewatin Memorial Arena, besides Kenora, their boats, gear and personal luggage had to be transferred across water. Laser boats got towed one behind the other. Since I arrived with only my Laser boat, it was simply put on the transfer boat.

Accommodations were very comfortable and our hosts were very hospitable. For two consecutive evenings at his chalet, Jim Richardson was our dinner host. The first evening was a lasagna dinner for many of the Alberta sailors, and the second evening was a potluck supper for everyone. Our greatest appreciation, Jim!

By motor boat, our hosts transferred us back and forth to our targeted activities. I realised that these island chalet owners need boat piers large enough to dock boats for all of their visitors.

Unlike Wabamun Lake with its vast open waters, the sail racing area at Lake of the Woods was surrounded by spruce tree covered islands. Our sailing was affected by wind passing over the islands and around the islands. Thus, on strong wind days, the gusts were not only strong but created huge wind shifts which could lead to a sudden, forced tack. For several of us, our first encounters of this gust lead to a quick dump, overboard. Fortunately, most of us came a day early and learnt before the regatta. Furthermore, the water was much warmer than Wabamun, so dumps were less painful.

The regatta lasted 3 days. The first day had little wind and we had to wait until 15:30 before attempting a couple of short races. The second day had reasonable winds. The last day had demanding, gusty winds which challenged the courage and abilities of all sailors to keep sailing.

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The full-rig Laser fleet of 33 boats encompassed a strong group of sailors. The winner was Ari Barshi from Cabarette, Dominican Republic. Barry Tee was 3<sup>rd</sup>, Phil Paxton was 8<sup>th</sup> and Russ was 16<sup>th</sup>. I was happy with my sailing with a respectable 24<sup>th</sup> in the fleet and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Great Grand Master full-rig fleet.

Russ just missed the “middle of the fleet” prize which was a \$1200 voucher from the Cabarette International Laser training school, Dominican Republic.

The Alberta sailors proudly demonstrated their strength in the fleet of 13 laser radials. While Richard Roberts, Ontario, got 1<sup>st</sup>, Stephen Reichenfield was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Leslie Reichenfield was 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lee Nagy was 6<sup>th</sup> and Ewa Stroemich was 8<sup>th</sup>. Heidi did not give up in the strong winds and placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the fleet and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Master radial fleet. Bravo!

As with all regattas, one of the best aspects was making new, interesting, sailing friends and seeing the non-Albertan sailors we met before. Everyone was extremely amicable and in good humour.

We enjoyed the organised barbeque and the banquet at the club. Our hosts and the Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club treated us well. Our thanks to them all.

Glynis Dorey



## Blue-green Algae (Cyanobacteria)

While sampling the water quality of Wabamun Lake on August 13, 2019, the WWMC in conjunction with the Alberta Lake Management Society identified blue-green algal blooms along the west shoreline of the lake.

The blooms were only seen in localized areas along the western shore. Cyanobacteria is of greatest concern when it can be seen in the water. From the advisory: “Please note that areas of Wabamun Lake in which the blue-green algae bloom is **NOT** visible can still be used for recreational purposes, even while this blue-green algae Health Advisory is in place.”

Here is a link to information on the blue-green algae found on Lake Wabamun

<https://www.wwmc.ca/bluegreen-algae-cyanobacteria>



## We are a VOLUNTEER Club! Can you give a little more of your time?

For almost 70 years Wabamun Sailing Club has been run very successfully by volunteers. The spirit of participation and volunteer support by all members is essential to the operation of our Club in its present form. This has always been a way to keep member fees as low as possible, but perhaps more importantly, it builds a sense of community for all of us.

Some of you already contribute plenty. For the rest of you, we want to encourage you to volunteer more of your time.

There are so many benefits to volunteering:

The satisfaction of a job well done.

The camaraderie of working with a group of like-minded people.

For new members, it is a great way to get to know the rest of us.

Think you might like to learn more about Race Management? Come spend a bit more time on the water.

On regatta days the kitchen crew creates some fantastic meals that are always appreciated by members and visitors alike.

Whatever you do it CAN be a lot of fun!

How about joining the Board? It is the time of year again when the Selection Committee is hard at work looking for people to join the Executive Committee. It is rewarding work and you can learn all about the workings of this club and of Not-for-Profit organizations in general.

Please don't let our volunteer model fail. More people must volunteer and take a role, be it on the Board or a job that needs doing on the grounds or more race management.

We are looking at ways to better communicate what you can do. We will post a list of ongoing projects and odd jobs that need to be done. Then on those no-wind days when you are at the Club maybe you can take on a project.

Do you have suggestions, ideas or opinions? Please talk to or email any member of the Executive. We want to hear from members and learn the direction that people wish to take.

| Date & Time                                                              | Event                                                  | OD                                                         | Social                                                               | Executive on Duty |
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| 21-Sep                                                                   | Saturday Series Racing<br>Laser Club Championship      | Jim Bohun<br>Ron Simonsmeier<br>Merv Gibson<br>Eugen Lucan |                                                                      | Charles Bucknor   |
| 21-Sep                                                                   | Pot Luck Dinner                                        |                                                            | Marguerite Childs Rachel<br>Jean                                     |                   |
| 22-Sep                                                                   | 11 am Sunday Series Racing                             | Russel Krause<br>Ron Simonsmeier<br>Eugen Lucan            |                                                                      |                   |
| 28-Sep                                                                   | Saturday Series Racing                                 | Neil Dickey<br>Bill Russel<br>Charles Bucknor              |                                                                      | Derrick Hiltz     |
| 29-Sep                                                                   | 11 am Sunday Series Racing                             | James Brown<br>Spencer Elliot<br>Rob Woods                 |                                                                      |                   |
| 5-Oct                                                                    | Saturday Series Racing                                 | Jordyce van Muyden<br>Lee Moseley<br>Lyndon Theisen        |                                                                      | Judy Townsend     |
| 6-Oct                                                                    | 11 am Sunday Series Racing                             | Rick Stroppel<br>Lee Moseley                               |                                                                      |                   |
| 12-Oct                                                                   | Rum Barrel Regatta                                     | Derrick Hiltz<br>Tim Harris<br>Heidi Veluw<br>Fraser Keith |                                                                      | Tim Harris        |
| 12-Oct                                                                   | 12 pm Rum Barrel Lunch                                 |                                                            | Cynthia Hanson<br>Jordyce van Muyden<br>Art Madden                   |                   |
| 13-Oct                                                                   | 10 am Thanksgiving Regatta                             | Derrick Hiltz<br>Tim Harris<br>Heidi Veluw<br>Fraser Keith |                                                                      |                   |
| 13-Oct                                                                   | 5 pm Thanksgiving Dinner                               |                                                            | Cynthia Hanson<br>KJ Lummis<br>Betty Tichkowsky<br>Paulina Stroemich |                   |
| 16-Nov                                                                   | 6 pm Commodore's Awards Night<br>Edmonton Country Club |                                                            | Joao Deus                                                            |                   |
| Denotes race is counted as part of Club Series Racing                    |                                                        |                                                            |                                                                      |                   |
| Denotes race is counted as part of Laser Club Championship Series Racing |                                                        |                                                            |                                                                      |                   |



Join us for the  
Commodore's Banquet 2019  
Saturday, November 16th at the Edmonton Country Club  
6201 Country Club Rd NW

Click this [link](#) or go to the Members section of the website to confirm your attendance and purchase more tickets. Cut-off for your meal registration is November 13th.

Hi WSC'ers,

Each spring and summer we get an amazing opportunity to see each other in a variety of outfits. Swimsuits, form fitting wet suits, crocs, and lots of rain gear. Based on this, wouldn't it be great to see sailors in more dressy attire? Pants, button up shirts, skirts, dresses, and the occasional kilt?

Well there is an opportunity to do just that, the Commodore's Banquet! It's not just about racing, it is about building community. Great food, fun and frivolity, and in a fancy setting (Edmonton Golf and Country Club this year).

As well, there is a brief but important Special General Meeting where we vote in the upcoming season's Executive.

And to top it off, if you are an Active Member you already paid for one ticket! You must claim your ticket in advance by registering [here](#). See you on Saturday November 16th.

Fleet Captain Tim



## WSC CASINO – April 12 and 13, 2020

WSC has been assigned casino event dates for Sunday April 12 and Monday April 13 at Century Casino in St Albert. This is our primary activity for raising funds for our club and only takes place sporadically. This year we have been fortunate to qualify for an earlier date that just became available. We will need lots of volunteers for this event, so please mark the dates on your calendar and try to plan to help on one or both days. Contact [volunteer@wabamunsailingclub.com](mailto:volunteer@wabamunsailingclub.com)



## We need your help.

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## Call for applications for the Danny Sorochan Junior Sailing Fund

The WSC Executive would like to invite junior members and members' children to apply for travel funding from the proceeds of the Danny Sorochan Junior Sailing Fund. Limited funds are available and will be distributed to successful applicants based on the merits of the application.

Eligible applicants must be members in good standing of the WSC that are either:

- Under the age of 18 years old on April 30, or
- A Full-time student (supporting documentation may be required) between the ages of 19 –25 years old on April 30.

Use this application to apply for reimbursement of travelling expenses incurred when competing in ASA/Sail Canada sanctioned regattas (not including any regattas held at Wabamun Lake). As per the guidelines, the event must be at least 200km from your home.

The application can be found on the website under Member Info>>Club Documents in the Members section. Ensure you read and follow the Sail Canada Expense Reimbursement Guidelines.

Submit your application before Oct 15, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Bohun at [juniorsailing@wabamunsailingclub.com](mailto:juniorsailing@wabamunsailingclub.com)



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