

WABAMUN
SAILING CLUB



Commodore's Message

It may seem like sailing has started to wind down for the season, but there could be plenty of great sailing and racing left for our club. Fall weather in northern Alberta is notoriously fickle, but I remember many years when every weekend in September featured good sailing breezes, sunny skies, and reasonable temperatures. By my count we have five weekends, ten days of racing left including the Thanksgiving weekend in October. The "Eastward Ho" long distance race to Kapasiwin is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, September 11. The Rum Barrel and Thanksgiving Regattas on October 9 and 11 are open to all WSC members and members of other ASA clubs; we may have some visitors from southern Alberta. I remind racers and volunteers that starting in September, racing starts at 11 AM on Sunday.

There are also some important upcoming events off the water. On September 9 we are having the 2020 AGM at 7 PM in Multipurpose Room B at the Terwillegar Rec Centre. This needs a little explanation. This is the 2020 AGM, not the 2021 AGM. Our by-laws require an AGM at a particular time. Our by-laws do not include a provision to hold the AGM virtually. During most of the last eighteen months, it would have been unhealthy and illegal for thirty or forty people to get together in a room to discuss WSC business. In March of 2022 we plan to hold the 2021 AGM (like we normally do), then we will be "caught up" and hopefully back on schedule for the timing of the AGM.

The annual "haul out" following the Thanksgiving Regatta on October 10 is a great opportunity for a visit with our sailing friends before we say goodbye to the club for the winter. After careful consideration and in view of escalating Covid concerns, it has been decided to cancel only the club's Thanksgiving dinner this year. We will continue with the regatta and all **help to bring in the docks and other equipment**. We have scheduled the Commodore's Banquet for Saturday November 13 at the Edmonton Country Club.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at these various events.

Rick Stroppel, Commodore, WSC



Vice-Commodore's Message

Sailpast 2021 was held on Sunday Aug 15 and was attended by about 60 members and friends.

The Sailpast is a special celebration that is held annually to honour the Commodore's dedication to the Club. As noted in last month's Mainsheet, marine tradition, which goes back hundreds of years, had a Sailpast where the Commodore would review the sailing fleet at a club.

We were fortunate to have wind in the morning for the Memorial Cup, in honour of 2 sailors who lost their lives on Lake Wabamun and the Anniversary Cup, which celebrates the club longevity.

This year, the wind gradually died, so the Sailpast morphed into a rowpast. Our Commodore, Rick Stroppel was ensconced in Keith Brigg's beautiful and elegant homebuilt rowboat. The members and guests at the club lined up on our sturdy dock, and Rick was rowed past the appreciative crowd.

Following the rowpast, a short ceremony was held on the deck of the club. Our Fleet Captain, Tim Harris, handed out the awards for the winners of Anniversary Cup (Rob Legate and Lyndon Thiessen in a Zim15) and the Memorial Cup (Bruce Barss in a Blade 16). Tim also handed out the awards for 2020 which had not been previously awarded due to cancellation of the 2020 Commodore's Awards night because of Covid 19 restrictions.

Following the formalities, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments were served and members and guests were able to meet and chat. We were fortunate that the day was warm but with intermittent clouds, as we were able to be outside as we wanted to help maintain some Covid 19 distancing, but without being in the blazing sun.

A lot of effort went into the planning and execution of this day and we'd like to acknowledge the people involved. The on-water activities were led by Russel Krause and his team of Keith Briggs, Greg Fuhr and David Bennet. Rachel Jean was the social organizer and was ably supported by her crew of Lori Jones, Ken Wells, Sue Semchuk, Ken Lummis, Natasha Lummis and Margot Henderson. Frank Grell was the Sailpast organizer and he was supported by Tim Harris and Jordyce van Muyden, as well as the liquor service team of Bruce Barss, Armin Preiksaitis and Marguerite Childs.

Overall, a pretty great day at WSC!

Frank Grell, Vice-Commodore



Shore Captain's Message

As I write this, all three of the whalers are operational (yay!). It's been quite a year trying to keep them running. To date, I think there have been four days when the whalers were all working at the same time! I want to thank the members who have used their time and efforts to get them back in the water. I especially want to acknowledge Bruce Barss for the hours he has spent working on the motors.

Calling all Parents and Grandparents!

After years of talking about it, we are finally going to do something to improve the kids' play structure and sand box. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving (**Oct 16**), there will be a work party to remove the existing sand and use it to fill some of the low areas on the front lawn. Some grass seed & water and we should be good for next summer.

In the Spring, the plan is to make improvements to the play area, including proper playground sand that won't compact with the first rain! Further details on the work party to come in the next Mainsheet.

See you at the Club

Bill Russell



Thanksgiving Dinner

No turkey dinner this year folks, but this turkey should be elated, he gets to live another year and by time butchering comes around next year, well - he'll be too old and tough to eat.

Rejoice birdy, rejoice!!



Fleet Captain's Message

Why is there that black plug looking thing in the back of my boat aka buoyancy is better than being a submersible

So we have had a rash of adventures lately with boats expressing their desire to sink rather than float. Whether it's a lack of checking plugs regularly to test their tightness or some sticky fingers "borrowing" them, the end result is some sailors attempting to become submariners. So check your plugs people!

September means 11am starts on Sunday and no lunch break. The cooler weather means the racers would rather not stop once they start, so it's power through time.

September 11th is international Laser day so to celebrate we are doing our last Laser (ILCA) championship race on the 18th (I know, it's a week late, but Russel didn't tell me it was a thing until now).

Thanksgiving Weekend - the always interesting Rum Barrel Regatta occurs on the Saturday and Thanksgiving Regatta on Sunday followed by dock removal at 12:00 please try and make it out as many hands make light work.

Tim "Laird of the Fleet" Harris

September Event and Volunteer Schedule

Volunteer Duties

Social					
Date		Leads	Assistants		Exec on Duty
Sat Sep 11	Eastward Ho	Bill Russell	John Henderson	Margo Henderson	Bill Russell
Sun Sep 12	Sunday Series	Tim Harris	John Henderson	Margo Henderson	Tim Harris
Sat Sep 18	Saturday Series	Tim Harris	Eugen Lucan	Rob Woods	James Brown
Sun Sep 19	Sunday Series	Tim Harris	Cory Hrushka David Sorenson	Eugen Lucan	Tim Harris
Sat Sep 25	Saturday Series	Rick Stroppel	Ken Tichkowsky	Alfonso Ceccherini Rick Stroppell	Rick Stroppell
Sun Sep 26	Sunday Series			Dick Stroud Allen Wilde	
Sat Oct 2	Saturday Series	Mark	Joao Deus	Shane Gienow	Frank Grell
Sun Oct 3	Sunday Series	Kortbeek	Joao Deus	Shane Gienow	
Sat Oct 9	Rum Barrel Regatta	Derrick Hiltz	Tim Harris	Heidi Veluw	Fred Hadley
Sun Oct 10	Rum Barrell Social	Corinne Brown	Marguarite Childs	Lyndon Thiessen	
	Thanksgiving Regatta	Derrick Hiltz	Tim Harris	Heidi Veluw	

Did you know?

Parkland County requires anyone burning a fire in a pit that does not have a regulation screen to obtain a fire permit. So, when you are sitting around the fire pit at the front of the club and someone asks you if you have a permit for your fire, be aware that you can say yes. It's posted on the notice board in the clubhouse and you would be required to show it to an officer. Permits are normally issued for a 90-day period. On the following page is an example:



WSC Fire Permit Example

Fire Permit

CAS-07404

Issued under the authority of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act, R.S.A. 2000 c.F-19, The Regulations thereunder and Bylaw No. 22-2012

This permit authorizes: The Occupant

Name: Jordyce van Muyden

Mailing Address: Box 1702 Main PO

Telephone: 780-963-0214

To kindle fires on the following lands for the purpose of burning: Fire pit which does not have regulation screen

Subdivision Name: Parkland County

Municipal Address: 3-53025 Range Road 43

Plan/Block/Lot: Legal Description:

Latitude: Longitude:

Burning shall be done in compliance with the Forest and Prairie Protection Act (SUPRA), the regulations made thereunder and the following conditions:

1. Permittee is responsible for the safe control of the burning herein authorized;
2. Winds less than 20 km per hour; (For weather information phone 468-4940)
3. A minimum of one(1) adult must be in attendance at all times;
4. Sufficient tools, equipment, and quantities of water must be readily available for the size of burn being conducted;
5. If burning is within 1/2 kilometer of a primary or secondary highway the Permittee is responsible to post appropriate "Smoke" signs along the primary or secondary highway subject to approval of the Operations Manager of Alberta Infrastructure (Ph: 963-5711)
6. Permittee must remove or notify appropriate agency/person to remove smoke signs when burn is completed or permit expires.
7. Consideration must be given to neighbours as to avoid physical discomfort as a result of burning.
8. This Permit does not authorize burning of prohibited debris as defined by the Alberta Environmental Protection Enhancement Act.
9. This Permit may be cancelled at any time.

Additional Notes:

Effective Date: 2021-09-04

Expires: 2021-12-03

The Permittee agrees to indemnify and save harmless Parkland County from all liability arising out of the operations authorized by this fire permit.

The Permittee agrees to pay the cost of fighting all fires caused by willful violation of any condition set out in the fire permit.

I have read and understand the conditions above and regulations in [Bylaw No. 22-2012](#) and **I accept full responsibility.**



WSC Sailing School



Halie Mark hosted a birthday party at the Sailing Club last Saturday. Here are a few snaps of the kids who have never sailed. They really seemed to enjoy themselves.

Kudos to you Halie!!



2021-2024 Rule Books

We have a few available for purchase through the club.
You may now purchase them through the website here:

<https://wabamunsailingclub.wufoo.com/forms/wsc-racing-rules-of-sailing-20212024/>

Alberta Sailing Association (ASA)

The Alberta Sailing Association (ASA) is looking to update its' bylaws. You can check the current bylaws [here](#), and we would love your feedback as to what you would like to see in our bylaws.

Dave Elliott, from the Calgary Yacht Club, has agreed to head this adventure and I know that he/we would love to receive feedback. If you are interested, or you know someone with a keen interest in bylaws, please let me know.

The sooner we receive feedback, the sooner we can get a draft into your hands.

Any questions, comments you have about our bylaws or anything sailing related, please send me an email.

I look forward to hearing from everyone!

Stacey Gibb, President of the ASA

Contact Stacey at president@albertasailing.com

<http://albertasailing.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/ASA-Bylaws.pdf>



Danny Sorochan Junior Sailing Fund



Danny Sorochan is one of the Founding Members of the Wabamun Sailing Club (WSC). Dan was a strong supporter of junior sailing and in 1964 became the Northern Alberta Junior Sailing Coordinator. In 1964 he also started the Thanksgiving Regatta and turkey dinner and for many years served hot Gluhwein at the event. In 1990 Dan established the Dan Sorochan Junior Sailors Endowment Fund to which he donated frequently over the years.

The Danny Sorochan Junior Sailing Fund supports the development and enhancement of junior sailing programs at WSC. Fund proceeds will be directed to junior sail training and programs. As the fund grows, there will be opportunities for funding for junior sailors to travel to competitions locally, provincially, nationally and internationally, as well as other junior sailing events.

WSC, together with family, friends and colleagues of Danny Sorochan, have now established this permanently endowed fund at the Edmonton Community Foundation. Additional support is very welcome. Donations to the fund receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Call for applications

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 Wabamun Sailing Club 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) or participating in training camps. Travel in 2020 or 2021 is eligible. As per the guidelines, the event must be at least 200km from your home.

Application Form and Guidelines <https://members.wabamunsailingclubSorochan-FundApplication>

If you have any questions, please contact Jordyce van Muyden at secretary@wabamunsailingclub.com.



Manager's Message

This has been a really good month and I would have to say a lot of it is chalked up to be because of humour. You have to laugh at yourself and sometimes at others (sometimes with them), just to get through this crazy world we live in.

This is totally unrelated to sailing, but worth sharing for the laugh. I was working at the store the other day and you understand we, being the people that work with the public, get all the crap about the mask wearing mandate. I know we don't make the rules, but we sure get &%!@ on for them. Anyways, like I said you just have to laugh! So this woman comes to my till and I tell her that the government has now mandated that masks be worn in indoor spaces in the Province of Alberta as of Saturday, September 4th at 8:00 am. She says, "well that doesn't matter, I am not from here", I say, well you are here now, so you must be masked. Again, she says, "didn't you hear me the first time, I am NOT from here". Ok, I say and finish ringing her through. She finally is about to leave when she turns to look me straight in the eyes and says, and yes, I quote her, "JUST SO YOU KNOW, I am from Edson".

I tell myself "hold it in Lori, don't laugh just yet, bite your tongue; she finally leaves...and then I let it out, my co-hort and myself were in tears with laughter. Unbeknownst to us: Edson has moved away from the Province of Alberta! Who knew.

A Little "Sailing" Humour - Radio Conversation

This is the actual transcript of a radio conversation between a British Navy ship and the Irish Coastguard, off the coast of Kerry:

Irish: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south, to avoid collision

British: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north, to avoid collision

Irish: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south ' to avoid collision.

British: This is the Captain of a British Navy Ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Irish: Negative. I say again, you will have to divert YOUR course

British: THIS IS THE LARGEST SHIP IN THE BRITISH FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY 3 DESTROYERS, 3 CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT SHIPS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES TO THE NORTH, OR COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS FLOTILLA.

Irish: THIS IS A LIGHTHOUSE YOUR CALL!

Two people, let's call them Roy and Ken, are out sailing on Lake Wabamun when suddenly a hand appears from the lake.

"What's this?" asked skipper Roy, "It looks as if someone is in trouble and drowning!"

"No," explained his crew Ken, "It's just a little wave."

I know we are living in troubled times, but together we will all get through this. I am extremely grateful to have all of my friends and activities at the Wabamun Sailing Club, it really is a stress reliever. There really does have to be some fun and games -- not just all seriousness!

Cheers, Lori Jones, WSC Manager

