



Regina Sailing Club

*Saskatchewan Beach, at the
Last Mountain Lake Sailing Centre*

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Missing Club Member found!



It's been a long hard winter - but it should be over soon - though not soon enough for this poor guy!

In this edition of the *Jibsheet* I would like to touch on some of the exciting things in store for the 2013 season - but first a quick follow-up from our **Annual General Meeting** in February.

Detailed draft minutes for the meeting are (or soon will be!) available on the club website at www.sailregina.ca. Please note that access to meeting minutes and club bylaws now require the use of a User Name and Password - emailed to club members under separate cover.

There was a good turnout for the meeting - possibly drawn by the hands-on **Boat Repair Workshop** by Mark Lammens. Most of this excellent content was captured on both still images and video and will provide a great resource for the future - a good visual is worth a 1000 words! Thanks also to Dave Ramnaraine for organizing the excellent accommodation and lunch.

🔑 **The following club members were elected to the 2013 Board of Directors:**

Club Officers

Sandy Lauder	Commodore & Secty
Francis Wallace	Vice Commodore
Ric Witham	Harbourmaster
Jim Goldie	Treasurer

Directors at Large

David Ramnaraine	Director at Large
Steve Weild	Director at Large
Kevin Marpole	Director at Large
William Isabelle	Director at Large

Given the "new" two year term system, this board provides an excellent mix of old and new blood! After just two meetings it is clear this is a very pro-active group and great progress has been made already to spread the workload and responsibilities across all members. Each major program and administrative responsibility is being claimed by one or more board members - and this augers well for our future viability as a club! Keep your eye on the website to follow progress.

🔑 **Membership Categories.** One of the first orders of business was to review the clubs ability to create additional "Membership Categories". This is still a work in progress. However, but it is a great pleasure to announce the creation of **two Honourary Life Members: Patty Coons and Kevin Coons** of Saskatchewan Beach. Patty and Kevin continue a long standing tradition of close contact and contribution to both the club and the future of sailing in Saskatchewan. Patty's father,

Harold Ball is one of the founding members of our club and is an Honourary Life Member under our previous constitution. Patty is a Certified Race Officer and has run many of our club regattas in years past and also assisted at other club competitions and events while Kevin was a main mover and shaker to get our club improvements and construction ready for the 2005 Canada Summer Games. I have enjoyed many trips around Saskatchewan and Manitoban regattas with Patty & Kevin and their two medal winning "kids" Christine and Cory (now adults!) Both Patty & Kevin have been extremely active over the years and continue to keep a eye out for the security of our club facilities from their property immediately east of our club.

🔑 **The Club Calendar** (posted on the website) is almost finalized for 2013. First off is the **Club Opening on Sunday May 5th** - stay tuned for this as spring snow melt may require some re-scheduling! This will be the **first members "Working Bee"** of the season and your first opportunity to earn a "work credit" under the new fee structure for 2013 - more on this later in the newsletter. Early in June there will be a hands on clinic to re-acquaint members with boat rigging etc and an opportunity to get help in raising the mast of your own boat.

🔑 **The Annual Cruise weekend to Rowans Ravine Provincial Park** will be **June 22-23rd** - those able to take Friday off will head out on **Friday June 21st**. A great weekend and an opportunity for those not owning a small cruiser to volunteer to crew with another club member. If you need crew for the 2013 RR Cruise or if you want to crew and need a skippered boat check out the Crew List on the website. If you want to discuss cabin/camping/sleep-aboard opportunities or if you need to reserve a slip over the weekend your club Board of Director contact for this is Dave Ramnaraine. In the past there has been opportunity for one-way trips in either direction for those "time challenged sailors" (an oxymoron if ever I heard one!)


🔑 **The Sailing School Week is July 15-19** - this is a wonderful opportunity to brush-up your skills with Sail Canada Accredited Instructors. **Registration is now on-line** and is already available on a "first come" basis - again check out the website. CanSail Certificates are available to those who earn and want them and will form part of a permanent Canada-wide skills database. This on-line registration initiative is a national Sail Canada (ex CYA) initiative, coordinated by SSCA in our province - **please note that you are NOT registered until you have paid your registration fee either on-line or by cheque to the club!** **There is a special discount for club members and those with family memberships.** As in previous years it is the intention to run a **"fun regatta" on the Saturday open to "school grads" and club members.** As this is a **Canada Summer Games Year** (Sherbrooke Quebec August 2-17) there are constraints on both School 420's and Sask Team members so we are looking into perhaps running the regatta with small cruisers - say skipper and 2 crew per boat - could be a blast - stay tuned!

Sue Baiton has stepped down this year from being the club organizer for the sailing school - but is due special recognition for organizing everything to do with the school for many years - the hard way. Thanks' Susan! Under the new system our Director Rep for the school is **Ric Witham** (306.569.8911)

🔑 **Construction Plans.** Plans are being put in place to engage in extensive repairs this season to the breakwater, west boat launch and the roadway down to the lower compound. This will greatly improve access to club facilities for both dinghy and cruiser owners. William Isabelle, Director at Large and 2012 recipient of the *Harry Sweetman "Just Do It Award"* for remedial work done last fall to the lower compound is working with Francis Wallace (new Vice Commodore) to get this

work done as soon as water conditions allow this summer. Even with heavy machinery involved they will need help from club members to get materials down the hill such as bags of cement, lumber, and other manual labour. This will provide an excellent early start for those members planning to work off up to 50% of their 2013 membership fees!

Stay tuned for other similar "opportunities" later in the season - maybe sooner, if we need to sandbag again this spring!.

 **Changes to 2013 Membership Fees.** As circulated prior to the annual general meeting proposed changes to both the level of fees and a process to earn discounts of up to a 50%, was approved by a large majority. For your convenience the rationale for this change is repeated in an attachment to this newsletter. In short, membership fees will consist of two components - a **Basic Fee** and an additional **Maintenance Fee** which can be "worked off" based on earning work credits on tasks previously defined by the Board of Directors. This will be a much improved, better structured and transparent system than the old "sweat equity" system of several years ago. The bottom line is that if you contribute just 10 hours of pre-identified work during the season - either at a "Working Bee" or individually off the Harbourmaster's List you will pay no more in fees than last year!

For example with a Single Membership basic fee of \$200 and a Maintenance fee of \$200 then contributing work hours at three different levels all at \$20 per hour results in:

EG 1:	Single Membership basic fee of		\$200
	Maintenance fee of	\$200	
	Less 10 hours of work credit @ \$20/hour	<u>(\$200)</u>	
	Net Supplementary fee	0	<u>0</u>
	Resulting Final Annual Membership Fee		\$200 (= Fee for 2012)
EG 2:	Single Membership basic fee of		\$200
	Maintenance fee of	\$200	
	Less 6 hours of work credit @ \$20/hour	<u>(\$120)</u>	
	Net Supplementary fee	\$ 80	<u>\$ 80</u>
	Resulting Final Annual Membership Fee		\$280
EG 3:	Single Membership basic fee of		\$200
	Maintenance fee of	\$200	
	Less 0 hours of work credit 0	<u>(\$ 0)</u>	
	Net Supplementary fee	\$ 200	<u>\$200</u>
	Resulting Final Annual Membership Fee		\$400

The objective of this change in membership fee structure is to reflect the principle that we are a small sailing club, dependent on members volunteering to accomplish necessary maintenance and development work. If a member prefers to not volunteer any labour that is OK - but the net result will be an increased fee thereby increasing club revenues in order to pay for necessary contractors to accomplish work. At the Annual Meeting this concept, recommended by the board of directors, was well received and regarded as a fair way to proceed. 2013 fees for Family Memberships and for Students will be similarly calculated on a prorated basis.

📍 **And Now for Something Completely Different!** (Monty Python style - with apologies to Ric Witham). Ric, our new Harbourmaster is full of good new ideas - maybe this is one of his?

New low-tech design Bow Thrusters



A great idea for squeezing into these tight docking spaces or even getting out of shallow bits!

📍 A 2013 Membership Application Form is attached to this newsletter and is also available on the website. Both new and previous members are required to complete this form each year so that our club accounts and database can be kept current.

📍 **Benefits of Club Membership.** These include access to club boats and crewing opportunities over a range of privately owned cruisers; year-round boat storage; links to provincial and national programs and support, and many other benefits. See the full new list on the club website.

📍 **We have lost two fine club members recently. Helen Molloy, Past Commodore** and a member for many years who has contributed greatly of her time and energy and who kept the club going though some slim times in the early 90's has resigned from the club. **Gord Goddard** a member for only a few years but who was always eager to help is moving to Cornwall Ontario this month. He has generously gifted his McGregor, Venture 17' to the club - more on this later! Gord & Sharon have invited any club member passing through Cornwall to stop by for a coffee. Gord can be contacted at ggoddard441@gmail.com .

📍 Don't forget:

Sask Sail FAST!!

(This clinic is Open to all sailors)

Saturday April 6, 2013

Topics Mark will cover include:

Sask Sport "Hall of Fame & Museum"
2205 Victoria Avenue
10:00 am - 3:00pm (Lunch Provided)
\$10 suggested donation at the door

- ◆ Points of Sail and Sail Trim
- ◆ Sailing Faster and getting there sooner
- ◆ Navigation Basics - Rules of the Road
- ◆ lots of time for discussion and Q&A

Sandy Lauder, Commodore