



# Regina Sailing Club

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

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*The Jib Sheet*

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Hi Everyone: Just an update to bring you up to speed. It's been a tough season so far - mostly late, cold, wet and gusty. Few have sailed yet – myself included – though that is about to quickly change. The grass is growing and the weeds are up too – so it must be time to sail! Keep checking the **club website** to see what activities are upcoming. Also, don't forget to check out the club's **Facebook** page for the most current information and club scuttlebutt. Below are a few upcoming highlights:

## ● Membership Renewal

**Just a reminder that 2014 membership fees are now due and payable in full.**

2014 rates are unchanged from last year. Remember the late fee penalty deadline! All details and Membership Application forms are available at the clubhouse and on the website.

*Liability insurance* coverage is now available for "sanctioned activities" - virtually all club organized activities for members of the club. Coverage for non-member guests has not been available until now but to address this, a new *Temporary Membership* is now available for \$10/day for up to 2 days per person per season. Coverage beyond the two days is only available through purchase of a full annual membership. The insurance is provided through SaskSport and is free and automatic for club members engaged in a club "sanctioned activity".

## ● Cruiser Sailing

It is no a secret that the majority of members are no longer dinghy sailors. The increasing line-up of small cruisers on club property is both gratifying and problematic. The optics of "parked boats" sitting unused for weeks on end, or longer, is increasingly a concern to a faction of village residents and to Village Council. The feeling is that they are providing us with one of the most valuable lakeside properties for minimal rent which we do not sufficiently utilize for sailing activities - we are increasingly seen as providing ultra cheap year-round boat storage to owners of "yachts"! Reality may or may not support this - but this is their (our landlord's) perception, their reality! *This is supported by the fact that at the mid-point of June this year only three cruisers have had their winter tarps removed.* The fact that only one cruiser has so far "got wet" may be less obvious to passersby.

The Board of Directors is quite concerned about the situation - exacerbated by the fact that our club lease is coming up for renewal at the end of 2015. We are looking at a range of possibilities to address this problem including provision of an extensive schedule of sailing activities throughout the season - both at weekends and Wednesday evenings (check our website). These will be targeted at both dinghy and cruiser sailors and to the maximum extent possible integrate both groups into common activities. Additionally, Commodore Ric Witham has undertaken in the very near future to contact each cruiser skipper to get an idea of their sailing plans for the 2014 season.

## ● Weekend Cruise to Rowans Ravine: June (20), 21 & 22

Traditionally, the plan has been to sail up to Rowans Ravine Provincial Park and Marina on the Friday (if possible) or Saturday if not, do some local cruising, fishing, swimming, hiking or whatever on the Saturday followed by an evening BBQ, returning to the club on the Sunday. Sometimes we enjoy it so much some of us stay an extra day – even on occasion go up the following week to retrieve our boats!

However, this year if we read it correctly - potential participants mostly prefer going up on Saturday - returning Sunday. This does not preclude individual skippers & crew departing Friday. This cruise is a "sanctioned activity" meaning all members enjoy "liability coverage" should any injury occur (we have never had any in all the years this cruise has taken place). Non member guests may enjoy this coverage for a membership fee of \$10 per day, provided they pre-register *at least 2 days* before departure (allowing this information to be forwarded in time to our sanctioning body, the Saskatchewan Sailing Clubs Association).

#### Some Details:

The objective is not to race nor to sail in strict convoy formation - but to proceed in loose order as a "companionable group" enjoying the cruise. To facilitate this the following are useful guidelines:

- Whether embarking on Friday or Saturday be at the club by 0900 to assist boat preparation and launching by 1000 hours. This provides the best chance of arriving at Rowans Ravine Marina before the wind dies thereby avoiding a long slow motor-cruise for the last few miles! Also, as crew members are enjoying a free cruise it is good etiquette to assist the skipper prepare and launch the boat and to cover the slip fees at the marina.
- However you are responsible for your own personal needs - including bedding, food, liquid refreshments, personal clothing to cope with whatever the weather brings (keep warm and dry or cool and shaded & enjoy the trip!) Arrangements have been made to have bedding and tents etc conveyed by truck to the park - more on this to come. As RR is a Provincial Park normal fees pertain *unless you arrive and depart by boat!!*
- To find out more about the park and about the services provided by GS Marina check out the following.

Rowans Ravine Provincial Park:

<http://www.saskparks.net/Default.aspx?DN=54069807-454b-489b-a952-d4b41e790145&subDN=c308731d-1116-46f4-9eca-d605ca4dcdcf2>

GS Marina:

<http://www.gsmarina.com/rowansravine.html>

Note specifically that there is a restaurant which provides snacks and meals up until late evening 7 days a week (also beer). The chandlery down by the slips provides snacks, fishing gear, clothing and basic medical supplies. Last year my cell phone worked well throughout the site.

- 3 slips have been reserved (Dave, Sandy and one other) Other skippers please call or text Dave Ramnaraine regarding your slip or accommodation requirements as soon as possible (Cell: 306-536-8293)
- Accommodation:
  - Currently cabins are unavailable - though last minute cancellations often occur - leave your name with GS if you wish to benefit from a cancellation. Otherwise alternatives are:
  - Camp site - two TENTING campsites are currently reserved in the "low 300 sites" - we may need to reserve more
  - Sleep aboard (check with your preferred skipper!)
  - Arrange for somebody to drive you to town and back next morning!
- Boats: At the present time we have 4 probably 5 boats on our "GO-List" this could change upwards or down closer to the event:
  - 21 ft San Juan. Skipper Dave Ramnaraine - could accommodate 2-3 crew (Cell: 306-536-8293)
  - 21 ft San Juan. Skipper Sandy Lauder - could accommodate 2-3 crew (Cell: 306-540-8286)
  - 26 ft McGregor. Skipper Ryan Doddington - looking for 1-2 experienced crew (306-529-0311)
  - 26 ft McGregor. Skipper Daryl Reimer - could accommodate 2-3 crew (Cell: 306-591-5064) *Daryl will know for sure whether he can participate by later in the week.*
  - 25 ft(?) Luger. Skipper Doug Hilderman - With 1st Mate Char, Doug could take 1 extra crew member if required

- Crew: We have 4-7 additional crew currently listed:
  - Francis & Carla
  - Daniel & Jamie
  - Toby Hozempa
  - Other "possibles" include:
    - Dwight & Sharon
    - Steve

*If you wish to be added to this crew list please let Dave or I know as soon as possible so we can make appropriate arrangements*

*If you wish to be removed from this list please likewise communicate your intention*

***It is very important for finalizing details to have a firm commitment one way or the other- currently the above crew list pertains!***

***If you are a boat owner and you wish to be added to the skipper list or to withdraw please similarly signify***

It would be good if we could finalize the crewing situation prior to the event - failing that we can sort out crewing just prior to departure - **BUT we need to know soonest whether you plan on being a participant or not.** I will have at least 2 VHF radios available to help keep the fleet together (cell phones work depending on your carrier!) Our new slip charts of the lake may also be available for purchase prior to the trip to help keep track of our position.

● **Sailing School: July 14-18<sup>th</sup> (5 days) plus a friendly "open" regatta on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

This annual event is a great way for you and/or your friends to learn or otherwise brush up on sailing skills. The week long course is sponsored by the Sask Sailing Clubs Association and employs two fully certified instructors to coordinate the course. The emphasis is on on-water training but there is a small on-shore component to discuss some sailing theory etc. A sunset cruise on either the Wednesday or Thursday evening can be arranged if there is sufficient interest. The Saturday regatta is a fun -no pressure - opportunity to put your sailing skills to use and is open to both school grads and members of any sailing club associated with *Sail Canada*.

Check out our webpage to see the ***deeply discounted registration fee*** for members and even more for additional family participants! Registration is again an on-line process accessible directly from our website or that of SSCA. If you find that all places are taken please contact Ric or myself to "override" the process and get you registered!

● **Other Activities:** Just a reminder to check our club webpage and *Facebook* to keep up to date on this year's expanded schedule of events including the "sanctioned" Wednesday evening and Sunday club activities.

● **Final reminder for next weekend's cruise to Rowan's Ravine:** If you wish to participate as Skipper or crew please send (or re-send) your confirmation to Dave Ramnaraine or to me as soon as possible including any requirement for a slip and accommodation and whether a Friday or Saturday embarkation is preferred.- or for any further information. For those participating I will forward my *Rowans Ravine Cruise Preparation Checklist* which has served me well over the years!

The weather forecast for next weekend is ***OUTSTANDING!!*** (*Check it out below*)

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# Weather Network Forecast

**Fri Jun 20**  
Isolated showers



25°C

29

10°C

30%

<1 mm

NW 25 km/h

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**Sat Jun 21**  
Mainly sunny



21°C

24

14°C

0%

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SE 10 km/h

13

**Sun Jun 22**  
Cloudy periods



25°C

28

12°C

10%

-5 mm

SE 15 km/h

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