



Regina Sailing Club

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The Jib Sheet

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Ahoy! Welcome to the Jibsheet for 2015. This edition should catch you up this season's early goings on, including restoration work on the clubhouse, some changes to upcoming events and some preliminary information on a club member's boats which are for sale. As director at large responsible for Communications, I, Ryan, will helm the Jibsheet for 2015. Simply advise if there is something you would like to see contained in these pages...

Slip-sliding away? An update on the RSC property and clubhouse

Over the last year the land slumping at Last Mountain Lake has been a real cause for concern in the Resort Village of Saskatchewan Beach. In fact, at a Council meeting September 22, 2104, the village passed a resolution to declare a local emergency. Since then, the village has ceased using its community hall and extended the declaration of the local emergency – it is still in effect at time of publication.

As you are probably well aware, the property rented by RSC was not spared. Evidence of the slumping land is plainly identifiable to even the untrained eye upon arriving at the RSC property. Examples include:

- The approach from the main drive to the clubhouse features 'camel humps' whereas it was more level in 2014
- There are large cracks in the soil at the south east side of the property
- Trees on the east and west sides of the clubhouse have cracked trunks – they have split from the ground up as the root systems are pulled apart
- The lower deck had moved approx. 6" away from the clubhouse stairs towards the lake
- One corner support for the verandah roof had come detached and was no longer providing any support

If this wasn't concerning enough, just out of sight beneath the clubhouse, considerable structural works were required to stabilize the building. As a result, members of the RSC Executive have made numerous visits to the clubhouse this Spring to determine the scope of the works required. What follows is an abbreviated list of works completed to date...

April: Members of the Executive made several visits to the clubhouse to assess required work and create a materials list

May 2, 9: Harbour Master and members of the Executive began installing teleposts



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Working Bee # 1 - Clubhouse work, Saturday, May 16:

- The southwest piles beneath the clubhouse were leveled and centred below the beam
- The three – 2” x 10”s which form the north beam supporting the clubhouse were bolted through to decrease the likelihood that they delaminate in the future
- Slumping verandah was leveled and southeast corner post repaired and supported
- Failing West deck and staircase were demolished and plans were made to rebuild both at a future working bee
- *Note: while correcting tilted concrete piles and supports, Dave and Daryl disappeared below the clubhouse for what felt like hours. For a while it was dicey, as visual and radio communications were lost, but eons later, looking very much like miners – filling the role right down to the headlamps and dusty coveralls – they emerged victorious and confirmed that the pile they were working on was squarely beneath its beam*

Working Bee # 2 - Clubhouse work, Saturday, May 23rd:

- Dinghies were moved to lower compound
- Eavestrough work was started
- Plumbing work was identified

Working Bee # 3 - Clubhouse work, Sunday, May 31st:

- Installation of 40’ beam supporting north beam
- Eavestrough work

Monday, June 1:

- Two piles leveled beneath centre beam
- Plywood skirting applied to building perimeter

Wednesday, June 3:

- Plumbing repairs

Saturday, June 6:

- Poly applied to plywood skirting



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Working Bee # 4 – Sunday, June 7:

- Bottle jacks placed beneath north beam

Planned Working Bee # 5 – Saturday, June 13, 12 – 4 p.m. (BBQ to follow):

- Additional clubhouse work

Planned Working Bee # 6 – Sunday, June 14, 1 – 4 p.m. (BBQ and Social to follow 4 – 6 p.m.)

- Cruiser mast raising and dingy rigging

A hearty thank you goes out to all of those who have put in the hours and the muscle to stabilize the clubhouse so that we can all enjoy its use through what promises to be a fine summer. Thanks especially to Harbour Master Dave and Master Handyman Daryl for the long hours spent beneath the clubhouse in the dirt.

For the longevity of the clubhouse and the RSC's neighbours at Last Mountain Lake and the Resort Village of Saskatchewan Beach, here's hoping the high water table and slumping land issues are behind us. This club has its determined and resourceful members to draw on in times like these, which may not be the case for others who may not have the ability to mitigate damages before they threaten structure and/or property.

Rowan's Ravine Cruiser weekend in jeopardy?

This Spring has brought driving conditions so poor on Highway 220 running west from Bulyea to Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park that one May long weekend camper (interviewed by Global News) described the drive like this: "on a scale of 1 to 10, it's a minus 5."

A local sailing enthusiast who typically sails out of a slip at G&S Marina has indicated that the marina was destroyed by ice and will not open in 2015. At present, no timeline exists for the repair and reopening of the Marina.

As a result, RSC cannot plan to use slips at G&S Marina for overnight stays as we have in the past. This year's Rowan's Ravine cruise was tentatively planned for June 26-28 as published in the 2015 calendar of events. An alternate day-sail is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 27, pending the installation of the dock at the Sask Beach boat launch. Keep an eye on the club's event's page for more details (http://sailregina.ca/?page_id=14).



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In more positive news, the website www.saskparks.net reports that the boat launch at Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park is open as of May 28, so day sailors can still use this water access as a destination point this summer.

Mobile Sailing School

The dates of this year's MSS at RSC are: Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17. More information is available at www.sailregina.ca/?page_id=24 and registrations can be made through the Saskatchewan Sailing Clubs Association registration link at the bottom of the page.

Club Burgees

Should you be wondering how best to show you RSC pride this summer, consider doing so by flying a club burgee from the masthead of your dingy or the right spreader on your cruiser when you set sail. The sharp-looking burgees feature a classic navy background with a blood red cross and a gold crown.

RSC members can purchase burgees directly from The Flag Shop in Saskatoon (309 33rd Street West, Saskatoon, SK – 306-651-3524).

Boat Insurance

Members are reminded that they are required to carry their own insurance for boats kept at the RSC compound. Damage and liability insurance can be obtained on a home owner's or tenant's package, while insurance for boat trailers is provided on an auto policy acquired through one of SGI's issuing offices.

Whatever you do, don't make the mistake of not carrying proper insurance this season!

Harbour Master's message:

Cruiser owners, please remember to tend to the lawn beneath your trailer when you move your rig this summer. Lawnmowers are in the toolshed east of of the clubhouse.



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Who's Who at the Zoo: Your 2015 RSC Executive Members and responsibilities

Commodore – Ric Witham

Vice-Commodore – Sandy Lauder

Harbour Master – David Ramnaraine (Grounds and Maintenance)

Treasurer – Jim Goldie

Director at Large – Jamie Ingram (Membership and Training)

Director at Large – Ryan Dodington (Communications)

Director at Large – Dwight Wooley (Work Credits)

Director at Large – Charles Morgan (Fleet Management, reporting to HM)

Sailing skills (for your discovery online from home):

Itching to do some learning away from the lake and from the comfort of your computer room or couch? Then take a look at this video series covering the following topics:

- Sail shape part 1
- Sail shape part 2
- Retrieve a person overboard
- Balance
- Reefing

<http://www.sailmagazine.com/sail-essentials-video-set/>

Boats for sale:

John Stoesser has indicated he is offering two boats for sale. First, a Sandpiper including a 4.5 Johnson long shaft outboard. Second, a fully outfitted Mirror dinghy. Feel free to contact John at stoesser@sasktel.net for more information.

Sailing Definitions:

Sailing: the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense

From *Sailing: A Dictionary for Landlubbers, Old Salts & Armchair Drifters*, by Henry Beard & Roy McKie