



Regina Sailing Club

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Happy New Year!

This year's first edition of the Jib Sheet will outline a few upcoming events and some ideas your Executive have been discussing. We will not let the winter season deter us from planning and plotting our course for the coming year! The Jib Sheet is a forum for news and information for the RSC, so simply advise if there is anything you would like to see contained in these pages...

Also, if you are on Facebook, consider joining the group *Regina Sailing Chat*, where some of your fellow sailors pose questions and contribute interesting articles.

RSC Clubhouse and land lease

Commodore Ric Witham has been in ongoing communications with the Resort Village of Saskatchewan Beach concerning the land lease. In advance of the lease expiring early in 2016, the village had requested information from the RSC and has received a lengthy, persuasive response from Ric.

The most recent update, received from the village before the holidays, is that a new lease is being prepared by the village and will be completed sometime in February. The village has held two closed discussions with regards to the lease, but information on the content is not available to the RSC at this time.

Save the date: 2016 RSC Annual General Meeting

The 2016 RSC AGM is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Telephone Pioneers Activity Centre (TPAC) in Regina. More information will be emailed to RSC members closer to the date, however traditionally there is a morning technical session and lunch, followed by the business meeting.

RSC members are encouraged to attend this meeting to take part in discussion and planning for the year ahead.

Sailors required to serve on Board of Directors

At the RSC Directors meeting of October 15, 2015, Commodore Ric Witham announced that he will not be standing for re-election at the February AGM. In his time as Commodore, Ric has taken on a variety of responsibilities outside the scope of the role, including: web master, training school coordinator, and secretarial liaison to the ISC. These functions will be assumed in part or whole by other directors or the new Commodore.

RSC members are asked to consider running for a position on the board in 2016. The time commitment required varies by position and club members who are interested in serving should reach out to an existing director with any questions they may have, or for the best discussion, attend the AGM on February 28.

Nominations can be taken on the day of the AGM, however for planning and transition reasons, members interested in serving on the board are encouraged to register their interest with a director as soon as possible.

Thank you to Ric for serving as our Commodore. May you spend more time on the water in 2016 and the years to come!

Looking back on 2015: Members worked together to save the clubhouse

The overwhelming concern of the 2015 season was the structural integrity of the RSC clubhouse, or more specifically, the locations of concrete piles below the clubhouse in relation to the clubhouse's supporting beams. All you need to understand is that the relationship between the two was unharmonious...that is until club members got to work!

Thankfully, club members demonstrated incredible cooperation and effort, pulling together to contribute 289 work hours throughout the summer to shore up the structural elements below the clubhouse. In an effort to minimize the potential for future damage due to water flow on the property, repairs were made to the eaves troughs and weeping tile was added to introduce adequate drainage around the structure.

Amidst the positives, the unfortunate truth remains that the efforts to save the clubhouse and ensure its longevity for future use did detract from sailing activities. During many work bees, the members assembled on the hill would pause to look longingly over the lake where inviting conditions beckoned. The silver lining is that the structural issues have been addressed and the clubhouse is once again on a firm foundation.

This short recap cannot adequately capture all the efforts undertaken by members in rising to overcome one of the largest challenges this club has faced. With implications on member safety, club insurance and the lease negotiations, the response and commitment by club members was outstanding. Pat yourself on the back if you participated in any way!

Boat Insurance in 2016

A friendly reminder that members 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!

2015 RSC Executive Members and responsibilities

Commodore – Ric Witham (term complete Feb. 2016)

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 a video below and feel free to forward your suggestions of worthwhile videos for a future edition:

Cruisers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPXYRFoYhxE>

Dinghies:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPkH81M6-NE>

Sailing definitions:

Crew: Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down corners of charts, anchor cushions in place, and dampen sudden movements of the boom.

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