



# BLACKSTRAP

## SAILING CLUB

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

**BSSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY JANUARY 9, 2010 @ NOON**  
**SASK SPORT OFFICE, 510 CYNTHIA STREET**  
All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!  
Please confirm your attendance by emailing Commodore  
John Barry at [turner.barry@sasktel.net](mailto:turner.barry@sasktel.net)

### SAILING LESSONS @ BSSC IN 2010

Back by popular demand, Evening Sailing Lessons will be offered again at BSSC in June of 2010. The lessons will be run in conjunction with the SSCA Sailing School. For more information please look for our Spring Newsletter in April or visit [www.BSSC.ca](http://www.BSSC.ca).



### SITE DEVELOPMENT

**A VARIETY OF PROJECTS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE CLUB SITE FACILITY.**

These include a reprofiling of the parking lot, construction of a change house and reclaiming of boat storage and rigging space. At the same time a long term site development plan is being put together. Membership input is needed on a variety of related issues. Please see inside for more information.

# COMMODORE'S REPORT

## SEASON ENDS AND NEW SEASON BEGINS

As one time passes and another begins It is easy to appreciate the value of fun we have had at the club this past summer season. The club continues to be a great facility for friends and family to come and enjoy sailing and the freedom and pleasure it can bring. Participation made all the difference and I would like to send a welcome to all those new members that joined the club this year. We had welcomed some new members that joined from the implementation of the sailing school as well as a greater number of new members joining throughout the season and as well late in the season. I encourage you to take a moment to introduce yourself to your fellow Sailor as they may be new and want to know you.



In an effort to increase the enjoyment of the facility we the executive committee have been spending a large portion on our allotted meeting time toward the request from last years AGM of planning the building a change room. We have also been considering the entire facility in the process and this brought to mind the parking lot, boat rigging near the water, overnight use, and property storage. Due to the constraints of our executive committee's time we have narrowed our scope to items that have the greatest amount of combined advantages from one action plan. We have also considered the land use surrounding our facility and the changing development in the area. To speed progress in site planning and development we have focussed upon the items discussed in the Site Development Portion of the newsletter. Be sure to read the information regarding the changes at the facility carefully and make your views known.

The Upcoming AGM is the members opportunity to be nominated to a position on the Executive Committee. I am completing my second year as Commodore and have reached my maximum term of service. We are expecting positions to open up and would like members to plan on coming to the AGM this year. If you haven't made it in the past do not worry. Members can be nominated to an executive position at the AGM. [www.bssc.ca](http://www.bssc.ca) is the link to the club website containing a detail of the responsibilities of each position on the executive committee just check in the Bylaws on the homepage. It is extremely important that positions get filled. There is a great advantage gained by having all positions filled. If you are hesitant on filling a position, know the commitment is truly minimal and the meeting dates are about five per year.

We are also in the process of better managing the space usage at the facility. The tool we are using to do this is to designate parking space for boats and trailers while at the same time identifying abandon property through inventory. We have designated the North property line for all trailer parking. Therefore if you find yourself able to get your trailer to that area please take a moment on your next visit and park there. Boat storage and rigging down near the water may be tight at the first couple months of the season. To relieve this strain we have designated a new rigging see update below.

The Club is entering a dynamic phase of it's existence. It's identity is composed of members personal characteristics expressed directly by participating in its activities.

Above all we want to maintain an environment to enjoy the Freedom and Pleasure of Sailing at the facility.

**John Barry, Commodore**



# **SITE DEVELOPMENT –MEMBERSHIP INPUT REQUEST!**

## **THE MULTIPURPOSE CHANGE HOUSE:**

The Executive Committee is in the process of planning the construction of a new Multipurpose Change House for the club. Two Similar designs have been presented to the committee and are starkly different from each other regarding design differences. Briefly they are:

1. Building #1 : 12x24 metal clad building with no overhangs and single slant roof toward the back built on skids and set on ground. Corrugated window panel on the south facing wall 8' from ground. Supplies estimate at \$3500 has been obtained.
2. Building #2 : 12x24 metal clad building with overhangs and a offset peaked gable roof. Corrugated window panel in the center of the roof vertical and taking up height change of slope. Cost estimate in the range of \$6500.

The design common to both buildings will enable divided male /female change room and a 'indoor' storage of boats during the winter time in the building. Details of the design and a breakdown of costs are available for consideration on the BSSC website, <http://www.BSSC.ca>. There will be variance of a few hundred dollars on supplies depending on floor requirements. Kelsey Campus has made us aware they are interested in building either plan. BSSC members will have a more difficult time with building 2 and will take longer due to design differences. Cost differences of BSSC members building the buildings vs Kelsey Campus is in the range of \$400. BSSC members must commit to construction time prior to Executive members proceeding with plans to have members construct the building. A Private indoor non heated work area is available for construction. Time frame for construction is Jan to end of April as we would like the building on site at the beginning of the year. There will be approximately 9 construction days required for building #1 -if utilizing 4 BSSC members per day.

At this point we are requesting input from the membership to address a number of points.

**Question 1: Would you be able to commit some amount of time this winter and next summer to help with construction of the building yes or no? If yes, how much time?**

**Question 2: Would you be interested in renting winter boat storage space in the new building, yes or no? Allotted spaces can accommodate boats up to the size of a Laser II. Rental period would be from Oct 30 to May 1.**

**Question 3: Regardless of your response to question 2, what do you feel would be a fair per winter storage fee, \$50.00, \$75.00 or \$100.00?**

## **THE PARKING LOT:**

A reprofiling of the parking lot has been proposed, to reduce the 'hump' and large rocks in the middle, while still maintaining the general slope/context of the area.

## **BOAT RIGGING AND STORAGE AREA**

The area south of the storage shed is being 'reclaimed' for boat storage and rigging. This area, that was cleared last fall, also includes a raised picnic area overlooking the launch site. Clearing and preparation of the area will continue at the Spring Clean Up in May 2010.

## **LONG TERM SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The committee would like to put together a Long Term Site Development Plan by next summer.

**Request 1: Toward developing this plan we would like to obtain input from the membership about ideas for developing the site for efficiency, comfort and maximal usage.**

**PLEASE SEND YOU RESPONSES BY THE END OF DECEMBER TO COMMODORE JOHN BARRY, [TURNER.BARRY@SASKATEL.NET](mailto:TURNER.BARRY@SASKATEL.NET), WITH THE SUBJECT HEADING – SITE DEVELOPMENT.**

## THE HARBOR REPORT

In addition to site maintenance, the club has a mandate to promote and advance the sport of sailing. The site upgrades under consideration will provide facilities that better meet today's expectations. Increased boat set-up area, a new change room and more manageable terrain in the parking lot will increase comfort for current members and attract new sailors to the club. These improvements will be the first significant property upgrades that have occurred in a decade. These projects will make 2010 a memorable year for the club.

As I complete my term on the executive, and prepare to spend more time on the water, I wish to thank all the members for their eager participation in keeping the site clean and well groomed.

**Warren White, Harbor Master**

## BSSC FINANCIAL STATEMENT

10/30/09

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Total Cash/Bank Accounts 9,205.28  
Liabilities 0.00

**Richard White, Treasurer**

# THE RACING REPORT

The 2009 racing season at Blackstrap started with the Eb's Sunset Series on Wednesday nights. The first few weeks were chilly and we had a slow start (usually off the shore), but by the time the fair weather hit over a dozen people were on the water. The overall winner was Payton Byrns in the Laser, followed by Kristine Coons and Tanys Byrns in the 29er. Thanks to everyone who showed up to sail and run races.



Mountain Madness regatta was another chilly weekend in June; those who had boats, sailed. We had enough to make a laser class and a handicap class. Thanks to Mike, Leigh and Margot, Warren, Nisa, John, Carol, and others who helped organize the event.

The 2009 Cornroast regatta was a short & sweet gusty afternoon round the buoys for some BSSC-home team cats and lasers. Thanks to John and Brian for blowing the whistle and raising the flags.

Several of our members and associate members raced in regional and national events in 2009. These included Western Laser Masters in Wabaman, AB (Mark 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ben 4<sup>th</sup>, Pat 6<sup>th</sup>); and SailWest at the Battlefords Sailing Club (laser: Payton 5<sup>th</sup>, Ilia 9<sup>th</sup>, Matt 11<sup>th</sup>; radial: Sydney 2<sup>nd</sup>; 29er: Kristine & Tanys 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kendall & Jordan 6<sup>th</sup>). The Canada Summer Games were held at Prince Edward Island in August. Saskatchewan Sailing Team members Payton and Sydney Byrns represented the province in the men's laser and women's laser radial class events, respectively. Kristine Coons and Tanys Byrns represented the women and Kendall Ross and Jordan Guilou of PASC represented the men in the 29er class.

Blackstrap has a few boats that are available for rent in 2010, either for the summer or on a daily basis. The yellow Laser II may soon be better used as a flower-pot (use at your own risk). If the membership knows of repairs or parts required on the boats they used this year, please send me an email.

I recommend all membership who is interested to read the BSSC bylaws (on our website); they might find membership details, be inspired by our mission statement, or discover their job description on the executive (e.g., the previous paragraph).

See you in December on the ice, maybe.

**Jaime Hogan**  
**Racing and Sailing Equipment Manager**



## TENTATIVE 2010 CALENDAR

**SUNDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> : BSSC SPRING CLEAN UP –**  
Meet at 10AM at the clubhouse

**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> : EB'S SUNSET SERIES OF RACES -** Eight Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races.

**JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> : MOUNTAIN MADNESS REGATTA -** Sailors of all classes are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races as well.

**JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>/17<sup>TH</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> : SAILING LESSONS -** Always wanted to learn to sail? Now is the time. Operated by the SSCA by qualified instructors.

**JUNE – AUGUST: SUNDAY SAILS -** Join us again this year Sunday afternoons for a regular weekly sail.

**AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>: THE GREAT CORNROAST REGATTA -** We provide the corn, you provide the fun.

**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>: WRAP-UP PARTY -** Get out for one last sail before packing up the club and getting things ready for winter.

**VISIT [www.BSSC.ca](http://www.BSSC.ca) FOR DETAILS**

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