



BLACKSTRAP

SAILING CLUB

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NEW FOR 2010: INTRODUCTION TO RACE MANAGEMENT

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NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ELECTED!

BEN PICKFORD - COMMODORE
GLEN DENSHAM - VICE COMMODORE

We are pleased to welcome Ben Pickford and Glen Densham to the Blackstrap Sailing Club Executive. They were elected to the posts of Commodore and Vice Commodore respectively at the BSSC Annual General Meeting January 10, 2010. Ben and Glen will join continuing exec. members John (now Harbor Master), Leigh (now Social Director), Richard, Brian and Michele in promoting both recreational sailing and racing on Blackstrap. Finally, many thanks to Warren White and Margot Buckley, outgoing exec. members, for the many years of contributions to the Club.



DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP!

SUNDAY MAY 2ND, 2010

Meet at the Clubhouse at 10AM to find out how you can help. Or come early and get your pick of the projects (see list of tasks in the Harbor Master's Report for a preview). It's an opportunity to support your club, meet our new executive members (!!), get your boat ready for the season, talk sailing with other sailors and test out the barbecue with a potluck when the work is all done.

FIVE EVENINGS OF SAILING LESSONS

JUNE 16TH/17TH, 23RD/24TH & 30TH

By popular demand, five evenings of Sailing Lessons will be offered at BSSC June 16/17, 23/24 and 30 of 2010. The lessons will be run in conjunction with the SSCA Sailing School. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Space is limited so register early!! For more information and to obtain a registration form please visit www.BSSC.ca and follow the links to the sailing lessons page.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

It was not in my plans to become Commodore of the BSSC but at the AGM this winter, I guess it became my turn. A club doesn't exist without volunteers and we all need to contribute. I have enjoyed Eb's Sunset Series and the Mountain Madness Regattas for a number of years and I am again looking forward to getting into my laser this summer.

The BSSC is an inexpensive club that is close to Saskatoon and there are a good group of people associated with it. The Executive has been planning activities for this summer starting with the construction of a change room. Most of us now wear special sailing clothes and having a change room will be great. Warren White made arrangements with SIAST to have students build it for us and then it will be delivered to our site.

Jaime is organizing Eb's Sunset Series which starts the second week of May and she is looking for volunteers to assist with it and the Mountain Madness Regatta.

John Barry is coordinating the sailing school at our club which will run on 4 evenings in June. Information on this program can be found on the BSSC website. We are lucky to have Michele Loewen looking after our newsletter and website as she does such a fine job.

Hope to see you on Sunday May 2 for our opening work weekend. If you can't make it for that day, there are other events that are happening where volunteers are needed. If you can pull up an anchor, hold up a flag, or push a lawnmower, your assistance will be appreciated.

Be sure to get out to Blackstrap soon as the summer can pass by quickly.

Ben Pickford



2009 CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 2ND:

10:00AM BSSC SPRING CLEAN UP - Meet at 10AM to find out how you can help.

2:30PM INTRODUCTION TO RACE MANAGEMENT - Learn the FUNdamentals of running a sailboat race.

MAY 5TH – JUNE 30TH : EB'S SUNSET SERIES OF RACES - Nine Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races.

JUNE 12TH & 13TH : MOUNTAIN MADNESS REGATTA - Sailors of all classes are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races as well.

JUNE 16TH / 17TH / 23TH / 24TH & 30TH: 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 29TH: THE GREAT CORNROAST REGATTA - We provide the corn, you provide the fun.

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

VISIT www.BSSC.ca FOR DETAILS

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

All on site looks to be getting free of the icy grips of winter as the temperature rises well above freezing. There is good access to the site now but will be soft on the driving paths. As melting finishes with the weather we have been having, access to all areas of the facility will dry and concern for digging/rigging in to the mud will diminish. Ice on the water is still in full cover with only the narrow bay on the east shore being fully open. The bugs are swimming in the shoreline and the muskrats are up and about near the large tree at our point. The Geese are flying and first robin is spotted as well as crows eating along the shore. The water is clear and crisp and waiting for the first rip of wind to shatter the layer of ice remaining on the water.



The year ahead will start with our spring opening day as scheduled an opening tasks available at 10:00 hrs at the clubhouse. The tasks listed below are the basic needs identified to get the facility rolling for the season. The afternoon will be available for members to get their boats out and ready for the season. As you complete your 2010 membership forms remember to include the locker you currently hold and your boat/trailer information. The dedicated area on the north side of the property will continue to be the trailer storage area and feel free to park your equipment there.

Opening day task:

1. Clean the Clubhouse floor, windows, counters and any dish pans and cooking tools around.
2. Clean the outhouse and install paper and refill the water dispensers at the sinks- launder the facecloths and replace paper.
3. Review all fuel tanks and engines and inspect for fuel leakage points. Fuel up all tanks.
4. Tidy up the storage building.
5. Take BSSC boats to the respective parking stalls.
6. Launch the dock if ice permits.
7. Repair the broken post on the south side of the parking lot.
8. Any change room related tasks that can be thought of?
9. Hang the Windsock.
10. Cut the grass around the property.
11. Clean the Beach.
12. Launch the mooring points.
13. Get the Safety boat ready to use in its respective position and rig with any equipment it needs(possibly some new flag holders)



Construction projects:

We have had much to cheer about regarding the change room approved for the facility and I am pleased to announce that we are proceeding with a new change room construction project. All of those interested in assisting in any stage of the project will be placed on a list of volunteers and called when work commences. Contact me by phone/email below to get yourself on a work list and include a phone number. We will be building a change room that is standalone temporary structure that will be situated North of the washroom. The area surrounding the areas affected will need to remain boat free until ground disturbance is complete. I anticipate a need for people to assist in the moving of roots and rocks after the ground disturbance takes place at the change room location and the new boat parking area.

Sailing Lessons are to return again this season on an evening format and were a hit last year. We will have Mark Lammens as instructor for the four evenings. Contact us as soon as possible to avoid missing the class. The start time for the first class will be 5pm in the clubhouse on the 16th of June. Hope you can pass this on to all that might be interested. Post the notice you received around town as well. Those planning on purchasing their own boat or renting should attend as on the water experience is important. The club members get together on Sunday afternoons and is a good environment to be sailing in while under the supervision of an experienced sailor. The intention is for developing the skills acquired in the sailing school and get a chance to sail with fellow sailors on site or in a boat of your own.

I welcome you all to the new season.

John Barry, Ph. 306.492.2384, jbarry@bssc.ca

THE RACING REPORT

Introduction to Race Management

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Eb's Sunset Race Series 2010. FIRST WARNING GUN 6:00pm May 12th. Take note of the late start this year – second week of May!! But we are still lined up for 8 full weeks of action. Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Registration Form will be available for download from www.BSSC.ca. As always if you are interested in volunteering to help run races one evening, please contact Jaime Hogan. I want to encourage all sailors to come out to the club Wednesday evenings! Come for a sail as a spectator or even try a start! Follow the pack up wind! If you already know how to tack and gybe a boat, racing is the best way to improve your skill level!

Mountain Madness Regatta 2010. Scheduled for June 12th and 13th. The Skippers meeting will take place at Noon Saturday. Sunday racing will start at 10AM. A BBQ meal will be available after racing Saturday. We are looking for volunteers to help in committee boats and safety boats. Visit www.BSSC.ca for more information, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Registration Form downloads.

Corn Roast Regatta. Scheduled for August 29th. Start Time will be 11:30 to attend a preparatory meeting regarding the race event. Races are to start at noon on August 29. A notice of Race will be distributed by email to the membership list. I would like to personally invite all those in the membership to attend as we will have a great time in a more casual race environment to promote fun for all and participation. The Corn Roast will be started around 16:30 hrs and dinner shortly after with the club providing the corn and a use of the facility to prepare your own meal.

Jaime Hogan



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