



BLACKSTRAP

SAILING CLUB

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FIVE EVENINGS OF SAILING LESSONS

JUNE 20TH/21ST, 27TH/28TH & 29TH

The lessons will be run in conjunction with the SSCA Sailing School. All ages and skill levels are welcome. The evening of the 29th will be a session of mentored racing in the 420s. 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.

NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ELECTED!

JAMES BRIENS - MEMBER AT LARGE
RUTH HILDEBRAND - MEMBER AT LARGE

We are pleased to welcome Ruth Hildebrand and James Briens to the Blackstrap Sailing Club Executive. They were elected to the new posts of Members at Large at the BSSC Annual General Meeting January 11, 2011. Ruth and James will join continuing exec. members Ben, Glenn, John, Leigh, Jaime, Richard, Brian and Michele in promoting both recreational sailing and racing on Blackstrap.

DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP!

SUNDAY MAY 8TH, 2011

Meet at the Clubhouse at 11AM 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.



COMMODORE'S REPORT

The BSSC Executive met recently to plan for the upcoming sailing season at Blackstrap Lake and we started by welcoming Ruth Hildebrand and James Briens as new members of our Executive. It is a good sign for our Club to have new input on our Executive and new boats on the beach.



Every club has work that has to be completed to make the facility useable for the summer and so we encourage you to join us Sunday May 8 at 11 AM to assist with the opening. We will be sending out a work list just before our work day. If you are unable to make it May 8, I would encourage you to help at another time. Pushing the lawnmower during the summer is always helpful as we don't want our grass to get too long. There is always a fire risk along the lake and short grass might stop the fire from spreading to our clubhouse and boats.

I know that I am anxious to get out on the water to race and I look forward to the start of the Sunset Series May 11 on Wed evenings. We are looking for people to assist on the Committee boat and even if you have little racing experience, we need someone to hold up flags and write down names. Let Jaime Hogan know if you can help out.

The Executive is hoping to build some new ramps for the shoreline. These should make it easier to move the catamarans and heavier boats in and out of the water. The Exec also discussed the need to manage the parking of the boats. We are happy that the Club is growing but we are getting some congestion along the beach. We would like to see the lighter boats park higher up the hill to allow the heavier boats to park closer to the water. We also need the area close to the shoreline kept clear so that boats can easily launch and return to the beach.

There will again be a sailing school at our Club in June in the evening. Contact John Barry if you are interested. I believe the school filled last year so don't wait too long. Details of the school are in this newsletter and on the BSSC website. Thanks to Michele Loewen for doing a fine job with our website and communications.

Be sure to speak with any member of the Executive if you have thoughts about the Blackstrap Sailing Club and what would make it a better club.

Ben Pickford

BSSC 2011 CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 8TH: 11:00AM BSSC SPRING CLEAN UP - Meet at 11AM to find out how you can help.

MAY 11TH – JUNE 29TH : EB'S SUNSET SERIES OF RACES - Nine Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races.

MAY 28TH/29TH: TEAM TRAINING CAMP



JUNE 11TH & 12TH : MOUNTAIN MADNESS REGATTA - Sailors of all classes are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races as well.

JUNE 19TH/20TH: TEAM TRAINING CAMP

JUNE 20TH/21TH/27TH/28TH & 29TH: SAILING LESSONS - Always wanted to learn to sail? Now is the time. Operated by the SSCA by qualified instructors.

JUNE 29TH: 420 RACE NIGHT

AUGUST 21ST: THE GREAT CORNROAST REGATTA - We provide the corn, you provide the fun.

SEPTEMBER 17TH: WRAP-UP PARTY - Get out for one last sail before packing up the club and getting things ready for winter.

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VISIT www.BSSC.ca FOR DETAILS

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

Welcome all you new members!! Well I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the opening day at the club. We will have a bulletin board of tasks to do for opening day. The tasks will be given to people on a first come first served basis.



Boat storage/ change room:

There will be storage shed emptying of all stored boats required. All members with boats in the winter storage must attend this day to help get their boat out. There will be no allowances for early or late people. Boats will be taken out of the storage starting at 11AM. The conversion will be made back over to a change room for the season.

Season boat parking: Just a reminder there will be a posting of the site on the bulletin board outlining the general areas designated for certain boat categories. Pick a spot for yourself in one of these areas.

Emergency preparedness:

There will be a bulletin regarding emergency preparedness posted in the clubhouse and the new change room for reference. Should there be a situation which occurs that you have discovered please refer to the bulletin. It will outline basic response and contain club contacts for reporting the incident to us.

Site Equipment:

This season I will be continuing to clean up the facility. We will be getting rid of all items that have been abandon by previous owners. To do this we take a look at the past inventory list, current year membership applications and word of mouth to generate a running inventory list of all boats, trailers and other recordable items that are of significant value. The inventory list generated becomes the basis for determining which items are not identified on site as being owned by current members. From this we will determine an appropriate form of dealing with the items identified as being abandon on site. Should you intend on donating any items to the club, please have it reviewed by contacting me with the identification numbers of the item.

I would like to request that all boats that member's feel they will be using rarely be stored on the area designated for infrequent use. Higher use items can be parked in areas designated by the map. Please contact myself if you are just joining and need a spot for your boat. Trailers will need to be parked at the upper part of the property to the North.

Fire Safety:

Due to the presence of two designated fire points on the property I would ask that if you are using the indoor fire stove or the outdoor fire pit please take steps to prevent fire. The indoor fire place should be attended and have all combustibles away from it while in use. The outdoor fire pit should have the grass cut around it prior to starting a fire. The lawnmower is accessible for all interested.

Should anyone need to use the club equipment feel free to put it away when completed in its proper condition and location. It will be accessible for all members for club events and use at the lake. Should any items need to leave the site be sure to contact me for proper asset tracking.

Boat Rental:

A reminder that the club has a laser and laser II for rent as well as an escape. Boaters will be expected to demonstrate a level of competency prior to rentals. Contact me regarding all rental requests – call anytime.

If you are interested in sailing with members or are looking for someone to sail in your boat leave your contact information with me to assist in getting together. Hope you all have a good season and look forward to seeing you.

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

THE RACING REPORT

Eb's Sunset Race Series 2011. FIRST WARNING GUN 6:00pm May 11th. 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 2011. Scheduled for June 11th and 12th. 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 2011. Scheduled for August 21st. Start Time will be 11:30 to attend a preparatory meeting regarding the race event. Races are to start at noon on August 21. 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





FOR SALE:
'LASER' SAILBOAT

- Sail No. 71918
- With a Dolly
- Asking price: \$1,500
- Bill Hogan 382-5362

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FOR SALE:
'ESCAPE RUMBA' SAILBOAT

- Length 13 ft [4 m]
- Width 5 ft [1.6 m]
- SmartRig roller furl mast 21 ft [6.5 m]
- Transparent monofilm sail 82 ft2 [7.9 m2]
- Polyethylene hull 150 lb [68 kg]
- Kick-up rudder & pivoting center board
- Very stable due to both the hull design and the hull width. Also, the roller furl sail allows immediate depowering in high winds
- Asking price: \$1,800
- Phone 242-2009 or 966-4330
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Thanks to Mark Lammens for all the included photos taken Spring 2010 at BSSC.