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DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP!

SUNDAY MAY 6TH, 2012

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 18TH/19TH, 25TH/26TH & 27TH

The lessons will be run in conjunction with the SSCA Sailing School. All ages and skill levels are welcome. The evening of the 27th 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

NEW EXECUTIVE ELECTED!

JAMES BRIENS – COMMODORE
RUTH HILDEBRAND - SECRETARY
RANDY McMEEKIN - MEMBER AT LARGE
GLEN DENSHAM – MEMBER AT LARGE

We are pleased to announce that James Briens has been elected as Commodore of the Blackstrap Sailing Club Executive; with Ruth Hildebrand newly elected as Secretary and Randy McMeekin and Glen Densham as newly elected Members at Large. They join continuing exec. members Ben, John, Leigh, Jaime, Richard, and Michele in promoting both recreational sailing and racing on Blackstrap. The executive wants to thank outgoing executive members Ben Pickford (Commodore – now Past Commodore) and Brian McSheffrey (Secretary) for all their service to the club over the years.

SPECIAL FEATURE: MILLAR/CAMPBELL/LUTES SONAR CAMPAIGN

The international disabled sailing circuit is facing new kids on the block! Blackstrap/Saskatoon Sailing Clubs racing community is closely following the progress of BSSC Member Logan Campbell in his Paralympic campaign in the Sonar Class. The Sonar, the big brother of the Laser, is a Bruce Kirby-designed 22 foot three man keelboat that has been in the Paralympics since sailing was first introduced in 2000. The team leader is Victoria's Bruce Millar, one of Canada's top 2.4 m sailors, who has made the transition from the single- handled boat to the Sonar for the Paralympic Games. The third member is Scott Lutes from Nova Scotia - the team can truly claim cross-Canada representation!

Logan's training program began in earnest last winter, when he undertook a regimented weight training/nutrition program to gain 35 pounds for optimal performance in the Sonar (He has also adopted a new Buzz Lightyear hairstyle which both looks very fast and pleases his mother no end!) With completion of his degree in mechanical engineering as well as travelling to regattas Logan has been a busy lad. The campaign officially began with the 2011 IFDS (International Federation of Disabled Sailing) last July in Weymouth, England, in which the team qualified Canada for the 2012 Paralympic Games, to be hosted in August/September 2012 immediately following the London Olympics. Since Logan's victory (with Coach

Lammens) in the prestigious Tumbleweed Worlds at Redberry Lake last August, the team has been training and racing out of St. Petersburg, Florida. Notable regattas have included the 2012 IFDS Worlds (8th), Miami OCR (7th), and NOOD Regatta, St Petersburg (2nd).

The team has just returned to Victoria, and will embark on the European circuit April 9th, with the first regatta April 20-27th in Hyeres, France (Semaine Olympique Francaise 2012; <http://sof.ffvoile.fr/>), followed by the Delta Lloyd Regatta (May 22-26th) in Medemblik, Netherlands (<http://www.deltalloydregatta.org>) and Sail for Gold in Weymouth, GBR (June 2-9th; http://www.sailracer.us/eventsites/default_s.asp?eventid=109902). Sail for Gold is the test event for the Olympics, after which the site is shut down for final preparations for the Games. The team plans to return to Victoria for training, and participation in open regattas as opportunities arise. The team has a website www.sonarteam.com upon which updates will be posted.

Leigh Campbell / Mark Lammens



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings everyone. You may have noticed that the Commodore's photo is not of Ben Pickford. At our AGM in January I was nominated and elected as Commodore of our club. I would like to thank the past executive for all their hard work and dedication to the club. To our new executive members thank you for stepping forward and helping to continue the success we have.



Now that Spring is in the air we are all anxiously awaiting for the ice to leave the lake. Of course this also means we have some tasks to complete on site before we are out on our boats. Sunday May 6/12 will be the date for our annual Club Opening day. Please insure you can attend, we have lots of jobs to do. John Barry our Harbourmaster has a long list.

This year we will have to assemble and place into the water our new Ramp! We will need volunteers with tools (socket sets, wrenches) for assembly. We also need people with wetsuits or drysuits to be in the water for placing of the ramp. If time permits we will attempt to "Raise the Roof" on the washrooms. This renovation will provide better ventilation in the building. These are just a few of the many jobs to complete.

As in past years the Eb's Sunset Series will have everyone keen on racing coming out on Wednesday evenings for some collegiate style racing, the first evening will be May 9/12.

If you are unsure of racing but would like to get a close up view of the action volunteers are needed to help run the races. Fret not newcomers will be paired up with a seasoned vet. For more information contact Jamie Hogan our Racing Director.

BSSC will also be hosting sailing lessons in June. The attendance the last few years has been outstanding so do not hesitate to enroll. We are also hoping to have lessons for children. These lessons would be taught in the Optimist boats. The Opti's are small 8' one person crafts. For more information please contact John Barry or check the website.

Regarding our website a special thank you to Michele Loewen for doing such a great job on keeping this site looking so good. If you have any questions about our sailing club or any of it's activities please contact one of our executive members. See you on the water!

James Briens



BSSC 2012 CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 6TH: 10:00AM BSSC SPRING CLEAN UP - Meet at 10AM to find out how you can help.

MAY 9TH – JUNE 27TH : EB'S SUNSET SERIES OF RACES - Nine Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races.

JUNE 9TH & 10TH : MOUNTAIN MADNESS REGATTA - Sailors of all classes are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races as well.

JUNE 18TH/19TH/25TH/26TH & 27TH: SAILING LESSONS - Always wanted to learn to sail? Now is the time. Operated by the SSCA by qualified instructors.

JUNE 27TH: 420 RACE NIGHT

AUGUST 19TH: THE GREAT CORNROAST REGATTA - We provide the corn, you provide the fun.

SEPTEMBER 23RD WRAP-UP PARTY - Get out for one last sail before packing up the club and getting things ready for winter.



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HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

Hello Everyone. All on site is well out of the grips of winter and is ready for site visits. There is good access to the site now but will be soft on the driving paths. Ice on the water is still in full cover with only the narrow bay on the east shore being started. 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 2012 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 tasks:

1. Review all fuel tanks and engines and inspect for fuel leakage points. Fuel up all tanks.
2. Tidy up the storage building.
3. Launch the mooring points.
4. Get the Safety boat ready to use in its respective position and rig with any equipment it needs (possibly some new flag holders).
5. Repair the hanging crosshatch sheets on the east side of the clubhouse wall.
6. Attach the shutter on the south side of the clubhouse.
7. Clean the clubhouse – 1.5 hours with two people
8. Get the grass cut around the clubhouse and change rooms and also the boat parking areas prior to any boats being placed. – 4-5 hours one person need fuel
9. Get the change house set up and unload the boats from it. Two hours with all the people that have boats in there.
10. Get the dock into the water and set the legs. – ½ hour with four to six people to push it in. need crescent wrench.
11. Assemble the shore ramp – 2 to 3 hours with four strong persons and two or three ratchets. I will bring the galvanized planking. Any other thoughts on if it needs to be removed in the fall?
12. Clean the outhouse and get the vent installed around the top of the wall and roof. This will be a couple hours for two or three people and needs a generator and a circ saw. Also might need the venting area protected from rain
13. Repair the woven hatchwork on the east side of the clubhouse – 1 hour one person.
14. Erect the windsock which is supposed to be in the clubhouse somewhere but cant find it.- ½ hour two people.
15. Clean the beach 1 hour one person on a rake.
16. Bring water for the large water jugs at the clubhouse.
17. Work on trim on the clubhouse?
18. Replace any broken deck boards = 1 to 2 hours man and a saw. Boards required to be purchased.
19. Replace the step boards at the south mandoor entrance to the clubhouse - 1 hour one man and a wider plank material.
20. Bring in some sand and gravel to the areas needed from the gravel pit with bobcat if possible.
21. Excavate all the grass around the outdoor fire pit for a distance of 2m and replace with gravel or sand from the pit.
22. Clubhouse mouse proofing.
23. Trim willows along boat storage areas.

Construction projects:

We have had much to cheer about regarding the change room built for the facility and is working out great. Our continued effort in upgrading is dealing with the launching ramp now. Last season I had a ramp built and took time to get it to site and needs partial assembly on opening day. Galvanized planking will be bolted to the steel frame we have and set into position.. it should be dug in on shore to get it to the same elevation . **The ramp has a 1500lb capacity and is not able to support a pull vehicle.** It would be nice to get the better venting on the outhouse. Greater still if we could mouse proof the clubhouse.

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 18th of June. Hope you can pass this on to all that might be interested. Post the notice you received around town as well.

Site Security we will be changing the locks on the gate, storage shed and clubhouse. We will be moving to a combination lock and you will be issued a combination and instructions upon purchasing a membership. It is as powerful as a key for accessing our facility so do not let it get into unauthorized hands. For now you will be able to still access the facility with your keys and expect the change to be completed by opening day.

I welcome you all to the new season.
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THE RACING REPORT

I hope everyone enjoyed our shortest winter ever! The lakes are starting to open up so it won't be long until our Wednesday night series starts at Blackstrap on May 9th. Soon I will be hounding several of our regular racers to pick a Wednesday in May or June to run races for us. If you have a dinghy (or a friend with a dinghy) and want to race, please join us every Wednesday night for two hours of fun starting at 6 pm. BSSC members are free and non-members are \$40.



This spring June 9-10th we will be hosting our Mountain Madness Regatta, which is one of the venues for SK Team Trials, and counts for your provincial Laser Ranking. Our Club volunteers will be planning the shore-side activities soon, so stay tuned. At this regatta, we are also welcoming the first Optimist sailboat event of the year for youth sailors (for more information on getting into the Opti fleet, contact Sask. Sailing).

If you would like to help with any of these events this year (planning, food, race committee, mark boats), contact one of the BSSC executive,

See you soon,

Jaime Hogan

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