



# BLACKSTRAP

## SAILING CLUB

SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER

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### CLUB SPRING CLEAN UP

**SATURDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2008**

Meet at the Clubhouse at 1PM to find out how you can help. Or come early and get your pick of the projects. It's an opportunity to support your club, meet our new commodore (!!), 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. See You There!

### BREAKING NEWS!!

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**



**JOHN BARRY, BSSC COMMODORE.**

John Barry agreed to serve as Commodore of BSSC at the recent spring meeting of the executive. John is a relative new comer to sailing. His boat of choice is a Coronado 15 and he is looking forward to ramping up his sailing skills this summer. John has experience in the oil, gas and mining industries, including site and personal safety training, first aid and CPR. He is a hard worker and is looking forward to joining all members in fixing up the clubhouse and launch site at the Spring Clean Up, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

John brings new blood, enthusiasm, and ideas to the club and we are very much looking forward to working and sailing with him and his family!

### SUNDAY SAILS

**MID JUNE - AUGUST**

Join us again this year Sunday afternoons (once the water warms up – mid June!) for a regular weekly sail. Rig your boat and hit the water with other club members. It's a great chance to get some fresh air and meet some other SK sailors.

### SAILING LESSONS @ BSSC

**JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> 2008**

Evening Sailing Lessons will be offered at BSSC in conjunction with the SSCA Sailing School. For more information please visit [www.BSSC.ca](http://www.BSSC.ca) or email [turner.barry@sasktel.net](mailto:turner.barry@sasktel.net) to register.

## **(VICE/ACTING) COMMODORE'S REPORT**

Well, it appears that the spring thaw may be finally arriving and our annual spring newsletter is timely. Sailing season will soon be upon hardy souls, or those who, like me, finally purchased a dry suit which makes even the coldest water comfy. Still, hypothermia is a concern in spring sailing, so do be careful out there. We do have our normal busy spring sailing schedule, with an added attraction of BSSC hosting the Western Canadian Laser Master's Championship in June. We hosted this event a few years back with great success and are looking forward to a repeat performance. We are also planning to offer the sailing school this year under a new format that we hope will be well received by our membership and the general public. Michele and Imbaw have done a spectacular job of renewing our website so please check there for agenda specifics as they are posted. On another note, we are a couple of members short on our executive so volunteers are welcome. We also have a number of work projects planned for the summer, so if you cannot make opening (work) weekend (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) there will be other opportunities. Please be sure to take credit for any tasks undertaken in the Maintenance Manual in the clubhouse.

**Leigh Campbell**

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#### **RACING**

Vacant

#### **SOCIAL**

Vacant

If you are interested in filling either of these vacant positions please contact us ASAP!



## HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

As of April 5 the access road is still blocked with snow and the lake covered with ice. Nevertheless the first crocus will soon appear on the hills at the sailing club and the ice will give way to gentle ripples on the lake. Once again we will enjoy the sun, water and wind of Blackstrap Lake.

We are indeed privileged to have access to this site. As the old saying goes, with privilege comes responsibility. Like Tom Sawyer, I prefer to promote these responsibilities as opportunities. There will in fact be opportunities for members to contribute to the maintenance and improvement of our club.

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> is our spring work day. A number of small projects will be planned for that day. Tools and materials will be supplied. Activities begin at 1:00 pm. A pot luck BBQ will close the day at 5:00. A sampling of available projects: move dormant boats out of prime parking areas to make way for active boats, move trailers from boat area, clean garbage out of bush, replace siding lost to the wind, tidy up storage trailer, stain deck, clean the club house, clean change rooms/toilets, prepare site for 20 foot storage container. These opportunities will be allocated on a first come basis. Come enjoy the day!

**Warren White**



## 2008 CALENDAR

**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> : BSSC SPRING CLEAN UP** - Meet at 1PM to find out how you can help. Or come early and get your pick of the projects. Sailboats and safety boats need to be made 'Sail-ready', clean up buildings and grounds. The barbecue will be tested with a potluck following all the spring cleaning.

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> : EB'S SUNSET SERIES OF RACES** - Eight Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races.

**JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> : MOUNTAIN MADNESS REGATTA** - Sailors of all classes are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races as well.

**JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> : WESTERN CANADIAN LASER MASTER'S CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Volunteers are needed to help with running these races as well.

**JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> / 19<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> / 26<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 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> : THE GREAT CORNROAST REGATTA** - We provide the corn, you provide the fun.

**SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<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



# THE RACING REPORT

Racing at BSSC last summer (2007) saw lots of fun filled competition! In case you forgot what happened here is a reminder and also some details about upcoming regattas this summer 2008.

## 2007 Sunset Series

### Results

#### Overall

1. Paul Lagace
2. Stefan Oerlemans
3. Payton Byrns
4. Matthew Monias
5. Ben Pickford
6. Paul Ross
7. Dick White
8. Jordan Guillon
8. Michele Loewen
10. Kendall Ross
11. Peter Ross
12. Jaime Hogan
13. Billy Ross
14. Mark Lammens
15. Logan Campbell
16. Pat Byrns
17. Ellen Byrns
18. Tanys Byrns
19. Bill Hogan
20. Leigh Campbell

#### Youth (top 5)

1. Paul Lagace
2. Payton Byrns
3. Matthew Monias
4. Jordan Guillon
5. Kendall Ross

#### Byte (top 2)

1. Jordan Guillon
2. Tanys Byrns

## 2007 Mountain Madness Results

### Laser

1. Jo-el van Bergen
2. Payton Byrns
3. Paul Lagace
4. Ben Pickford
5. Kendall Ross
6. Paul Ross
7. Billy Ross
8. Matthew Monias
9. Stefan Oerlehmans

### Optimists

1. Nicolas Otteruelo
2. Ellyn Byrns

### Open

1. Tanys Byrns
2. Jordan Guillon
3. Bill Carol Hogan

**EB'S SUNSET RACE SERIES 2007.** Despite a doubly delayed start due to cold wet and windy weather in early May, the 2007 Sunset Series eventually saw some great Wednesday evening racing throughout late May and June. With anywhere from 4 to 13 boats out and 5 races held each night, good competition and good times were had by all! Congratulations to all the award winners and many thanks to all the volunteers who helped run races. In particular I want to thank Ben Pickford for doing such a great job of organizing the series and keeping us all up to date with results!

**MOUNTAIN MADNESS REGATTA 2007.** Last year's regatta yielded some great action with solid breezes blowing both days! Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to Mike Heseltine and his crew including Mario Guillon, Darcy Rousell, Leigh Campbell and Imbaw Storer for all the work they put into running nine fast and efficient races over the course of the two days. Thanks also to Margot Buckley for the DELICIOUS BBQ Saturday night!

**EB'S SUNSET RACE SERIES 2008.** FIRST WARNING GUN 6:00pm May 7<sup>th</sup>. Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Registration Form are all available for download from [www.BSSC.ca](http://www.BSSC.ca). As always if you are interested in volunteering to help run races one evening, please contact either Ben Pickford or me. 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 2008.** Scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.BSSC.ca) for more information, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Registration Form downloads.

**WESTERN CANADA LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008** – June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. BSSC has been selected to host the Western Canadian Master's Laser Championships for 2008. Please visit [www.BSSC.ca](http://www.BSSC.ca) to download the official Notice of Race, Registration Form and Sailing Instructions as they become available. Volunteers will be needed (especially from the under 35 racing community) to help set marks and do rescue. Please contact us if you are interested in helping out!

### Divisions:

35-44	<b>Apprentice</b>	<b>Green Ribbon</b>
45-54	<b>Master</b>	<b>Red Ribbon</b>
55-64	<b>Grand Masters</b>	<b>Blue Ribbon</b>
65 and older	<b>Great Grand Masters</b>	<b>Yellow Ribbon</b>

### Schedule:

Friday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	On Water Training Camp
	16:00-18:00	Registration
Saturday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Registration
	09:30	Skippers meeting
	10:00	First Race of the day
Sunday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	First race of the day
	13:30	last possible start time

**Contacts:** Any questions regarding the regatta may be directed to Mark Lammens at SSCA (306) 975-0833 or E-mail; at [sasksail@shaw.ca](mailto:sasksail@shaw.ca)

Michele Loewen