



# BLACKSTRAP

## SAILING CLUB

SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER  
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### NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ELECTED

**JAIME HOGAN - RACING DIRECTOR**  
**MARGOT BUCKLEY - SOCIAL DIRECTOR**

We are pleased to welcome Jaime Hogan and Margot Buckley to the Blackstrap Sailing Club Executive. They were elected to the posts of Racing Director and Social Director respectively at the BSSC Annual General Meeting January 10, 2009. Jaime and Margot join continuing executive members John, Leigh, Richard, Warren, Brian and Michele in promoting both recreational sailing and racing on Blackstrap.



### SPRING CLEAN UP!

**SUNDAY MAY 3RD, 2009**

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 Commodore'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.



### Learn to Sail this Summer!



**Evening Sailing Lessons**  
**June 17th/18th & 24th/25th**  
**Blackstrap Sailing Club**

All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Learn to sail or improve your current skills. All sessions are held on water. Gain confidence in your abilities under the supervision of expert instructors.

for registration and club info please  
visit [www.BSSC.ca](http://www.BSSC.ca) or call 492-2384

BSSC is located just south of Saskatoon off Hwy 11

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

While it was a great season for Ice Boating back in early winter when the ice was clear and the temperatures were low, we are looking forward to hitting the water come May. Working our way into spring now, our executive committee recently held a meeting at the clubhouse. As of early April there was still a lot of snow on the access road and on the grounds, but with the balmy weather we've been having this is sure to be gone by Opening Day on Sunday May 3rd.

The executive committee has had a chance to review the year's objectives and conduct a site review. Memberships are due and will be received by Dick White with a reduction in annual membership fees being available until May 31, 09. We foresee the inventory of the on-site property as being one of the more major changes that the club will be enabling this season. Please read the Harbor Master's Report for more details about this endeavor. Be sure to note on your membership page a full list of the property that you have at the club, as any unidentified property will be considered abandoned and dealt with at the discretion of the executive committee.

**Opening Day:** The year ahead will start with our spring cleaning Day – meet at the clubhouse at 10AM Sunday May 3rd. The day will be filled with tasks to be completed as well as people getting their boats out and ready for the season. A generator, wood tools and the supplies needed for completion of all tasks will be available at the site.

### Opening Day Tasks:

1. Prepare and paint deck.
2. Repair the stair as well as post and railing at the main entrance of the clubhouse.
3. Clean the clubhouse.
4. Clean the beach.
5. Install cleats and a support for the ramp into the storage shed.
6. Mow the lawn around the Clubhouse.
7. Shorten the lattice on the East side of the clubhouse (consult John or Dick).
8. Rescue boat flag pole holders in need of repair.
9. Safety board to be installed on the clubhouse wall.
10. Install the Dock in the water if ice is off the lake.



**Construction Projects:** We have had much talk regarding a proposal for a change room facility and I am pleased to announce that we are proceeding with construction. 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. We will be building a change room that is a standalone structure on skids that will be situated between the clubhouse and the water, North of the washroom. If you have any equipment in this area please move it Opening Day, or shortly thereafter. We also hope that the parking lot will be leveled and graveled at some point this spring.

**Regattas:** Refer to the schedule of events for the year as we have announced the regatta events we are planning. Jaime Hogan has taken the position of Racing Director this year and is making a difference early in the season. Be sure to talk to her regarding race details. Events taking place are: The EB's Sunset Series (sure to be a well attended group of sailing evenings for all members in any boat) and Mountain Madness Regatta which will be our single biggest regatta for the year. As well the informal Corn Roast Regatta will be held in late August.

**Sailing Lessons:** The evening Sailing Lessons are back this season with Mark Lammens returning as principal instructor. Sailors of all levels, from novice to experienced, are encouraged to take part. You should have already received a flyer containing all the details. Registration deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup>, but please register ASAP as space is limited. Be sure to spread the word to all that might be interested and please post the flyer around town. There will be an open house on a Sunday following the lessons for participants in the sailing school to meet members and learn more about the club. This will be in conjunction with our regular Sunday afternoon sails and is an excellent opportunity for the new sailors to sail alongside experienced sailors.

Finally, the season wrap up is on September 20 but feel free to sail well past that as the weather does permit. Last day of sailing last year was late October when the temp hit 15 on Oct 31. Welcome to the New Season.

**John Barry**



## HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT

This year sailors can look forward to a number of improvements at the club. Labeling of boats and gear will help organization, storage and inventory efforts. On site work will be prioritized according to safety and preventive maintenance concerns. Options for men's and lady's change rooms are being considered. Selection of those options will depend on affordability and suitability.

### Reminder: Identification of On-Site Property:

We are attempting to identify all property on site. This is important for several reasons: allows contact with the owner in case of damage or storage concerns, enables the identification of unauthorized site usage and provides an accurate inventory in case of fire or vandalism.

#### *What information is required?*

Make, model and serial number of each boat.  
Trailer make, licence number and serial number.  
Description of any boat dollies

#### *How will the information be collected?*

Please include all this information in the space provided on the 2009 Membership form. All information will then be collected on a single form, posted in the club house and copied to club files.

#### *Labeling of Property:*

Labeling of all boats, trailers, dollies and lockers will be required. The club has purchased a label maker for this process. This label maker will be available at the club house. Please follow provided instructions for clear identification of your boat, trailer, dolly and locker. Thank you very much for pitching in.

### Warren White



## 2009 CALENDAR

**SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> : BSSC SPRING CLEAN UP** - Meet at 10AM 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 6<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 24<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 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> : MOUNTAIN MADNESS REGATTA** - Sailors of all classes are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with running these races as well.

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>/18<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup>/25<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>: THE GREAT CORNROAST REGATTA** - We provide the corn, you provide the fun.

**SEPTEMBER 20<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

**Eb's Sunset Race Series 2009.** FIRST WARNING GUN 6:00pm May 6<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 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 2009.** Scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<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.

**Corn Roast Regatta.** Scheduled for August 23. Start Time will be 11:30 to attend a preparatory meeting regarding the race event. Races are to start at noon on August 23. 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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