

BLACKSTRAP

Sailing Club



25
Years



Hard to believe that Blackstrap Sailing Club was incorporated in 1980 only 25 Years ago. I think we can

thank Eb Fass for the vision and foresight to put this club together.

Looking at the beginnings of BSSC from the book 'Pre-ailing Westerlies' written by Terry Pugh. And also the numerous letters to various government agencies; it took hard physical work and perseverance to put BSSC on the map - thanks Eb.

A 2005 Anniversary Committee was struck at our Annual General Meeting this year to facilitate our celebrations during the year. The committee members are Donna Scott, Evelyn Neilson, Doris White and Carol Hogan. We decided that we would celebrate at each of our events in some way. So keep posted and watch your emails for news flashes. Please feel free to contact any committee member for information as well.

You will see members of our Executive sporting brand new vests commemorating the BSSC 25th Anniversary. ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY will be taken for further shipments. We want to order in time for the Mountain Madness Regatta, so be sure get your cheques in and order early. The vest is sold at cost, \$30 each. They are made of nylon, quilted material, with full zipper and pockets, black or navy with embroidered logo. Available in men's and women's sizes S to XL (we are finding they fit small, so take that into consideration when ordering) Contact Carol Hogan to order, **May 15th is the deadline for the next order. Email: thehogans@sasktel.net or call 382-5362**

We look forward to a fantastic sailing year at Blackstrap, Celebrate with us!

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2005

Spring

Order your 25th
Anniversary
Blackstrap Vests
today





from the **Crow's Nest**
Jaime Hogan

Welcome back to another season of sailing on the finest lake near Saskatoon. I hope that you will take advantage of all your membership has to offer. Free camping, renovated club house, a deck with a nice view, sailboats for rent, fire place for cold evenings, and access to great racing and sailing.

As many of our local sailors are gearing up for the Canada Games sailing events this year, it will be a good year to hone your own skills against a competitive fleet. We encourage you to get involved in the racing, and can always use another pair of hands to set up the races.

This summer, given enough interest we will be hosting a sailing school. If you have friends or family who would like to participate please contact myself or one of the executive members nearest you.

Come sailing in 2005, I'll see you on the water!

Please note there have been changes to the discount fee schedule for Blackstra Sailing Club Memberships. A Membership Form is attached to mail with your payment - due May 31st.

BSSC *Calendar*

Opening Weekend *April 30-May 1st*

Eb's Sunset Series of Races:

May 4, 11, 18, 25,

June 1, 8, 15, 22.

Mountain Madness Regatta

June 4-5

Cornroast Regatta

August 27-28

Wrap-Up Regatta

September 24-25

Canada Games '05

1. ALL VOLUNTEERS - from whichever club (including RSC -formerly LMLSC at LMLSCentre) or with no club affiliation, whether serving on land or water, as general volunteers, officials, factotums, or cardboard replicas, helping out both prior to and at the Games HAVE to register. There are no "walk-ins"! The registration process is mandatory and has to do among other things with security of the athletes and the Games site. You can express a preference of venue and function (and highlight existing commitment such as Sailing Sports or Venue Committee etc) but no matter what function you already have or don't have - you have to register as per the process.

2. RACE OFFICIALS TRAINING - if you have not already done so then please express your interest to me asap. We badly need local CYA certified Race Officers. You need certification to serve in all RO functions including Mark Set, Recorder, Flags, Timer etc., etc Great self-development opportunity and a potentially huge legacy for the sport of sailing in Saskatchewan after the Games have been and gone!

For more information on registration contact Leigh Campbell from BSSC or Sandy Lauder of the RSC.

the Harbour Master *Gord King*

There are no large projects planned for this year, so we expect to have more fun time sailing in 2005 and that is the way it should be as this is our 25th Birthday! The weekend of April 30th, May 1st is our work weekend, and here are a few items on the 'to do' list:

1. Wash windows and other surfaces
2. Lay in patio blocks in beach area
3. Wheel barrow some gravel into ruts on the hill up to the gate.
4. Put out the dock and secure to the shore.
5. Move aluminium and other boats to shore and prepare for use.
6. Panel in the crawlspace on the north side of clubhouse.
7. Stain decking, rails etc.
8. Relax with choice of beverage.

May and June is a busy time of the year for BSSC as we have the Sunset Series and Mountain Madness Regattas as well as training sessions taking place.

During the sailing season all members should be involved in maintenance and clean-up to keep our clubhouse and grounds tidy: mow grass, cut down weeds, take garbage away, sweep and mop floors, clean counters and tables. Even giving the little trees a drink, there are lilacs and evergreens that were planted last year. Please don't be shy to do your part before leaving the clubhouse,

25 Years Social *Donna Scott*



This being our 25th year it seems like a great time for us to celebrate and

get to know our fellow sailors. Our first social opportunity will be the work week-end of April 30 & May 1st. We're planning a Potluck supper on Saturday at 5:00 pm.

The club will provide a big pot of chili and a carrot cake (with cream cheese icing!!) to celebrate our 25th. Please come out and help clean up and ready the beach, grounds and club house for our 25th season. Your contribution to the meal could be a salad, drinks or bread or anything else you'd like to add to the chili meal.

The annual Mountain Madness Regatta June 4 and 5th, will be capped off with a Steak Night (Black Angus AAA). Come out for this event even if you don't plan to race. It's fun to watch or help out with the races, and you don't want to miss the humongous chocolate cake dessert. Plan to camp out Saturday night and enjoy the sunset and campfire & fireworks.

July 1st we are planning a fun day of sailing. What a great way to celebrate Canada Day!

The Cornroast Open Regatta is August 27-28th featuring...corn!!! (and baked potatoes) supplied by the club. Bring meat, fish, salads, veggies, bread, drinks and let's potluck. Look for news of social plans for our Wrap-up open Regatta September 24 and 25, in the next newsletter.

Blackstrap Sailing Club Executive

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the Racing Scene

Bill Hogan

The opening weekend is an excellent opportunity to get your boat set up for the summer, there is usually lots of help around, coffee, Bar-be-que. This weekend is also the perfect time to familiarize yourself with our boats and motors. I will be setting up both the motors and testing them on the water and am happy to show you the odd 'features' of these motors. As always, everyone is welcome.

As for our Regattas, we of course start with the Eb's Sunset Series of Races, every Wednesday from May 4th to June 22nd start time is 6:00 pm. Spectators are welcome and are encouraged to keep the fires burning at the clubhouse. There usually is a supply of hot chocolate and coffee too. The entry fee is \$40 for non-members; members are free. Ben Pickford is our PRO for the Sunset Series please email or call him if you are interested in taking a turn at RO or racing duties for one of the evenings. Awards will be given the last Wednesday, June 22nd, the Eb's Sunset Series Cup is awarded to two categories: Top five and Top five 18 and under.

Our Annual Mountain Madness Regatta (June 4-5) will be extra special this year with celebrations for our 25th Anniversary. As always it is open to all classes and all ages of sailors. Be sure to stay for the Bar-be-que and Fireworks this year on Saturday evening. Mike Heseltine has kindly accepted the role of PRO for Mountain Madness this year. The Provincial Sailing Team will probably use this regatta to fine-tune their skills and practice for the Canada Games (hosted by Regina Sailing Club). If the Laser sailors use MMR as one of their ranking regattas, we should see a large turnout.

August 27-28 are the dates for the Cornroast Regatta. This year we are racing both days of the weekend. Usually a much more 'laid-back' regatta with the emphasis on having fun on the water. Everyone is welcome regardless of experience or age, and of course the corn is always delicious.

The Wrap-up Regatta is our last kick at the can regatta for some final fun racing. Dates are September 24-25, these fall dates can be very nice and warm and provide excellent sailing to wrap up our soft water sailing season. We usually use this weekend to stow boats and equipment too.

Eb's Sunset Series

I will be organizing the race officials for the Sunset Series again this spring and will send out an E-mail message in April to recruit help. Like last year, each member will be encouraged to assist on one Wednesday evening in May or June. For those of you with minimal racing experience, you will be teamed up with someone with experience. This will be a great opportunity to assist Blackstrap Sailing Club in a very fine program and learn more about competitive sailing. Ben

Race Management Clinic

A Race Management Clinic is being organized for Saturday, April 23. Details are yet to be worked out and will be sent out by E-mail soon. There will be a focus on training for the Canada Summer Games but everyone is encouraged to attend, even if you have limited racing experience and are not assisting at the Games. This clinic will be valuable in improving Race Management skills for the Sunset Series.

Volunteers Needed for Canada Summer Games

The 2005 Canada Summer Games are being held in Regina during August and the sailing competition will occur on Last Mountain Lake August 7 to 12th.

There will be three courses so we need a great many volunteers from the sailing clubs around Saskatchewan. Some race officials need to have considerable racing experience, but we also need 'anchor pullers.' If you are interested in helping out, please contact me at pickford_ben@hotmail.com.

At present, we have at least 20 people who will stay at the campground in Craven so it should become a great sailing community for the week. Considering that the Canada Summer Games are held every four years and each province should have the opportunity to host this event, this is truly a once in a lifetime chance to be part of the CANADA GAMES in Saskatchewan. Ben

BLACKSTRAP SAILING CLUB

Membership Application 2005



All existing and new members are asked to fill in this form for membership to accompany payment. Membership fees are due by May 31st.

Please make payment to Blackstrap Sailing Club c/o Barry Ziola, Treasurer 555 Sturgeon Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7K 4H4. The Sport Legacy Program is in place for anyone wishing to make a gift to BSSC to receive a tax receipt. Contact Barry Ziola for more information at 242-2009.

Welcome to Blackstrap Sailing Club

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (please print):

Payment Date: _____

Member(s) Names & Birthdates: _____

Email Addresses: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Sailboats makes with Sail numbers: _____

Circle Sailing Interests:

Racing Boat Handling Lessons Recreational Other: _____

RELEASE: I agree to save harmless the Blackstrap Sailing Club, it's associations, organizers, agents, officials, servants and representatives from and against all claims, actions, costs, expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damages to me or my property howsoever caused arising out of connection with taking part in events or using property notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or caused or occasioned by the negligence of the same bodies, or any of them, or their agents, officials, servants or representatives. I further understand and agree that this release is binding upon myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns. I also understand that I am responsible for damages and behavior of myself, children, guests, pets and I am liable for payment to Blackstrap Sailing Club for damages to any property. I will read and follow guidelines set out by the Blackstrap Sailing Club as outlined in its Bylaws.

SIGNATURE(S) _____

Blackstrap Sailing Club Annual Membership & Rental Fees:

- Individual Membership - with voting rights & with club keys \$60.00/\$50.00
- Family Membership - with voting rights & with club keys \$90.00/\$75.00
- Associate Membership - without voting rights & with club keys \$30.00/\$25.00
- Corporate Membership - no voting rights & without club keys \$120.00/\$100.00
- Locker rental - as available with seniority rights in renewal \$12.00/\$10.00
- Laser I or Laser II yearly rental - dependant on approved sailing skill \$150.00
- BSSC boat daily rental - dependant on approved sailing skill \$25.00

ANY FEE PAID BY MAY 31ST WILL BE AT THE INDICATED REDUCED RATE

