

BLACKSTRAP

Sailing Club



Merry Christmas



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2005
Fall & Winter

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from
the *Crow's Nest*

Jaime Hogan



Due to the underwhelming participation in our fall regattas this year, next year we will be forced to charge all members an additional \$50.00 fee, which will be returned upon their crossing the finishing line at the Corn Roast Regatta. The proceeds from the regatta will go towards a worthy and highly nautical cause.

That said, 2005 was a fine year of sailing at Blackstrap, with good participation in the Wednesday Night Sunset Series. We appreciate the assistance from a number of sailors in running the races. If it were not for my gardening accident I would have been out every week, so from now on I will be sticking to less dangerous activities. In the coming year we will be asking for feedback about this series from all the membership of Blackstrap club, as well as sailors from the Saskatoon area, and the dedicated few from parts further afield. The aim will be to determine if any improvements could be made, and what type of racing (long race short race 4 race 5 race handicap race early start later start why haven't you been racing) you personally love the most.

Blackstrap sailing club was fortunate to have had a 25th anniversary this year, which involved cake at most of our events. I'm not sure if it allowed us to fire off more fireworks. It did allow a planning committee to meet at the pub a few times, which must have been fun for them. I propose a planning committee be struck again for 2006, and as I am retiring as Commodore, perhaps I will volunteer to help.

Mountain Madness Regatta was quite awhile ago, and I can't recall much of it. I am certain it was magnificently run, and there were a lot of fantastic volunteers to help, and the BBQ Angus Steak was amazing. So thank you for helping and participating, particularly the athletes practising for the Canada Games last summer.

This last year we scraped together a sailing school, which took place in August, with participants of all ages and a variety of skill levels. It would be great to be able to have something like this every year, though we are lacking club boats to involve large class sizes. If anyone wants a job teaching smaller sized classes a couple times next summer, let me know. A smaller class size might suit the needs of the membership better and could be tailored towards more advanced skills.

Next year we are planning to use Sunday afternoons as "meeting times" at the club, with the aim of getting our little community of sailors out to Blackstrap at the same time. The next executive will finalize the details at the AGM.

*See you at the AGM!
Jaime Hogan*

*25
Years*

2006



BSSC Calendar ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, January 8th
at the Parktown Hotel



12:00 Noon

The delicious Hot Buffet Lunch is subsidized by Blackstrap. We will be meeting in the Poplar Room which is available to us with the meal, so please join us.

RSVP: the_hogans@sasktel.net



IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES:

- Opening Weekend.....
April 29-30th get our boats 'sail ready', buildings & grounds clean-up. Test the new Bar-be-que.
- Eb's Sunset Series of Races.....
Wednesdays at 6:30pm - May 3 to June 14th
- Mountain Madness Regatta.....
June 3-4th Weekend, All boat Regatta. Camping is encouraged, BBQ, Fireworks, bring everyone.
- CornRoast Regatta.....
Two days of Races...Lots of Corn...August 26-27
- Wrap-Up Regatta.....
The first days of Autumn can be warm, cool or both September 23-24 - everyone is welcome.

SAIL-A-WAY SUNDAYS - Sail any way you wish, just come out to sail!

BSSC INCOME STATEMENT 2004.12.01 - 2005.11.30



INCOME	
Boat rental	200.00
Interest earned	1.53
Item sales	45.00
Locker fee	130.00
MAP Funds	785.82
Membership	3,125.00
Other Inc	1,470.00
Regatta income	788.50
Sport Legacy Donation	175.00
Total Income	\$6,720.85

EXPENSES	
AGM Costs	404.07
Awards	265.95
Boat repairs	86.46
Building materials	111.60
Clubhouse furnishings	533.38
Communications	142.58
Dues	850.16
Equipment	791.77
Fuel	171.35
Groceries	30.00
Instructor	1,198.85
Insurance	683.00
Keys	52.15
Misc	45.61
Regatta costs	546.24
Total Expenses	\$5,913.17

2005 OPERATING SURPLUS = \$807.68





Our Racing Scene *Bill Logan*

Mountain Madness this year was changed slightly to accommodate the racing sailors and volunteers heading for the Canada Games

The Cornroast, as usual provided good company, good food and a most relaxing day at the lake. The weather didn't cooperate but everybody enjoyed the day anyway.

The sailing lessons went well and the loss of one student was my fault which I shall certainly correct in 2006.

Ice boating got off to a great start but the snow shut us down too quickly. However, we have skis to replace the ice blades so maybe some good rides yet. We did manage some good rides and introduced a couple of new fans to the wild and wacky world of sail.

Coming up for 2006, the Sunset Series will start at 6:30 PM to allow more sailors time to eat, rig and hit the start on time. More practice time for the early birds too. The scoring for the awards will remain the same. The courses may change from time to time. There are some new cats at the club that are sure welcome to join in the fun on Wednesday evening racing. Any and all ideas will be considered to make the racing more fun but the final determination regarding, who will run the races, timing, courses, scoring for awards etc. is the responsibility of our club's Regatta Chair (which has been my job since 1998) The aim in 2006 is to raise the level of fun and accessibility to more sailors of all skills and ages.

The regatta schedule of events remains the same but there may be more weekend activities added. Sailing lessons available to the general public began when Eb Fass founded the Blackstrap club. Sailing lessons to individuals, small groups or club members will continue the tradition. Some students from the general public have gone on to other clubs,

some to our club and some just wanted to experience something new. They are all very welcome.

Whatever activity our club wishes to enjoy and offer will be decided by our club. If our membership in some other organization restricts our enjoyment of our activities, we don't need to be a member of that organization. The general public and all our sailing friends from all our sister clubs are always welcome to attend all the BSSC activities. That is a tradition that will continue regardless of provincial or national interests. Our executives number one priority is serving Blackstrap's membership and secondly, the outlying sailing community and general public.

Race management. You don't have to be a certified race officer to run any races at our club. You only have to have the confidence of the club's Regatta chair that you can do a fair and reasonable job of it. We don't run national or world championships. Saskatchewan has many sailors who have raced or run races over the years who's skills and experience will benefit any club. Our club invites you all to come out and share that experience with our club members, young and old alike. Anyone who would like to help our race crews out on the water but have no experience are also very welcome.

A word on scoring; Whatever you do in a competition of sailing is a measure of how well you did versus your fellow competitor. One race, 5 races, 15 races, at the end of the day, how well you did is a total of the points you accrued. The honest score is one that exactly reflects your achievement on the race course to the scoreboard. When you start throwing out this score or that score because of this or that reason, you are changing your score to show something other than exactly what you did out there on the water. The competition is on the water, the score should reflect that effort as true and as honest as possible. No drop scores is the only honest reflection of those efforts. There is no fairness one to the other when one competitor can disregard 20 points and another can only disregard 4 points. Changing and fudging scores is done on land with number crunching and lawyers. The final score in that case is not how the race was won. You owe it to yourself to accept the score that your efforts in the race have achieved. You want to be a champion, think like a champion, recognize your weak spots, work to improve and enjoy the successes. BSSC races all count. (Even the poor ones) BH



BLACKSTRAP SAILING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2006

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.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (please print):

Payment Date: _____ Phone/Cell#'s _____

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 or 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

Welcome to Blackstrap Sailing Club