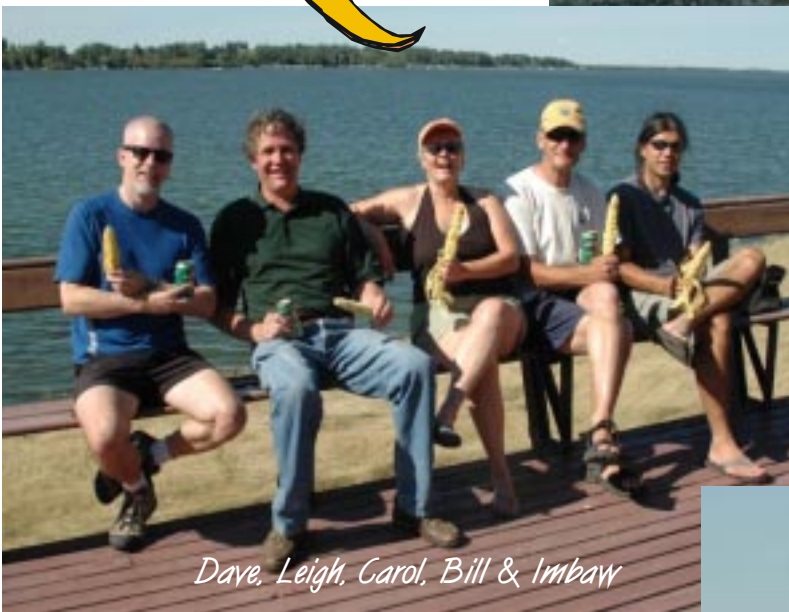




# BLACKSTRAP *Sailing Club*



*Imbaw*



*Dave, Leigh, Carol, Bill & Imbaw*

*Merry Christmas,  
Happy New Year*



*Leigh*

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## *Fall & Winter 2006*

**NOTICE: BSSC Annual General Meeting January 13, 2:00pm - Remail Sports Building at 510 Cynthia Street**



## Our Commodore

Well, following wonderful weather for the Sailing School and Corn Roast Regatta, it wasn't much of a fall for wind down activities. The Wrap-up regatta was cancelled due to high wind and icy water – Jaime Hogan went out anyway just to remind us old-timers what sissies we are, and Dave Scharff demonstrated the advantages of a catamaran for a (relatively) dry and stable ride. There were a some memorable treats on the few occasions I had reason to visit Blackstrap in the fall – mink hunting migrating ducks on the water, mule deer on the 'back forty', and a pair of mature bald eagles who made the area their temporary home. Heavy and early snow pretty much curtailed the iceboating season.

Many thanks to the executive for their assistance in a trying year. There will be some major changes in the executive this year – Carol Hogan and Barry Ziola have announced their intentions of not standing for the Communications and Treasurer positions respectively. Both are long-serving members of the executive and have devoted many many hours to successful operation of BSSC. They will be sorely missed, but both have indicated that they will assist the newcomers in the details of the many functions that they perform.

As part of the clubhouse repairs we purchased a new lockset so it was a good opportunity to change keys. The plan is to supply new keys with membership renewal, starting at the AGM (January 13 at 2:00pm ). The actual lock change will be done some time in the spring.

I am looking forward to seeing everybody at the annual general meeting – in the case of BSSC the annual meeting is especially important because of the opportunity it allows for members to get to know one another. So we will see everybody there.

## Our Executive



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## Communications

Ten years may seem like a long time, but it certainly went by quickly enough. April 1996 was the date of our first newsletter since Eb's in the early 80's, Commodore Felix wrote *'We share something precious: the ability to enjoy an afternoon close to the water...forgetting all our problems, relaxing and being happy'*. We only had at most a dozen members then, we had an open house including wine and cheese, put together a great little brochure and corresponding posters and the sailors came. Each year a few new families would join us, quite often they would start by taking a weekend "Discover Sailing Course" from Bill or Jaime. Blackstrap built up a reputation of having fun regattas and springtime became busy as more sailors came from other clubs.



I see a bright future for our little club. Active family membership has become key to the success of Blackstrap Sailing Club. Our bylaws were written with a vision to see Blackstrap as our priority. We have been fortunate in the past with dedicated people as our leaders. Building on each others' strengths, making key decisions and developing a plan together. We had a vision of what Blackstrap Sailing Club should be for our recreational and competitive sailors alike.

Though I have resigned as Communications Director, I certainly plan to continue as a presence at the club and look forward to seeing others take up the task. I found my time quite enjoyable and have made many friends through Blackstrap and other clubs. See you on the water.

## BSSC Racing Scene

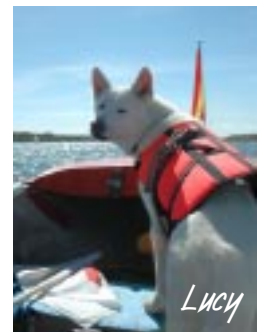


The 2006 racing season at BSSC wrapped up with our two regular late season club events.

The Great Corn Roast Regatta was held on a beautiful sailing weekend in late August. Saturday saw light breezes out of the SW which held out for four fun filled triangle races before we hit the beach for Roasted Corn and drinks! Sunday saw stronger, but shiftier breezes out of the NE which made for 5 more great races. While the Hogan's pretty well had 1<sup>st</sup> place wrapped up in their Laser >> on day one, the competition for 2<sup>nd</sup> place was fierce. Dave Scharf put in a stellar performance on his Hobie Wave, but fell out of the running when mechanical failure drove him ashore prematurely, leaving Leigh and Imbaw to hone their Laser boat handling skills to complete exhaustion. Thanks to Lucy for a strong performance on race committee and Margot for putting together a very tasty Corn Roast both Saturday and Sunday after racing! The Wrap-Up Regatta was held the third weekend of September. The wind was howling out of the NW and all formal racing ultimately abandoned. Kudo's to Dave Scharf and Leigh Campbell who none-the-less hit the water together in the Hobie Wave (yes it took both of them to hold it down!!), and Jaime Hogan who took her Laser Radial out and showed us a thing or two about good high wind boat handling! Every one agreed it was one of the higher adrenaline sailing days of the year! Thanks again to Margot for the delicious Borscht that helped warm us all up at the end of the day.

Watch for the Spring Edition of the Newsletter to get set for the 2007 season!

See you on the Race Course!





*Harbour Master*



## Harbour Masters Report    December 2006

The first year in this position has in many ways been a period of apprenticeship. The objectives being: to get a handle on the regular maintenance required, responding in a timely fashion to the unexpected, and getting to know club procedures and members. Finding time to learn to sail the Seaspray has also been on the agenda. I have gotten past the fundamentals of securing the bungs before leaving shore and my son Justin appears to have recovered from the trauma of sailing on a sinking ship.

Many of you have helped out this year with maintenance tasks. That list includes Bill Hogan (thank you for showing me the ropes in so many ways Bill), Leigh Campbell, Dick White, Brian McSheffrey, Ken Turner and others that I am not aware of. Thanks also to Barry for reimbursing expenses so promptly.

I will be applying for the position again next year and perhaps with the patience of the members and executive will be the successful candidate. With that optimistic bent I would like to offer a look ahead as to the initiatives that I feel should be pursued.

□ Expanded use of the maintenance log book now in the club house. Please make a note of any maintenance concerns that you notice and any tasks completed, even the little things like watering the trees. It is very helpful to know what has been done.

□ Some needs have been identified. We will need to organize a work session so that the work can be accomplished quickly with involvement from members. Some of those needs include: Fascia and soffit on the club house and regular beach clean up.

On the matter of sailing, Jonathan (the elder son) has suggested club days for the recreation sailor. These would be scheduled days when a number of members would be in attendance. The benefit might be increased activity and camaraderie on the water in a non-racing format. These days could also serve as visitor's days to encourage greater membership.

BSSC is a great place to enjoy the sun, water and wind. Perhaps we can make it more available to others. It is a pleasure to be a part of it all.

# Photos by Michele



*Leigh*



*Bill & Carol*



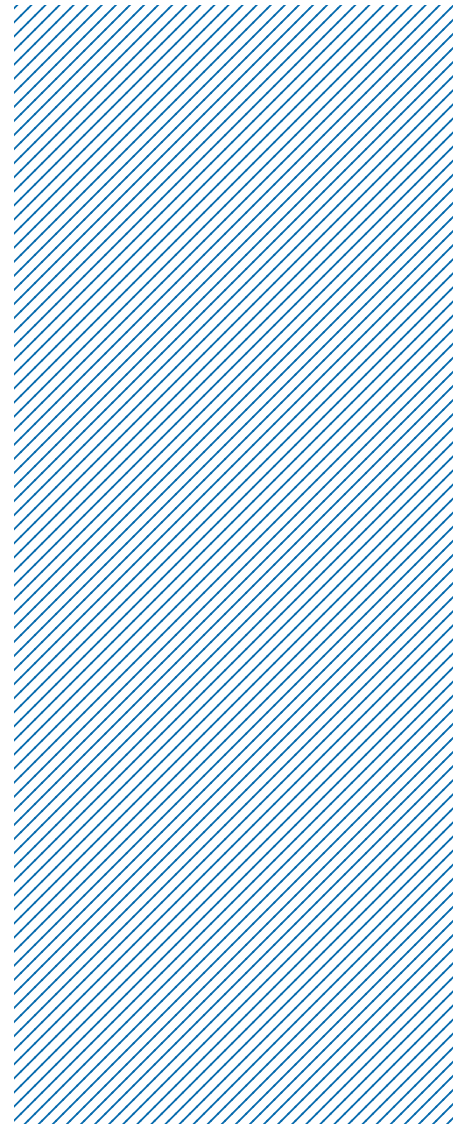
*Dave*



*Barry*

## The Treasurer

### BSSC CASH FLOW REPORT FOR 2006



Total memberships for 2006  
26 family, 16 single, 1 associate, 2 corporate