

## DOCK RECONFIGURATION - LAYOUT IN SHARK ALLEY

- Remove steel plate from "Gallagher's" dock and then pull the dock and post possibly at haul out.
- Leave the ladder attached to the wall.
- Install 4 floats (2 are in the shed, 2 will have to be purchased) on the platform that is presently located on the other floating docks
- Install the floats and move the platform over to where the steel dock has been removed, and attach the launch system to it. The float will have to be secured similar to the floating dock we have for Youth Sail.
- The Youth Sail dock that is presently there will be turned 180° making it easier for the launch system to be used, giving room for the davit to be installed and room for our Youth Sailing boats to tie up.
- The platform now being used for the Small Boat Program will have to be replaced either by a step down or a ramp on wheels.

## STRATEGIC & BUSINESS PLAN

All of our goals from the original Strategic Plan have been reached and/or surpassed and we are now working on a Strategic Plan to reflect where we are today and where we are heading. Fortunately, Paul is currently assisting with the plans along with two members from our Committee (Shelley Lamoureux and Mike Sealy).

Once the Business Plan is completed, we hope to approach businesses in the area, mainly greenhouses, for support. We in turn would promote them, for example, on our boats, in our brochures, advertising, etc.

Following completion of the Strategic Plan, we hope to have a better view of what the Youth Sailing program might look like and how we can effectively replace the old RS Qubas with RS Zests and eventually begin to purchase 420's to grow our program at the other end.

## SOME STATISTICS FROM 2024

### REGISTRATIONS

New - 24                      3 came back for a second week

Repeats - 33                15 came back for a second week (includes 4 Bronze level)  
                                      6 came back for a third week (includes 2 Bronze level)  
                                      1 came back for a fourth week  
                                      1 came back for seven weeks (includes Bronze level)

### AGE & SEX

Males - 37                      Females - 19

Ages    8 - 6  
          9 - 7  
          10 - 6  
          11 - 18  
          12 - 7  
          13 - 8  
          14 - 4

### LEVELS (Completed)

CANSail                      4  
ICANSail                     20  
CANSail I                    13 (Lukas Skeates - three levels)  
CANSail II                   13  
CANSail III                  5  
CANSail IV                  3 (includes Jack)

We were 88% full. We had 104 spots and 91 were filled. The two weeks encompassing long weekends and our third week July 15-19 were not completely filled.

At the end of this year, we put two of our Qubas out to pasture for shredding. These boats were used when we bought them and we are going to have to replace them in order to keep the program running. We have welded several Quba's to make them last a bit longer. That's why you see black on the bottom (sole) of the some of the boats.

We have come to an agreement with the laser fleet at the club for using the trailer that we purchased from Ontario Sail. Attempts to sell it went by the wayside and they asked to use it for storing their boats, etc. We just ask that it is maintained which I'm sure will be done with Kevin in charge.

Sue Brewin our Treasurer is stepping down and will be handling promotion and advertising. Judi Lacey who has just joined the Committee is going to take over from Sue as our Treasurer. Sue is still waiting for some deposits from Sail Canada, the Trillium Grant, registration assistance from the Town through "Rec for All". We still have bills outstanding for t-shirts, the Bryan Stewart Luncheon, plaques for the awards handed out to Glenn Lethbridge and Paul Cairoli, repairs for boats, sail replacement, etc. At this time our overall total is \$15,192.

## **PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR**

We had our wrap up meeting earlier this month and are looking ahead to 2025. There is a lot of planning and decisions ahead of us. Once we know where we are heading we will keep you apprised.

The number of weeks have not been decided but we do plan on having one week for girls only. We are fortunate to have an excellent female instructor, to allow us to do this. Ontario Sailing is encouraging clubs to host one week for girls, some can feel intimidated with boys and this will allow them to develop a closer bond with sailing.

We are expecting the same instructors to return next year. It was a good match this year for our senior instructors. They worked well together. We have two Community Instructors. At least one is interested in a position of added responsibility. As you can see with 3 attaining their CANSail IV we have others interested in moving up. This was part of our Strategic Plan that we would eventually grow our own instructors.

Our plans for a Junior Program have been delayed and put on hold. Paul was the lead in organizing the Program and since he will no longer be with us, we no longer have the same resources available to us. It will not be forgotten.

Our Committee for 2025 is Sue Brewin (Promotion/Advertising), Brian Isaacs (Boat Maintenance/docks/motors), Judi Lacey (Treasurer), Shelley Lamoureux (Supervision), Mike Lippmann (Instructors), Mike Sealy (Brian's right hand guy), Kieran Smith (Head Instructor) and myself (registration).

## **LASER DRAW**

We want to thank Randy Cyr for donating the boat to Youth Sail. The laser draw did what we were hoping it would do. Give us enough money to purchase 4 two-way radios for the school. We have always used borrowed radios and we were very appreciative for the offer but were always concerned that we would not be giving them back in the same condition we received them and chargers for the radios were all different. Our dream was to have basic water proof radios that all charged the same way.

## **CAMERAS. ETC.**

We all spent many hours at the club this summer but Shelley, a Social Member, who was in charge of supervision spend the most time, filling in for those who didn't or couldn't show up. She said it was a real eye opener being around the Club and seeing what happens and what doesn't happen. As you know, Youth Sail Supervisors and Committee Members took on the responsibility of cleaning the club, washrooms, emptying garbage and recycle, etc. We received many compliments saying the club has not looked so good for a long time. Shelley's frustration was the groups/individuals that would use the facilities and not clean up after themselves. She said that the morning following Wednesday night races, was the worst. The clubhouse would be left messy with food on the floor, garbage and recycle full and washrooms left untidy. Is it not the rule if you hold an event that you make sure things are left in the way you found them? We took on the responsibility of maintaining and cleaning the facilities but didn't expect that we would have to clean up after an event.

COP Camp, we really love and think it should be continued but one thing we ask, is for someone extra for tidying washrooms and emptying garbage and recycle. Shelley and Chris Stanson were both there that day and there was a lot to clean up after the 90 plus kids.

The other problem that we experienced was food being taken from the fridge. Shellley who also volunteered to purchase supplies and food for our Friday lunches would not bring the supplies down to the club until Friday morning because she could not be assured that they would be there when we went to use them. Food of both our instructors and students were taken from the fridge. Craig Canniff purchased a hamburger after race night for one of the kids that was staying at his house, for his lunch. Craig left it in the fridge and it was gone the following day. Kieran often found that food he had left in the fridge had been taken or used. He left a large quantity of cheese in the fridge and the next day when he went to use it, most was gone. Since it happened between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning he thought that race might have used it. I approached Pat Manchurek and he said that they always had cheese on their burgers but they did use that cheese.

We would like the Executive to consider installing cameras in the club house and various areas outside so we, our kids and members can leave food in the fridges with confidence that it will be there when it is needed. As we all know it is not just food that disappears hence the cameras outside too.