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President's Message

Now that April is here and there is some warmth in the air, boating moves from being a happy memory or future dream to the reality of washing, waxing, reassembling and finally, launching. This is when those of us who have 2-foot-itis wish our boats were a little smaller. I feel every inch of her length as I lovingly wash and wax the topsides, before sanding and painting the hull. If you belong to a club, this all has to be done before a set date regardless of the vagaries of the weather. But once she's in the water and the sails are up, the work is all worth it. Sailing season has begun.

At our Annual General Meeting, held in early April at the Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club, it was a pleasure to be joined on the board by three new board members. Janet Geisberger has agreed to take on the role of Membership Director, and Tina Gaisin and Tracy Nursall will jointly be in charge of planning the fall and winter dinner meetings. Emily Best has left the board to spend her time planning her wedding to Mathew. Thank you so much Emily for all of your hard work and planning that was so evident in the dinner meetings these last three years. Sherry Wolfson will be taking a break from the board, after having spent many years of contributing, the last four as the Advisory Board rep. We will miss Sherry's balanced view point at our board meetings.

Continuing on the board are Jane McLaughlin as Secretary, Donna Scott as our Treasurer, Michele Toohey-Reed as Newsletter Editor, and Jane Best as Racing Liaison. Carole Percy will be joining us this year as the Advisory Board representative.

At the meeting, it was voted on and agreed that there will be an increase in the annual membership fee to \$30. It was felt that this was a reasonable increase, and will allow us to move toward our goal of more sponsorship of young women in sailing. The bylaws were also reviewed and amended to make them more in line with present practice, and to reflect changes that have come with time.

Your board will be meeting within the next few weeks to start working together to plan for a successful new year for the Women Sailors' Association. We wish you all a very happy boating season.

Yours in Sailing, Margaret Betts

Next Dinner Meeting

Back on the Race Course...

Topic: Downwind Tactics
Speaker: Wendy Loat
Date: Tuesday, May 6th, 2008
Club: National Yacht Club
Chart Room
Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
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Letter from the 2007 Female Youth Sailor of the Year

To the Women's Sailing Association,

Last year, I was fortunate enough to receive the Female Youth Sailor of the Year award. I thought I'd keep you up to date with my adventures since I received the award.

I was unable to accept the award in person last year because I was in Sydney, Australia as part of the Australian Youth Olympic Festival. 6 Canadians (and our coach, Amy Goman) trained for 4 months to prepare for this prestigious event, which is put on by the Australian government to give their potential Olympic athletes a taste of the Olympics. The event was team racing, which was a new and exciting experience for all of us. In addition, we were sailing Pacers (dinghies a bit like CL 14's), which none of us had ever sailed before. We all learned a tremendous amount, and had many exciting experiences while there.

A week after returning from Australia, I travelled to Sarasota, Florida, with my crew, Danielle Boyd. We were competing at the 29er Mid-winters in hopes of qualifying for the Youth Worlds. While we missed qualifying by one spot, we both had an amazing time.

Most of my spring, and the first month of my summer were spent coaching. This was my first year coaching full time, and I found that I greatly enjoy it. It's nice to be able to pass on some of the knowledge I've gained over the years, and to help others achieve success.

In August, I returned once more to the racing circuit. I raced the CYA Open National Regatta at my home club (RHYC) and ended up winning, which was a surprise, since I was racing in my Radial for only the second time. Immediately after this regatta was the Youth Nationals, which I raced in the 29er with Danielle. We placed 6th, and achieved our goal of qualifying for the Youth National Team, which we were pleased about. I also raced CORK in my Radial, which was lots of fun, as always. This fall consisted mostly of coaching, although I did race Fall CORK (which was freezing!) in the 29er.

I would like to thank you again for this award, which definitely made it possible for me to accomplish all the things I did this year.

Thanks again, see you on the water!

Emily Hill

After a decade plus and no increase in fees, the cost of doing business has brought us to the point of needing to increase our membership fee. From the Annual Financial Reports it is easy to see that the current fee of \$20.00 no longer covers the increased cost of our post box, postage, printing etc., etc. (Junior fee is \$10.00)

In 2001 we introduced the WSA trophy recognizing Ontario Sailing's Female Junior Sailor of the year. The winner of this trophy also receives \$500.00 from us. Shortly thereafter we introduced the awarding of our own WSA flags for our on the water series and championships. The flags have been well received and like the Ontario Sailing trophy it is our intention to continue this practice. We also pay a nominal amount to National Yacht Club in support of the Monday night series. Not to be discounted is the expense of recognizing our off season dinner guest speakers with a token gift and covering the cost of their dinner. In addition there is always the request for sponsorship (maximum \$250.00 per) from members participating in major events with the most recent focus on Junior female sailors. When funds permit, on an annual basis, we do our utmost to accommodate at least 2 boat requests and where possible a maximum of 3 boats.

Where is all this leading to? Effective with the 2009 membership renewal, as approved at our Annual General Meeting held March 31st at ABYC, the membership fee commencing with our 2009 Membership Year will increase to \$30.00.

The Junior Fee of \$10.00 remains unchanged.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Donna Scott,
Treasurer & Past President

Women Sailors' Association Female Junior Sailor of the Year Award

It was my pleasure to attend the Ontario Sailing AGM to present the trophy and prize to this year's winner of the Women Sailors' Association Female Junior Sailor of the Year award. The award is a trophy along with a cheque for \$500.

The winner this year was Helen Dam and she is a sailor from Royal Hamilton Yacht Club however she is not your typical racer. Helen is a 15 years old and has paraplegia. She has limited use of her legs, and trains in and races a Martin 16. Although she has been sailing for 5 years out of RHYC she has only taken up racing as part of the silver program at her club this year and her results are outstanding.

ABYC One Design — 2nd
National Capital Cup — 5th
LYRA — 2nd
Mobility Cup — 23rd out of 40

In order for Helen to participate in the racing circuit this year she had to initiate her own fundraising campaign to afford both to travel and to compete, especially

for the regattas outside of Ontario. She was able to raise approximately \$1,500.00 on her own. In the words of her coach, "Helen's determination is unlike any student I have ever coached; she has had to overcome more hurdles than most in terms of mobility, transportation and logistics."

Helen was thrilled to receive this award. She also received a very special letter the very same day. Each year at RHYC, a member of the club sends a letter to Prince Charles, their patron, with an update on the happenings of the year. Helen Dam's successes were included this year as part of a description of the Able Sail program. Jenny McEwen-Hill was the Vice Commodore of the Sailing School for 5 years and in all of her years on the Bridge at the club, they only ever got a polite and benign letter in return. This year, there was a paragraph about Helen, congratulating her on her success. She was presented with a copy of the letter at the AGM. Jenny is not sure what Helen thinks of Prince Charles, but she seemed pleased with her day all around.

by Carole Pearcy

TAWK series

The TAWK series has been cancelled.

I (Carole Pearcy) hold the Deed of Gift for the trophy for this series and, together with the WSA Board of Directors, the decision has been made to cancel this event permanently.

It no longer fulfills either its original purpose or the social aspect it took on.

When it was started in the mid-1980's, it was designed to be a qualifying regatta for OSA funding to the Ontario Women's Keelboat Championships. This was back when OSA had money available to help support sailors to events. When the assistance money dried up, (almost from the beginning), the \$5 per person TAWK entry fee contributed yearly toward a social event which I catered at Alexandra Yacht Club following the final of the 4 races. When I moved my boat north to Georgian Bay and left AYC, the social aspect of this series became impossible to organize.

If the series had been a separate event, it might have been worthwhile running it just for the fun involved. However, since it is run concurrently with part of the Monday night series, for which we already receive awards, we decided that it was redundant.

The TAWK Series trophy will be retired until we find a reason to re-dedicate it.

by Carole Pearcy

NYC Racing Update

After such a wintry winter we are all looking forward to the 2008 Sailing and Racing Season. "Practice Starts" night for all Monday night racers is May 12th and the first race is on May 26th.

There will be no racing May 19th, June 30th, August 4th and September 1st.

For any of you who also race on Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays at NYC the practice starts are May 6th and 7th, and racing starts May 13th and 14th.

This year the NYC Race Committee is running training nights on Thursdays for those of you interested in race management and learning how to become a Principle Race Officer (PRO).

The NYC Spring "Round the Island" Race is an early one on May 10th and the Spring "Round the Island" Cruise is June 7th. The Fall "Round the Island" Cruise is September 21st.

- Jane Best

Racing History

Ontario Women's Keelboat Regatta

The Ontario Women's Keelboat Regatta will not be undertaken by the WSA this year.

This regatta was originally designed to be a qualifying regatta for OSA assistance to the Canadian Women's Keelboat Championships. There was money available at that time to assist the winners of the OWKC to attend the Canadian Women's Keelboat Championships, which CYA helped to organize.

The series was hosted by Ashbridge's Bay yacht Club for several years as an invitational regatta before qualifying for sanction by the OSA as a provincial regatta.

For many years, the Chair of the OSA Women's Committee also happened to be a member of WSA. As the OSA Women's Committee gradually dwindled away to nothing in the 1990's, WSA took on the responsibility for finding host clubs to run the women's keelboat regatta and eventually was totally responsible for the running of the event.

For some reason, it has always been difficult to get keelboats out to this event. We even instituted a women-on-the-helm division to encourage more participation. In 2007, there were only 13 boats in three divisions. A lot of work goes into this regatta for a very few entries and, at present, the WSA Board is weary of running it and wants a year off.

We do NOT want to see it disappear. However, with the Canadian championship being at ABYC in Toronto this year, it was decided to take a rest and come back stronger next year.

The regatta WILL return in 2009. In the meantime, several of the WSA members intend to offer assistance to this year's organizing committee for the Canadians.

Canadian Women's Keelboat Championship

The Canadian Women's Keelboat Championship has a history that goes back further than the current CYA initiative of the past 5-6 years.

It dates back to the early-1980's when CYA had money to assist with organizing regattas and to assist

racers to travel to regattas. Royal Vancouver Yacht Club ran the first women's keelboat championships in 1980 and 1981. Ontario came next in 1982 at National Yacht Club. Some of you will remember the sunflower raft-up out in the lake while we waited for wind to fill in. The Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron hosted the event in 1983 but was very disappointed at the lack of participation from Ontario. At this point the championships staggered and died out.

Various reasons have been proposed as the underlying factor in its demise; the primary one being that, unlike dinghy sailors, most keelboat sailors were not accustomed to campaigning their boats outside their local area. Occasionally, a crew from this area has attended the Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship in Rhode Island which has run every second year since 1985. But, by and large, the majority of keelboat sailors don't sail boats that are easily trailered, and therefore don't go to regattas that are farther away than can be easily reached on the water.

WSA was pleased to learn that the CYA was re-instituting the CYA Women's Keelboat Championships. I have been unable to track down the recent history for the event. I know that CYA has organized some match racing for women in keelboats and has organized national racing events for women in keelboats but I can't find the dates of the regattas.

In 2007, the CYA Women's National Keelboat Championship was hosted by the Kelowna Yacht Club in B.C. from September 21-23 in Santana 525's from the Okanagan Valley.

The 2008 event is being hosted in

Sharks at ABYC in Toronto, Sept. 12th-14th. Information will be posted on the WSA and ABYC websites as it becomes available.

by Carole Percy

IOC Women in Sport Conference

Borrowed from the ISAF Making Waves E-Newsletter | 18 April 2008.

The 4th IOC Women in Sport Conference, Jordan, 8-10 March 2008

I attended as a representative of the Canadian Olympic Committee. Other ISAF women in attendance were, ISAF Council Member Nazli IMRE (TUR) who represented the Turkish Olympic Committee, Barbara KENDALL (NZL) who attended as a member of the IOC Athletes Commission and from the ISAF Secretariat, Luissa SMITH - Head of Training and Development.

Within ISAF, recent debate has focused on women in the committees and decision making structures of ISAF. As we know, this is just one part of the sports mix in which women are involved. The IOC Women in Sport Conference certainly reminded us of the diverse and crucial role women play in sport, but also highlighted the numerous barriers women face based on gender discrimination.

The IOC President opened the session by highlighting the role women play in introducing their

children to sport and supporting their ongoing involvement – a vital recruitment process from youth upwards. "Sport needs women's participation, not only because they represent half of humanity, but also because they are key in transmitting the love of sport to our youth. It is the mothers who determine their children's love to sport and we have to bring them back to sport. This is why all of us, we have to continue to give our utmost to promote and defend the cause of women in sport."

Linked to the crucial role women play in sport, is the evident decrease by youth in team sports, the decrease in sports in schools and the reduction in curriculum time for physical education. All organizations have a role to play in reversing this trend.

Anita de FRANTZ, Chair of the IOC Women in Sport Commission, followed the IOC President's opening remarks by highlighting: "For the future of sport and its success in living up to its fundamental principles, we need more people to be involved in providing sport opportunities. And women remain the great untapped resource."

The theme of the conference was "Sport as a vehicle for social change". The ability of sport to enable us all to aspire to reach our goals, its role in removing barriers and enabling social interaction were widely discussed. The impact of sport on education, social inclusion, the vulnerable, empowering those with disabilities and giving a

voice to youth was summed up by sports' ability to:

- support sustainable development: we can recognize that sport is a significant force in economic and social development and in environmental protection.
- improve the well-being of children: we can encourage governments, development agencies, and communities to think about how sport can be included more systematically in plans to help children, particularly those living in the midst of poverty, disease, and conflict.
- strengthen education: we can use the appeal of sport to increase school attendance and achievement, and to promote inclusion in education, especially of girls, refugees and persons with disabilities.
- improve health: we can recognize that sport and physical activity are the most sustainable and cost-effective way to tackle non-communicable diseases
- combat aids and advance other important causes: we can recognize the value of sport as a highly effective communications tool, and of athletes as powerful spokespersons.
- promote unity: we can make sport a common framework for peace-building and development efforts.
- promote volunteerism: we can remove impediments to volunteerism for all in the realm of sports, and we can recognize that sport is a crucial entry point to a life of volunteerism.

Reflecting on attaining the targets for women's representation in the International Olympic Committee (IOC), National Olympic Committees (NOC's) and International Federations (IF's), the IOC acknowledged that progress had been slow in meeting the previously set targets, but re-iterated its belief that in order for the targets to be achieved, more intervention work was need-

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ed across the world. Interestingly, the IOC is considering introducing an enforceable requirement for NOCs to meet the IOC requirements for gender representation.

What also came across was that women may have a tendency to underestimate their own capacity and capability. It was also recognized that whilst men and women may be themselves unable to take on a specific role within a sports organization, they can still support others by identifying suitable candidates to fill positions and support that candidate. The need for women and men to develop the concept of having "protégées" was also emphasized.

The audience was varied, ranging from NOC and IF representatives, to regional governments, national and regional sports federations and organizations and women's sports organizations from around the world. Therefore the topics whilst of interest to all may be only able to be taken forward by specific types of organizations.

The sessions were wide ranging, and I would like to specifically highlight some of the following issues discussed:

- clothing to enable athletes with religious/cultural requirements to participate
- targeting a larger female participation and the "soft" legacy of sports events
- Role models in sport
- Sponsors and women
- Women's sports in the media and women as journalists

- Benefits of remaining in sport after your athletic career
- Sport as a training ground for leadership
- Equality of access to sports at community level
- NOC programmes to retain female athletes
- Reaching today's youth through sport
- The role of mothers in supporting sport as an educational tool
- The balance between the needs of body and practice of sports – the female athlete triad Sexual harassment and Abuse in sport
- Overcoming cultural barriers in sport

The unanimous conclusion of the Conference from the delegates was a commitment to a future strategy which focuses on actions in five specific areas:

- Seize upcoming opportunities to promote gender equality
- Governance
- Empowerment through Education and Development
- Women, Sport and the Media
- Women, Sport and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

These are outlined in the concluding Dead Sea Plan of Action - http://multimedia.olympic.org/pdf/en_report_1299.pdf

In closing the conference, Anita de Frantz specifically raised the issue of supporting athletes who are also mothers. She profiled Barbara KENDALL as a female athlete who has combined motherhood with an elite sports career. Aside from this reference, the need to provide

support to athletes who are mothers was not really addressed during the Conference. There are many elite sailors who are mothers and I feel within sailing we should all give further consideration to the support which could be offered.

The Conference certainly identified new and reinforced existing areas where ISAF and Member National Authorities (MNAs) are focusing on women in sailing. However, there is more ISAF and MNAs can do to actively advocate for women, whether athletes, coaches, officials and administrators – to provide support networks and information/resources to grow their involvement in the sport and ISAF. I will address these further with the ISAF Women's Forum.

Thank you,

Fiona KIDD
Chairman, ISAF Women's Forum

Further information:
Related News story - <http://www.sailing.org/22443.php>
IOC Women and Sport Commission - http://www.olympic.org/uk/organisation/commissions/women/index_uk.asp

4th IOC Women in Sport Conference - http://www.olympic.org/uk/organisation/missions/women/full_story_uk.asp?id=2514
ISAF Women's ~Sailing Microsite - <http://www.sailing.org/women.php>

Fiona Kidd/ISAF

Web URLs worth noting...

www.sailquest.com/women - women's racing on the Ottawa River

www.womensailing.org - American site for the National Women's Sailing Association

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www.sailing.ca/racing/womeninwind/index.asp - CYA's Women in Wind pages

www.donnalange.com

Closing Notes

Sailors Delight: 2 Bedroom Condo with Ensuite Bathrooms & 37' Ketch Rigged Island Trader

I am taking the liberty of sending you the following information on the off chance you are ready to take a break and really enjoy yourselves. We have the following drop dead gorgeous end unit 2 Bedroom Luxury Condo. On the second floor of a three story building with elevator, .located in a South Fort Myers, Florida, in a gated community known as Harbour Isles. Off McGregor Blvd. on Iona Road, close to the beaches of Sanibel and Fort Myers Beach. All major shopping within 5 Minutes.

The condo features an open concept. A spacious kitchen opens to a large Living Room with a gorgeous view of the surrounding area.

There are two roomy bedrooms with in suite baths, cable TV, DVD/VCR, internet connection, washer/dryer, dishwasher and microwave, all furnished for your relaxation and comfort. A private balcony overlooks the property with a view of the river with beautiful sunrise and sunsets.. There is covered parking for this unit.

The condo has the following amenities on the property - Two large luxurious swimming pools, hot tub, recreation and fitness center, four clay tennis courts and a Yacht Basin with a private island and fishing dock. This is a great place to view the sunrise and sunset right on the Caloosahatchee River. There are fresh and salt water boat docks.

The 37' Ketch Rigged Island Trader. Navigation and electronic equipment on board includes the following 5" Richie binnacle mounted compass at the helm, 3 Datamarine instruments at the helm, depth, knot/log and apparent wind direction and speed. Standard VHF radiotelephone, Garmin GPSMAP 182C color chart plotting receiver, autohelm 4000 autopilot, and a Raytheon R20X Radar. Power Volvo 3000 series 35 HP.

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THE BY-LAWS OF THE WOMEN SAILORS' ASSOCIATION
(as revised at the 2008 AGM)

1. VALIDITY

- 1.1 These By-Laws shall supersede all previous Constitutions and By-Laws adopted by the Women Sailors Association and these shall be the only By-Laws of the Women Sailors Association now in force.

2. AIM

- 2.1 [A social network through which female sailors can meet other women interested in sailing.](#)

3. ADMISSION

- 3.1 Application for Membership shall be accompanied by one (1) year's dues.

4. FEES AND DUES

- 4.1 The membership year shall run from January 1 to December 31.

- 4.2 The membership fee shall be reviewed and set by the new Board each year prior to November 30. Invoices for annual dues will be sent out in December and second invoices, where necessary, by the end of February. For anyone whose dues are not paid by March 31st, membership will cease and no further communication will be mailed to that member, unless the Board has reason to extend the deadline.

4.3 [Membership Categories](#)

- [Junior](#) - This category consists of youth 21 years of age or less, or 25 years of age or less if attending an educational facility full time.
- [Senior](#) - Anyone who does not qualify for Junior membership is deemed to be a Senior member.

5. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 Only [Junior and Senior](#) Members in good standing shall be entitled to:

- (a) vote at meetings
- (b) hold office

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 6.1 There shall be held each year an Annual General Meeting of the Members for the purpose of:

- (a) Receiving the reports of the Officers and Committees.
- (b) Receiving the Financial Statements for the preceding year.
- (c) Electing of Officers and Directors for the ensuing year.
- (d) Transacting such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

Except in extraordinary circumstances, such meeting shall be held within the first five (5) months of the year.

- 6.2 A quorum is [twenty-five percent \(25%\)](#) of Members in good standing, [including proxies](#).

- 6.3 Notice of these meetings shall be sent to the membership not later than [fifteen \(15\)](#) days prior to the meeting.

- 6.4 The notice calling an annual or special General Meeting shall be accompanied by a copy of all notices of motion to be presented at that Meeting for the purpose of amending, repealing, or adding to part or parts of the WSA By-Laws.

- 6.5 A special general meeting of the members may be called at any time by the President, or the Board, or upon the petition in writing to the Secretary of any ten (10) Members in good standing. Upon receipt of such petition, the President shall cause notice calling such meeting to be sent to the membership not later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting stating the date and purpose of the meeting. No other business shall be transacted at a Special General meeting other than that which has been specified in the notice calling the meeting.
- 6.6 The President may appoint a delegate to chair a special general meeting.
- 6.7 Votes by a show of hands may be taken at General Meetings, but a Member qualified to vote may request that a ballot be taken. The Chairwoman shall appoint two or more scrutineers to distribute, collect and count the ballots which have been prepared by the Secretary.
- 6.8 When a vote results in a tied vote, a second vote shall be taken, and, if this vote is tied, the Chairwoman shall cast the deciding vote.

7. DIRECTORS

- 7.1 The affairs of WSA shall be managed by an elected Board of Directors consisting of three Officers (a President, a Treasurer and a Secretary) and a maximum of five other Directors-at-Large, three of whom shall be a Membership Director, a Newsletter Editor, and a Programmes Director. The immediate past President and a representative of the Advisory Board shall also be voting members of the Board. Other positions may be added in a non-voting capacity.
- 7.2 Committees may be appointed by the Board as required and assigned, for reporting purposes, to one of the Directors.
- 7.3 The Advisory Board shall consist of Past Presidents who maintain a WSA membership but are not currently holding an elected position on the Board of Directors. Other members who have made an outstanding contribution to the WSA Board and who are stepping down may be invited to join the Advisory Board.
- 7.4 A candidate for the Board must be a **Junior or a Senior** Member in good standing.
- 7.5 Nominations for the Board shall be made through a Nominating Committee in accordance with Appendix Two.
- 7.6 A quorum at a Board Meeting shall consist of four (4) Directors with voting rights, one of whom must be an Officer.
- 7.7 As long as a quorum of Directors remains in office, vacancies on the Board may be filled from the General Membership by appointment by the remaining Directors for the balance of the unexpired term.
- 7.8 A Director's Meeting may be formally called by the President, or upon request by any three (3) Directors, or the Directors may appoint a day in each month for the holding of regular meetings of the board, and of such regular meetings no notice need be sent, only cancellation notice.
- 7.9 Directors shall be notified of a Board meeting by mail or phone not less than five (5) days before the meeting is to take place.
- 7.10 Voting at Board meetings shall be limited to Directors, the Past President or her delegate, and the representative of the Advisory Board.
- 7.11 When a vote results in a tied vote, a second vote shall be taken and, if this vote is tied, the Chairwoman shall cast the deciding vote.

8. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- 8.1 The President shall preside at all General and Directors Meetings, be responsible for the enforcement of the By-Laws, and shall generally supervise the affairs of WSA. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees. [The President may appoint another Board Member to chair any Board, Annual General or Special General meeting in her absence.](#)
- 8.2 The Treasurer shall keep accounts between the Members and WSA, and receive and give receipts on request for all monies paid. She shall deposit all monies received in a chartered bank or trust company and keep an account of same. She shall at any time, on not less than one (1) week's notice, furnish to the Board a statement of WSA's bank balances and the outstanding accounts.
- 8.3 The Secretary shall record and circulate as soon as possible after each meeting the minutes of all Board Meetings, the annual General Meeting, and any special General Meetings. She shall conduct the correspondence of WSA under the direction of the Board and keep and file all records, reports and communications connected with the affairs of WSA.
- 8.4 [The Membership Director shall maintain a membership list, to be updated monthly as changes and updates are received; create yearly invoices for dues; create/update and mail letters of thanks to renewing members; create/update and mail to new Members a welcome package which includes a WSA lapel pin; create/update and mail/email reminders for Members in arrears.](#)
- 8.5 [The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for publishing newsletters and flyers designed to keep the membership up-to-date on WSA activities.](#)
- 8.6 [The Programmes Director\(s\) shall be responsible for booking locations for the dinner meetings; coordinating arrangements for food; selecting and arranging for guest speakers; locating and coordinating any equipment requested by the guest speakers; designating a receiver for RSVP's for each event; arranging a reception committee at each event.](#)
- 8.7 The Board shall also be responsible for:
 - a) designing and publishing a schedule of events.
 - b) maintaining communication with the membership.
- 8.8 Directors shall perform such duties as are assigned to them by the Board. (Refer Appendix One.)

9. FINANCIAL

- 9.1 The Board shall not commit the membership to an extraordinary expense in excess of [one thousand dollars \(\\$1000.00\)](#) without the approval of a majority of Members present at a properly constituted annual or special General Meeting. An extraordinary expense shall be anything other than the normal costs of mailings and meetings.
- 9.2 [There shall be a chequing \(or chequing/savings\) account into which the Treasurer shall place all income. The Board may, at its discretion, invest any excess income not required for normal yearly operating costs in short or long-term GIC's.](#)

10. FISCAL YEAR

- 10.1 The fiscal year for WSA will commence January 1st each year and terminate December 31st of that year.

11. AMENDMENT

- 11.1 Any part or parts of these By-Laws may be amended or repealed or any additions made thereto at any properly constituted Annual or Special General Meeting of the Members of WSA upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, provided that due and proper notice of motion has been given.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 Each Member shall advise the [Membership Director](#) promptly in writing of that Member's proper address and of any changes thereof.

APPENDIX ONE

GUIDELINES for the BOARD of DIRECTORS

App 1 . 1 In addition to the duties outlined for the [three](#) Officers, the By-laws direct the Board to design and publish a schedule of events and to maintain communication with the membership.

App 1 . 2 When allocating duties amongst the Board and before striking or confirming any committees for the coming year, each new Board of Directors should consider the following areas for action:

Racing

- coordinating WSA participation in the on-water activities supported by WSA
- liaising with the Women's Committee of the Ontario Sailing Association ([a.k.a. Ontario Sailing](#)) and the organizers of local women's racing

Invitations

- preparing notices of each social event with relevant information
- [emailing/ mailing](#) notices to arrive in a timely fashion
- including members and prospective members in the [distribution](#)

Club notices

- advertising the winter dinner meetings and upcoming events
- locating members who will post mailings at their club and distribute information to interested female sailors
- [distributing notices to the clubs by email or direct mailing](#)

Publicity

- preparing posters to advertise upcoming events
- distributing the posters through club contacts
- creating (or updating) flyers advertising the WSA
- displaying flyers at Boat Shows and other sports oriented locations
- creating (or updating) information for prospective new members

Hospitality

- greeting and recording members and guests attending the winter dinners and seminars
- following up with membership information to guests present at WSA events

App 1 . 3 Each Board is expected to maintain continuity within the preceding areas.

App 1 . 4 In addition, each Board may initiate new programmes or incentives.

APPENDIX TWO

NOMINATIONS

App 2 . 1 A Nominating Committee shall be named each year prior to January 1st by the Board of Directors. It shall consist of a minimum of three WSA members not running for office, and shall include at least one representative from the Advisory Board who shall chair the committee. This committee shall be responsible for preparing a slate to present to the Annual General Meeting. If possible, the slate shall be included with the notice of meeting.

- App 2 . 2 The Nominating Committee shall solicit names of nominees or volunteers from the membership. The name of any member in good standing, with her consent, may be put forth by herself or any other member in good standing for consideration.
- App 2 . 3 Each nominee may present a brief summary of her qualifications for the position at the Annual General Meeting
- App 2 . 4 When there is more than one nominee for the position of an Officer, there shall be a written ballot and the nominee with the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. When there are more than five (5) nominees for the positions of Directors at Large, a written ballot will be taken. Each voting member may indicate five (5) choices for Director at Large and the five (5) nominees with the largest total votes shall be declared elected.
- App 2 . 5 A Member may vote by proxy. Proxies not specifically assigned to another Junior or Senior Member in good standing will be held and voted by the Secretary or Acting Secretary of the Board. Any other Member shall not hold more than two proxies at any meeting.

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