



2018
*Provincial Sailing Association
Reports*

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Report submitted by: Paul Mendham, President and Rick Nickelchok, Executive Director

BC Sailing has 48 Member clubs and 29 sail schools, 3 full time staff, and use two independent contractors to run the MOSS program during the summer.

Organizational Highlights

- Staffing: BCSA welcomed Jenn Burger, Interim Communications Coordinator in June and Rick Nickelchok, Executive Director in July.
- Board: Paul Mendham was elected President in June
- BCSA launched a new website in 2018 and has seen a significant increase in BCSA social media presence (30% - Facebook; 525% - Twitter)
- Membership Committee surveyed member clubs from all four regions (Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland, Okanagan, and the Kootenays) with the goals of increasing member engagement and determining members club needs, learning about their recent successes, challenges, how BC Sailing can support the club in the next five years, and how BC Sailing could add the most value to the sport of sailing.

Training Programs

BC Sailing continues to host several instructor clinics. Included are: Coach Boat Safety, Race Officer, Judging, and Safety at Sea programs which are part of our regular programming. Dinghy instructor training and the Offshore Personal Survival Course remain our strongest participation. The Safety at Sea program has steadily gained success with the racing community. There are significant growth opportunities in the keel instructor and race officials training areas. Despite some poor participation in instructor and coach training programs, both the dinghy and keel sailor participant numbers are increasing.

- **Instructors**
 - 131 instructors took courses
 - 57 Fundamental trained
 - 73 CANSail 1-4 Instructors trained (new and upgrading)
 - 5 CANSail 5 & 6 Instructors trained
 - 99 Coach Boat Safety trained (new and recertifying)

High Performance/Racing Highlights:

BC has many sailors on the national team and is working with regional and provincial coaches to support our national and next gen sailors. The following results regatta's and results were obtained this year:

International Events

World Sailing Championships - Aarhus, Denmark:

Erik Van Der Pol (Royal Victoria Yacht Club), and Al Clark (Royal Vancouver Yacht Club) lead (4) BC athletes to the Worlds. The top BC performer was Isabella Bertold, who placed 37th overall in the Radial event.

Para Sailing World Championships – Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Steve McBride (Royal Victoria Yacht Club) lead five BC athletes to the worlds in the **2.4 M class**. The top BC performer was John McRoberts (Royal Victoria Yacht Club) and Scott Lutes (Nova Scotia) in the RS Venture class.

29er European Championships – Helsinki, Finland

Provincial Coach Kevin Black lead three (3) teams of BC athletes. The top BC performers were Georgia Phillips/Henrik Parker (Royal Vancouver Yacht Club) who place 7th overall.

Melges 24 Worlds - Victoria, BC

Seven (7) BC teams competed in this event. The top performing BC team, lead by Olympian Richard Clarke (Royal Victoria Yacht Club) and Hunter Lowden, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Director, placed 5th overall.

29er North Americans – Kingston, Ontario

BC sent three (3) 29ers teams to the 29er North Americans. Eric Lyall & Andrew Moreno (Royal Vancouver Yacht Club) won gold at this event.

National Events

Canadian Youth Championships – Toronto, Ontario

BC sent four (4) 29ers teams to the Youth Nationals and six (6) athletes in the Radials Class. Georgia Phillips/Henrik Parker (Royal Vancouver Yacht Club), won the bronze medal while Matthew Stranaghan (West Vancouver Yacht Club) was the top BC Radials performer, placing 12th.

Optimist Canadian Championships (co hosted by West Vancouver Yacht Club and Squamish Yacht Club)

41 BC Opti sailors competed at the event. The top BC results came from Kelley Poole, Royal Victoria Yacht Club who placed 5th Red and 6th overall. Of note, 83% of the BC coaches were female.

Domestic Events

BC Circuit

The BC Circuit is a series of seven (7) regattas consisting from across the province. Over 400 competitors raced in Laser, Radial, 29er, 420, Feva, and Optimist. BC Sailing provides a “Best Practices” guideline document to promote consistency and quality across all the regattas. These events are also great training grounds for race officials to further develop their skills to prepare for both national and international events hosted in BC.

Development Programs

MOSS: The BC Sailing Mobile Optimist Program (MOSS) once again operated with two trailers staffed with 2 coaches, and a trailer of Optimists and Kayaks. The program started in North Vancouver in June. 391

students participated in MOSS from the following communities: Yukon, Fort St James, Smithers, Vancouver, Revelstoke, Cultus Lake, Naramata, Denman Island, Osoyoos, West Vancouver, and Fanny Bay.

New Initiatives

- Member club outreach: Facilitated club surveys and initiated regional townhalls/visits to engage membership
- Introduced a Revenue Generation Committee

Exploring a partnership with ISPA to produce training manuals for keelboat sailing



Our season started in November 2017 with the installation of a new Board; unfortunately we saw the resignation of Tim Griggs as President, early into his third term. I, Stacey Gibb, was voted in by the Board to be the President.

We had many long meetings to move sailing forward in Alberta in a much different structural plan than has been utilized in the past. We amalgamated the Head Coach and Executive Director position into the 'Alberta Sailing Director', presenting occupied by Lauri Kalkkinen. We hired a Summer Administrator/Director (Monica Lillo) funded in part by the Canada Summer Jobs Grant to deal with the majority of our administrative and financial work, thus assisting our Sailing Director and Treasurer. Due to the configuration of the province of Alberta, with two major centres (Edmonton & Calgary), we decided to hire a Southern coach (John Ferguson, former Canadian 49er team sailor), also partially funded by the Canada Summers Job Grant. We found having our Sailing Director located in Edmonton and acting as the Head Coach and the Northern Alberta coach and our Southern coach based in Calgary that we could meet more of our members needs. Our coaches were also available to clubs, for training and at Alberta regattas, free of cost.

Our season started with three weekend training camps alternating between the Calgary Yacht Club and the Wabamun Sailing Club — for a great turn-out at all three camps throughout May.

The second year of the Alberta Series (a long series event compromised of five regattas and four to count) — the Series was created to increase participation at Alberta regattas and to showcase our five major clubs (unfortunately, the Glenmore Sailing Club was lacking water in their reservoir this year, therefore they were unable to host any regattas — we are looking forward to returning to Glenmore in 2019!). Our Series got under way in early June with the Icebreaker Regatta at the Calgary Yacht Club, the next regatta was the following weekend in June with the Founders' Regatta at the Wabamun Sailing Club.

The Alberta Series took a short reprieve and some of our Youth and not-so-youth sailors went to WAVES in British Columbia. Some of the Laser Master and not-so-Master sailors took on the challenge of a 'marathon' race on the Oldman Dam – a more open water venue with winds rolling off of bare prairies, allowing for some incredible waves and full-on sailing.

The Series picked up again at the Newell Sailing Club with the Prairie Wind regatta. Always an exciting event due to the size of the lake and one can observe the wind shifts on the prairies as the crops start to swap in a different direction, therefore foreshadowing the shift on the water much earlier. SailWest 2018 was hosted at the Wabamun Sailing Club in August and was added to the Alberta Series to help assist in increasing the number of participants. Finally, the Series ended with a double point regatta with the Provincial Championships at the Calgary Yacht Club. The Alberta Provincial Championships was particularly exhilarating for we had more youth participating than non-youth – a very welcome change to see our youth numbers increase and also increase at regattas.

This year, in particular, saw a massive increase in youth participation and much honours, respect and commending must be given to the youth coaches and coordinators at the following clubs (listed in alphabetical order): Calgary Yacht Club (special honours to Brianna and Andrew for their super enthusiasm, coaching and support, and to the club itself for supporting their youth, plus with the purchase of new boats); Edmonton Yacht Club (a more mature club, though with youth slowly growing into competent sailors); Glenmore Yacht Club (the parents and coaches are doing an incredible job in the purchasing of boats and a very functional and stylish new boat trailer, plus increasing the size, competency and competitiveness of their youth team); Ma-Me-O Sailing Club (a club with a very long history is yet again emerging with youth sailors in an instructor and hopefully more competitive sailing roles – outstanding increase in participation); and the Wabamun Sailing Club (youth sailing is progressing at a nice steady rate and we are seeing more youth sailors travelling to regattas outside of Wabamun, which is fantastic). Of course our Head (North) Coach, Lauri Kalkkinen, and John Ferguson, our South Coach, require special attention and recognition for their knowledge, mentorship, enthusiasm, energy and willingness to go beyond their defined roles. The Alberta Sailing Association has received many compliments with regard to our coaches from the parents, athletes and club coaches. Both Lauri and John made an extra effort to mentor club coaches to increase our coaching base, skill level, confidence and congeniality.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2018 Board members of the Alberta Sailing Association. This year was a challenging transition for we were essentially starting from the basement and building upwards. Unfortunately we received little cooperation from some of the former board members and thus we were approaching members of our community for information and assistance. Our Treasurer, Wade Butler, deserves recognition beyond any that I can articulate for his role was particularly challenging, though with persistence and far too many hours, he has tackled the financials and wrestled them into a more modern format plus brought in electronic banking – the 21st century! John Cormack, ASA Director of Capital Assets, once again maintained an extremely high standard of care, maintenance and repair of our equipment. Ken Lummis, ASA Director, has been working endlessly on creating essential and long overdue policies, as well as striking up a committee to rewrite our Association's bylaws.

We are looking forward to winter training, be it dryland, cross-sport(s) or travelling to warmer climes. 2018 was challenging yet so rewarding. Thus far, it looks as if 2019 could be even more action packed.

With much appreciation,
Stacey Gibb: President – Alberta Sailing Association



We sailed through the spring, summer and fall with a lot of energy and enthusiasm for our sport in Manitoba. Our new Executive Director Katja Smutny and Head Coach/Technical Director Shelby Williams did a great job of organizing and keeping up with the busy schedule.

Our prairie season started with High School Sailing at the Winnipeg Sailing Centre at Fort Whyte Alive in June with program numbers remaining the same as in 2017. The weather wasn't always perfect and June is a busy time of year, but tenacious teens persisted from Westwood High School who took the top prize followed by Kelvin High School and Balmoral Hall finishing second and third respectively. The Winnipeg Sailing Center continued to be a hive of activity for the rest of the summer with summer CANSail clinics, marking an increase of over 20% in participation numbers while waitlisting a handful.

Our instructor course was also popular again this year with twelve sailors attaining their CANSail instructor levels with the help of instructor evaluator Kelsey Stroppel from Alberta and our own Shelby Williams. Some of the graduates were still under 16 and not able to teach this season but took the course to develop their skills. In Manitoba, we would like to see more instructors coming up the ranks and hope to train both adults and youths with a different schedule proposed for next year to encourage a wider age group. An advantage of having adults take the course is it leaves the teens a better opportunity to sail and to race - continuing to enjoy their sport, master their skills and leading to what we hope is a better competitive profile for our Province as well as a lifelong enjoyment of the sport.

We are also hoping to have some community instructors graduate from our program and possibly even introduce a windsurfing instructor course in Manitoba. These initiatives are important as we found that our Learn to Sail programs are growing at the clubs in our region and we did not have enough instructors to keep up with the demand in the heat of our short summer.

In July and August, our Mobile Sailing School made the trek out to Falcon Lake Yacht Club, West Hawk Lake Yacht Club, Black Sturgeon Sailing Centre and Manipogo Provincial Park. The instructors and the new Zests we purchased were well received and we already have new interest from three other lakes in Manitoba next summer. We would like to see the Mobile Sailing School continue to grow and we are working on the happy problem of how to best augment the fleet for the 2019 season.

We also cannot forget about our Provincial Team that traveled throughout the Province and beyond Manitoba borders to take part in several regattas. Our Provincial Team trains at the Gimli Yacht Club to whom we are grateful to for their support of our training sessions, the endless volunteering involved in hosting races and the storage they offer us for our boats, trailers, and myriad of accessories.

The team travelled to Lake of the Woods for Opti Provincials that was held at RLWYC at the end of July during the popular Richardson Regatta. Boot Camp was also held the week prior to the regatta that saw record participation numbers, which we managed with the help of a guest coach from Saskatchewan. Only six Optimists competed as we are seeing a surge of kids wanting to race in Open Bics. The LOWISA Regatta also deserves special mention as our premier week long sailing race on Lake of the Woods. Volunteers from Northern Harbour spent a lot of time planning the execution of this large fleet of 76 boats and the inclusion of all sailors with a desire to participate.

Our Provincial Team took home some outstanding results from Sail West in Alberta. Jonah Friesen finished 1st in the Opti; Tomas Green came 2nd, followed by Linus Schweizer in 3rd in the youth category in the Laser Radial. The team continued their travels in August to Kingston for Cork and to Toronto for Youth Nationals. The team was smaller in numbers this year but we expect it to grow as we look ahead to the Manitoba Games in summer of 2020 and farther out, the Canada Summer Games in 2021.

All in all we can report that sailing numbers are strong and growing at our clubs across the Province. There seems to be a keen interest in the sport after Gimli hosted the Canada Summer Games in 2017. We are also fortunate to have new yacht clubs like Black Sturgeon with its keen group of sailing members and the resurgence and building of the new West Hawk Lake Yacht Club, headed up by Paul Krestanowich. WHLYC is almost as good a story as the return of our Jets. Lastly, I have to recognize with enthusiasm, our Sail Manitoba Board. It is energizing to have a committed group of professionals that are truly engaged in growing our sport and making sailing accessible and fun for everyone in our Province.

Liz Kristjansson



Update from Ontario

It's been a very busy year with some great results on and off the water.

High lighting the year has been Sarah Douglas and Tom Ramshaw's results at the Worlds and qualifying us for the Olympics in the Radial and Finn.

We have three full time coaches working with our athletes Chris Cowan, Chris Hewson and Thomas Fogh. We have some exceptional part time Ontario Sailing team coaches, including Jeff Beitz (new to the OST but has been a coach since the 1980's), Peter Wood, Rob Frost, Amelia Leeksma and Emily Hill. We added a fourth coach boat to our program, along with another 6-boat trailer rack for our Radial Team.

Ontario Sailing's membership continues to be about 220 Clubs, Schools and Camps. We have over 40,000 members and have typically seen over 8000 registered participants in the Checkclick system.

The Club Operational Asset and Standards Tool or COAST continues to be used extensively by our clubs and our Province has recognized it as a 'Best Practice' in sport. The system offers a full-time staff person, self-assessment tool, resource library, access to special events, work plan consultation and access to data to support such things as decision making and fundraising.

Of the 55 plus funded sports in Ontario, we are pleased to report that Sailing is the fourth ranked sport in the province based on the last assessment by the province.

We welcomed Peter Bradley on as our new President and thanked Mark Searle for his many years as a dedicated and business minded President. We are well served by a great board and a hard-working fulltime staff of 9.

On the financial side we continue to receive a full unqualified audit, and we are financially strong with reserves to hold us over through rainy days.

We have signed a three-way partnership with Sail Canada, RCYC and Ontario Sailing to run a Training HUB out of the Parliament Street location of RCYC. This site has a 60 foot by 12-foot training classroom, docks, washrooms and our coaches and athletes will benefit from working together when it fully opens in the spring of 2018.

We continue to value our partnership with Sail Canada and staff, all the PSA's, the Province of Ontario and the Canadian Sport Institute of Ontario. As Ontario Sailing is a membership-based Organization our members are the backbone of ours, and, we are here to work for them.

Yours in Sailing

Peter Bradley
President, Ontario Sailing

Glenn Lethbridge
Executive Director



We are now amongst the few organisations in Quebec that officially have a dual mandate with the provincial government: since April, we have been recognised both as a sport federation and as an outdoor association. This is better aligned with the services we were already providing and might allow us to tap into new sources of funding.

2018 was a productive year for the FVQ board of directors; a series of new governing policies were developed and adopted, the Bylaws were reviewed and will be presented to our members in two weeks, and a new strategic plan is now ready to be implemented.

Strategic Plan - "Heading to 2023"

Our Beacons

- Sustainability
- Growth
- Excellence

Our Navigation Plan

- Fundraising
- Focusing on the needs and growth of our members
- Broadening our partnerships and leadership
- Leading Intro to Sailing initiatives
- Ensuring visibility and accessibility for our stakeholders, for ourselves and for sailing as a sport and as an outdoor activity
- Stimulating the development of the provincial racing network
- Developing an integrated coaching structure for athletes

On the operational side of things:

- We trained 120 instructors and coaches for CANSail, cruising and Start Keelboat programs.
- Voile mobile is now fully implemented and visited 11 areas of the province this summer to provide sailing camps and various courses to children as well as adults in areas that do not have developed sailing infrastructure.
- A promotional task team also hit the road with a sailing simulator to promote sailing at several festivals and special events.
- For the third edition of our sailing fair, we are moving out of our office building and into the more prestigious Palais des congrès de Montréal. This event provides us with an opportunity to direct the spotlight on our clubs and schools, and the services they provide, to promote instructing and coaching, to promote our programs, etc.
- We modified the structure of the Quebec Circuit to include more events, in order to cover more regions and provide racing opportunities for more athletes. A total of six events qualified athletes this season.

On the QST side of things, we have shifted our focus and are working closely with our main clubs to provide coaching for the athletes. As a result, we now have a team of 7 coaches that are involved in coaching the Quebec Sailing Team, three of whom are full time coaches.

Over 30 athletes participated in our fall development training camp, while another dozen were at the Nova Scotia training camp or racing in New England.

Clubs, schools and our organisation, have all been facing new challenges when it comes to recruiting staff this season and it looks like it will get worse before it gets better. We all have to think outside the box to be more attractive as employers and to make sure our programs are aligned with today's customers who no longer wish to commit in advance and for whom goals are not the same as they might have been a short while ago. As an industry, we have to develop better abilities to adapt to the world and to our customers that are changing, and will continue to do so, at a fast pace.



This past season has been another busy year for NB Sail/ Voile. The Board, Executive director, coaches and many volunteers at local clubs continue to build our great sport. I am pleased to share with you a few highlights from the past year.

Membership: Despite membership at the clubs holding steady, attendance at the sailing schools increased and in a few cases clubs were faced with instructor and boat shortages in the Adult learn to sail programs.

Clinics: NB held clinics in April and May for all CANSail levels. A coach Boat Safety course was held also. NB had participants from PEI. Recerts, evaluations and Wetfeet instructors were trained as well.

Junior Circuit regattas: the circuit regattas were held at RKYC, RYC and Sediac Bay have grown in participation over the years. Both youth and adults are enjoying competing in the Opti, 420, 29er and Laser classes. Gary Sullivan, our provincial coach has been instrumental in getting a club coach to come on board to help in getting more of the sailors to attend the regattas and travel to out of province regattas. NB sent sailors to the Youth Championships in Ontario this summer. This seemed to create enthusiasm amongst the younger sailors and parents to get involved.

Able Sail: One sailor from the program attended the Mobility Cup and came home with a bronze medal. She is our 2.4 Canada Games sailor.

2018 Sail NB AGM: Rothesay Yacht Club will be hosting the meeting on November 4, 2018

Strategic Planning session: Sail NB will be having a planning session this fall.

I would like to thank the board for their continued support. The dedication of so many volunteers around the province is the true strength of the association. The new web site has helped immensely with communication and has helped us stay in closer touch with our membership. 2019 will be another busy year as Sail East 2019 is being held at the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club.

Cody Morris



It was a busy year on and off the water in Nova Scotia for sailors and power boaters.

Of the water the big focus was on submitting a quality Sport Development Tool submission to the Province of Nova Scotia. The submission will be reviewed and funding to support Sail Nova Scotia programs and activities for the next 4 years. We expect the results to be announced in late September and are confident we will be awarded accordingly.

Sailors celebrated with Provincial Coach Lisa Ross when she delivered a baby daughter in late March. Lisa is currently on maternity leave and we expect her back in early 2019.

After much discussion with Sail Canada and the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic, Sail Nova Scotia was excited to be announced as a Next Generation Double-Handed hub for supported Olympic classes. Shortly after we signed the agreement we announced Krzysztof (Kristoph) Kierkowski from Poland as the new Next Gen coach. We then had three 49ers FX training in Halifax along with one Nacra 17 this summer. The athletes enjoy working with their new coach who is spending some of the fall in Kingston and Oakcliff Sailing Centre in New York.

On the water Nova Scotia athletes posted some great results on the national and international levels.

Tim Woodford finished 3rd at the Laser World Championships in the Radial Grand Master Class

Noah Adler won the Canadian Optimist Championships

5 Nova Scotia sailors competed at the 2018 Youth World Sailing Championships in Texas

2 Nova Scotia athletes competed at the World Optimist Championships in Cyprus

Looking ahead to 2019 Sail Nova Scotia will begin the process to develop a new Strategic Plan to lead the Association for the next 3-5 years. At the same time we will look at Roles and Responsibilities for Committees and Board Members.

Another important initiative is to spread the word about the Responsible Coaching movement and work with them to ensure 100% of our clubs that offer youth Learn to Sail programs buy into the program and implement the policies and procedures to ensure a safe environment for all participants, athletes, coaches and instructors.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Nelson
President



The following is the report from Sail Prince Edward Island:

Race Officers - a total of 17 race officers became certified on the Island in preparations for Sail East.

Sail East - 84 boats took part in Sail East hosted by the Charlottetown Yacht Club on July 21-24, 2016. The two days of group training prior to the event was run by knowledgeable and experienced coaches, including Agustin Ferrario. Agustin is the head coach from Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron who has extensive coaching and leadership experience, including Youth Worlds Team Leader in 2011 (Zadar, Croatia), 2013 (Limassol, Cyprus), 2104 (Tavira, Portugal), and 2015 (Langkawi, Malaysia). Agustin is a certified Sail Canada Development Coach who has been instrumental in the development of a strong provincial race program in Nova Scotia. Agustin was quoted as saying, “This was the best organized and run regatta he has attended this year.”

# Participants	Location
2	BC
1	Switzerland
2	Florida
9	NB
88	NS
6	NL
14	PEI
3	ON
125	TOTAL

104 Sailors
 14 Coaches
 7 Officials
 125 Total
 participants

Sail Canada Volunteer of the Month - Sail PEI was pleased Margaret Wilton from PEI was announced as Volunteer of the Month for her management role of the 2016 Sail East Canadian regatta and sends a thank you to the Sail Canada selection committee.

PEI Race Team - Under the leadership of coach Eric Degenais, PEI junior sailors have enabled a structured and active race team. Currently they are preparing for Canada Games and are hopeful to attend such regattas as CORK in Kingston.

Youth Instruction- Junior sailing remains active on PEI with another successful year of offering CanSail levels of 1-4, and we are pleased to report after a few year's of absence Summerside Yacht Club was able to re-launch a junior sailing program.

Adult Instruction - WaveSkills Sailing School, operating out of the Charlottetown Yacht Club, launched the first ever keelboat instruction for Soldier On programs in Canada. Ten soldiers with physical or mental injuries took part in a Basic Cruise Day Skipper course. It was a first for Canada using keelboats, and first for PEI offering a Soldier On program.

Offshore Personal Survival Course - PEI is pleased to now offer the Sail Canada/World Sailing Offshore Personal Sailing Course as Ellen MacPhail joined the handful of certified instructors across Canada.

Keelboat racing - Prince Edward Island and adjoining provinces along the Northumberland Strait are encouraged at the ongoing success and interest in keelboat racing in Charlottetown and in the Strait - Charlottetown Yacht Club and the Northumberland Yachting Association (NSTYA) both have active weekly programs and regattas.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Bethune, President, Sail PEI



Organized sailing in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador currently finds itself in a stage of rebuilding and a developing a new multi-year strategic plan to bring the sport into the future.

For the first time in recent memory organized sailing extended beyond the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club and SailNL added a new yacht club to its membership and sanctioned a keelboat regatta in concert with a municipal festival. SailNL representatives were at the event to conduct the races which proved to be a valuable partnership between the club and the PSO. SailNL representatives also ran the races at the annual RNYC Race Week.

SailNL is very pleased with these partnerships and is now working with more clubs in the province, and will continue to use race management as a membership incentive and overall value proposition to join SailNL and Sail Canada.

Junior sailing and dinghy racing is unfortunately on the decline in the province. Unfortunately due to a number of factors, the junior sailing boats and coach boats are in poor repair and the sailing school struggles with instructor turnover from season to season. A shrinking fleet and high turnover are contributing factors to the declining participation. The RNYC also struggles with the volunteer bandwidth needed to keep the sailing school running and its currently exploring new management structures that will reduce the workload placed on its executive.

SailNL has partnered with the RNYC to support a race team and works actively to support its junior sailing program. The race team athletes are identified by the sailing school, sent to the team for training with the ultimate objective that those race team athletes filter back into the training pool. This model has been working for the last several seasons, but decline sailing school numbers have contributed to a decrease in the race team size.

In response to these trends, the RNYC is working more closely with MUN Sailing to generate new interest in dinghy sailing and hopefully add to its race team and coaching pools.

The overall trends for organized sailing in the province are, at a glance negative, however in 2018 the sailing community saw a big uptick in volunteer engagement and collectively we are joining together make the changes required to make the program sustainable. 2019 and 2020 will be very important seasons for us!

On behalf of SailNL, I would like to wish the Sail Canada membership the very best and a great AGM.

Kind regards. **Ryan Kelly**