

## Alberta Sailing Association 2023 Report



We are rebuilding our infrastructure, exploring new ideas and making progress. We have found an outstanding Provincial Coach with coaching and racing experience in almost every discipline from New Zealand – big welcome to Braedyn Denney. We were also able to identify and hire a new Administrative Assistant, Kathy Speck. She has a massive learning curve, though she is tackling every obstacle with enthusiasm and determination to which we are so grateful. To add to our win of hires, Meaghan Sullivan stepped forward to volunteer as the Alberta Sailing Communications Coordinator – she is a computer wizard – managing our website and social media – awesome!

The 'Alberta Series', a Long Series event that was started in 2017, continued to flourish this year. An exciting addition was having the Glenmore Sailing Club's regatta back in the Series (it is not represented in the schematic below though they had nine boats competing for a total of 34 races). We included Sail Canada's Regional SailWest regatta that was hosted by the Wabamun Sailing Club, where they had four fleets and a total of 40 boats competing. The other regattas were held at the CYC: Calgary Yacht Club Ice Breaker Regatta; WSC: Wabamun Sailing Club Founders' Regatta; NSC: Newell Sailing Club Prairie Winds Regatta – this event also hosted the Fireball and SeaSpray National Championships; and Provincials which were sailed at Sylvan Lake. Alberta Sailing was the OA for the Provincials, to help eliminate volunteer fatigue at clubs. It was a massive undertaking, though with incredible teamwork and quick thinking, we had a dinghy course and a separate keelboat course. This event had incredible wind for three days of awesome racing.

Year	CYC		WSC		NSC		Provincials	
	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets
2023	37	4	36	5	57	8	54	7
2022	49	7	41	8	46	6	58	7
2020 & 2021	COVID							
2019	46	6	44	5	70	7	50	5
2018	51	7	37	6	60	5	48	5
2017	44	6	26	5	51	8	38	5

Our Youth program, thanks to athletes, parents, volunteers, clubs and club coaches, has continued to grow. We had 29'ers, C420's, Optis and ILCA 4, 6 & 7's participating in events across Canada. The Youth, Masters and coaches are all very focused and driven, wanting more training and regattas.

The Alberta Sailing Association continues to be in a strong position with renewed enthusiasm, passion, hard work, determination, drive and commitment from Braedyn Denney. He brings a new vision, solid goals and is pushing the Board very hard to accomplish what he has already accomplished and plans to do in the 2024 season – exciting developments are on the horizon in Alberta!

The ASA is still on track for the 2024 season and beyond, though I will reiterate that we strongly welcome collaboration with our Prairie provinces and Sail Canada.

With much appreciation,

Stacey Gibb (Wabamun Sailing Club)

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