

SAIL NB ANNUAL REPORT

This past season has been another busy year for Sail NB despite the rainy and hurricane weather. Fitting in all of the regattas and clinics has been very challenging. 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. Some clubs were able to purchase some 420.s for their sailing schools so that did help with registration of more sailors. Shediac Bay Sailing School ran their school at the Point du Chene Yacht Club this year and proved to be a great venue. Sail NB has one Learn to Cruise school in Shediac at the Point du Chene Yacht Club. It is Sail Shediac and it had increased numbers this year.

Legacy Fund: Sail NB created a legacy fund this year and member clubs were able to apply for funding to assist in their Sailing School programs. The program was very well received and to date \$16,000 was given to two clubs for boats.

Clinics: Sail NB held their Instructor Clinic in May and June. All of the Sailing Schools registered instructors for the upcoming sailing season.

Junior Circuit Regattas: Three regattas were held at the three largest clubs. Weather was instrumental in shortening some of the regattas but numbers were great. A larger number of Optimists attended the regattas which was very nice to see as our program is looking promising with some great talent on the water with these young sailors.

Able Sail: The Able Sail program is still very viable and had record numbers this season. Covid did slow down the program but now is very active again. A new Martin 16 was purchased for the program last year.

District 1 Laser Championships: Sail NB hosted the championships in Cocagne which is on the Northumberland Strait north of Shediac. Very successful and great venue.

Sail NB AGM: NB Sail will be holding their AGM and Sailing School workshop on November 5th at Rothesay Yacht Club.

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.

Sharon Mills, Executive Director