

Report to Sail Canada AGM

Sask Sailing

Oct 5, 2023

This has been a challenging but ultimately successful sailing season for Sask Sailing.



Our season started with some adversity with the resignation of our Executive Director (Sask Sailing's only permanent staff) just prior to the start of the sailing season. Based on this, we have made an effort to concentrate on our core functions for this year. We quickly hired an interim Executive Director who has been instrumental in ensuring this was achieved, as well as hiring a Head Instructor for our sail school who took on more independence and responsibility than usually required from this position.

Membership is increasing steadily with a total of 526 sailors who are members of our provincial member clubs, an increase of 58 members from the previous year.

Our dinghy racing season was a success with many clubs holding active club racing, as well as four provincial regattas for ILCA classes, double handed dinghy, catamaran, and youth championships. A total of 53 sailors competed in provincial regattas. We would like to express our appreciation for the hard working volunteers who organize and officiate these events throughout the province.

We also had an active Adaptive Sailing program with sailors training and competing in both 2.4mR and Hansa 303 classes.

Our sail school was able to complete the summer with a remarkable record of zero weather-related cancellations. 13 courses in 7 locations were completed, with a total of 93 sailors trained, many of them sailing for the first time. We are also pursuing certifying a Learning Facilitator so that we can certify instructors in the future.

Our board has been active this year and is in the process of completing a review of Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, and is in the final stages of hiring a permanent Executive Director and Technical Director/Head Coach. We have also been active in preparing for Safe Sport policy implementation. The adoption of this package has been delayed due to determining compatibility in procedures required by Sail Canada and Sask Sport, but we believe Sask Sport will release their requirements shortly so that the policies can be adopted.

We would like to reiterate our appreciation for all the volunteers and staff who took on extra responsibility in order to ensure that this sailing season was safe and enjoyable for everyone involved and for their help in putting Sask Sailing on a stable course for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
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Heather White, Interim Executive Director