



Saskatchewan Sailing Clubs Association 2025 Annual Report for Sail Canada



Overview

The Saskatchewan Sailing Clubs Association (Sask Sailing) serves to promote all forms of sailing within the province of Saskatchewan. We do this through our Mobile Sailing School programs, Club Assistance programs and the Provincial Racing Team. Additionally, we provide a link between Saskatchewan sailors and Sail Canada, sailing's national governing body.

SSCA continues to balance grassroots access with athlete development, while ensuring compliance, governance, and sustainability in line with Sask Sport and Sail Canada standards.

Membership

2024 Membership: 474 registered sailors in 2024.

2025 Membership: 489 registered sailors in 2025.

Our province now has 10 active clubs. This year, we welcomed a new club to our association; the Katepwa Sailing Association. Together, we are currently working towards Sail Canada recognition

Goal: Grow membership to 600+ by 2029

Mobile Sailing School (MSS)

2025 Season: 99 sailors completed MSS across Saskatchewan. All sailors were awarded their CANSail Level One certificate through Checklick.

Host Locations: Katepwa Sailing Association, Blackstrap Sailing Club, Saskatoon Sailing Club, Regina Sailing Club, Prince Albert Sailing Club, Candle Lake Sailing Club, Meota Lakefront Paddle & Sail, and Lake Diefenbaker Yacht Club.

Outreach: New initiatives this year with delivering a Mobile Sailing School; partnering with Meota Sea Scouts and Bedford Road Collegiate, expanding school partnerships.

Visibility: CTV News Regina produced a feature on MSS, providing strong provincial coverage.

Challenges:

- The Mobile Sailing School travelled over 10,000 km this summer — a reminder of the unique commitment it takes to bring sailing to communities spread across our province.
- Reduced funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program made it more difficult to offer the same number of courses as in previous years. This continues to be a barrier for affordable program delivery.



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- Instructor recruitment remains a challenge. We are actively seeking MSS instructors for 2026 and encourage interested sailors and coaches to connect with us.

Looking Ahead:

- Preliminary conversations underway with Moosomin Provincial Park and Yorkton Scouts for training in 2026.
- Exploring expansion into northern and Indigenous communities during the 2026–2029 cycle.

Racing & High Performance

Saskatchewan at the National Level: Throughout the 2025 season, Saskatchewan sailors competed in 6 provinces. Including B.C, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Canada Summer Games: Saskatchewan was well represented at the event, gaining valuable national-level experience. Best result: 5th in ILCA 6 Male

Sail Canada Championships: Saskatchewan sailors competed in Kingston, Ontario in the 29er class Nationals.

Interprovincial Events:

- Waves Regatta, Vancouver, B.C.
 - One Sailor from Saskatchewan competed.
 - One SK Sailor finished in top 10 for ILCA6.
- Prairie Winds Regatta
 - Eight Sailors from Saskatchewan Competed.
 - SK Sailor finished 2nd Overall in ILCA6.
 - Three SK Sailors finished in top 10 in ILCA6.
- Sail West, Gimli, Manitoba
 - Eight Sailors from Saskatchewan Competed.
 - SK Sailors finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Overall in ILCA7.
 - SK Sailor finished 1st Overall in ILCA6.
- Canada Summer Games, St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador.
 - One ILCA6 Male
 - One ILCA6 Female
 - One 29er Male Team.
- Canadian 29er Championships, Kingston, Ontario
 - One 29er Male Team competed.
- Alberta Dinghy Provincials, Wabamun, Alberta



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- Six sailors from Saskatchewan Competed
- SK Sailor finished 1st Overall in ILCA6.
- Two SK sailors finished in top 10 in ILCA6.

ILCA-NA District 5 (Saskatchewan and Alberta) Series:

- ILCA 7 overall winner – Saskatchewan sailor.
- ILCA 6 overall winner – Saskatchewan sailor.
- ILCA 4 overall winner – Alberta sailor

Challenges:

- Including the Canada Summer Games, all regattas, all training event, and fleet management; the provincial team and coach travelled over 25,000 km this summer — another reminder of the resources, finances, time, and labour that is required to continue to facilitate our team.
- Sask Sailing currently own 41 boats; we are very fortunate to own such a large fleet to deliver sailing to so many people. On the other side; many of these boats are sailed by new sailors and the efforts required to keep these boats competitive is a growing challenge.

Looking ahead:

- Continue to focus our team on Sask provincial regattas, District 5 series, Sail West, and some national regattas
- Due to the successful ILCA-NA District 5 series; preliminary discussions are underway to host the Canadian Masters Nationals in September 2026.

Athlete Development

Race Squads: New initiative in 2024 with great success. Continued training in Regina and Saskatoon, building a consistent base of competitive sailors

Re-defined Pathway: MSS (C420/Opti) → Learn to Race Team (ILCA 6) → Provincial Team (ILCA 6 & 7)

Future Focus: Launch Provincial Optimist Program, including the first Optimist Provincial Championship during in 2027.

Officials & Training

Officials: One sailor completed Club Judge training in 2025

Winter 2025–26: Circulating training opportunities for Race Officers and Judges.



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Instructor Development: Supporting ongoing certification of CANSail instructors and building capacity for Community Instructor programs

Governance & Administration

Staffing: Combined position of executive director and technical director to a singular year-round role with additional hours in Summer Months. Continue with temporary staff for summer months.

Compliance: All Safe Sport, sanctioned events, and inclusion requirements met

Finance: Financial reporting current and stable.

Long Range Plan: New long-range plan in development for 2026 – 2029. Expected to launch in December 2025.

Strategic Outlook (2026–2029)

New Strategic outlook is under development for our next 3-year cycle. Some highlights include;

- Membership growth to 600+ by 2029.
- Expansion of MSS to new communities, with Indigenous and northern outreach.
- Launch of Provincial Optimist Program.
- Hosting major regattas, including potential Canadian Masters Nationals.

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