



The newsletter of the Disabled Sailing Association of Alberta

Fall, 2008

2008 Sailing Season

NEWS & NOTES

Sad Goodbye!

The DSAA is sad to announce the departure of Marj B. from the position of Business Manager. Marj has been a great asset to our association over the years. We are sad to see her go. Luckily for us, Marj has agreed to stay on the Board as Treasurer for the time being. Thanks for all of the time and effort you've given us over the years, Marj! It has been greatly appreciated! The new voice in the business office is Gail, who joined us in July and is looking forward to the opportunity of meeting and working with you all!

With Sincere Thanks

The Disabled Sailing Association would like to thank the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife for their recent donation which made the purchase of our new Martin 16 Sails & rigging possible. Thank you!! Also, many thanks to the Rick Hansen Association whose donation made the purchase of replacement sonar sails possible.

Sailing Season

Our 2008 sailing season is drawing to a close. Thanks to all of our volunteers and staff, lead by Ryan Shannon, for a terrific season! See you next year!!

Volunteer Appreciation Night

We are just waiting word back from the Glenmore Sailing Club to see if we can book the Clubhouse on Friday, October 10th for our Volunteer Appreciation Night. Details will follow as we have them.

Friday - Family Nights

We hope that you've all had the opportunity to come out and join us on Friday nights.....and we look forward to starting up our Fun Nights again in the spring! See you then!!

2008 Mobility Cup

Congratulations go out to Merle H. who brought home the Gold in the Gold Fleet event at this year's Mobility Cup. Pretty Impressive! Also congrats to Dave H. who took fourth in the Silver event and John B. who placed a very respectable 13th out of 23, also in the gold event. Merle has advised that the Mobility Cup had a total of about 42 sailors participating this year from all parts of Canada, as well as from England and even New Zealand! The Mobility Cup will be held in Toronto in 2009.

Way to go Gents.....you've done us all proud!

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2008 DSAA STAFF

DSAA would like to thank the 2008 staff for the terrific work they did over the past season. We wish them well in their new upcoming ventures.

Thanks for Getting Aboard!

Ryan, Caitlin, Mary, Cameron, Meredith, Fiona, & Anna

2008 LEARN TO SAIL COURSES

WS I/II

Beginners are introduced to and taught the basic skills of sailing including safety, seamanship and boat handling in wind strengths of 4 - 9 knots (8 - 16 km/h)

(White sail II certification is required to sail solo in our Martin 16 sailboats). WS I/II is being taught in July starting July 3.

WS III

On completion of White Sail III, sailors will be able to sail with confidence, completely and safely in wind strengths of 4 - 9 knots (8 - 16 km/h)

(White Sail III certification is required if you wish to take a passenger for a sail in our Martin 16 sailboats, or receive certification to helm the Sonar). WS III is being taught in June starting on June 5/07.

Bronze IV

Sailors are introduced to advanced sailing techniques including sail trim and boat tuning for optimal performance. On completion of Bronze IV sailors will be able to perform skills without instructor direction in wind speeds of 9 - 14 knots (15-25 km/h)



If you would like more information regarding these courses or to register call 238-0689.