

KSC Mainsheet, Spring 2013



A sailor's joys are as simple as a child's. – Bernard Moitessier

Well, it's only mid-March, but it's a sure bet many KSCers are already getting the sailing itch, in anticipation of Spring, and another great sailing season ahead. It's never too early to renew your membership. ☺

Speaking of which, all the renewal forms have been posted on the Club's website at <http://www.kanatasailingclub.com/Forms.php>. There, you will also find a tear-off promotional form, which you may use to promote our Club with your friends, neighbours and work colleagues. Additionally, we encourage you to join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@kanatasailing) and to share these sites with your social networking friends.

This season's fees have been increased by approximately 8%. This was done to further the Club's mission of enhancing the sailing experience for all members. This year the Board has made some positive changes that we are sure will be well received:

- For the first time in our Club's history, we have hired a full-time employee. This person will be responsible for Training, on-site security, general up-keep of the Site and will also perform routine boat maintenance. Having a full-time employee will have several key benefits, not the least of which will be a significant reduction in the number of volunteer hours by all members.
- The Albacore fleet will be renewed with a one-time group purchase of four "gently-used" boats from the Toronto area fleet. I am personally very excited about this purchase as it will reinvigorate the KSC's Albacore fleet for a once-in-a-lifetime price. We will receive four boats for about half the cost of a new one.
- A number of new social and sailing events will be planned throughout the season. Watch the calendar for updates, and be sure to ask a Board member about the new "Sunday Morning Coffee Greet and Meet". Better yet, "friend" us on Facebook to receive updates.
- The mid-summer adult lessons will be eliminated. This was a source of revenue for the Club, but it also meant that during the best part of summer the fleet was booked all weekend and two evenings per week to support lessons. This made it difficult for existing Blue-Taggers to get a boat, and significantly increased the load on our volunteers who maintain the fleet.

As you'll see on our website, we are planning an exciting training program aimed at our returning members. Before the Monday night racing starts in mid-May, we are planning a weekend "Learn-to-Race" clinic to introduce our newer members to competitive sailing and raise the enjoyment and skills of those members who are already racing. This course will be repeated in the early summer. In addition, for all you "Blue Taggers" itching to move up to a "Red Tag", we will also be providing a weekend clinic on how to sail a catamaran. This clinic will include certification to use the club's cat fleet. Finally, we are very pleased to offer private lessons this summer at the club. So if you don't have the time to attend one of our group clinics or just want to hone your skills a bit, you can take training at a time that suits your schedule.

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Also, in conjunction with the YMCA, our introductory program for young sailors – taught in the club's Optimists – will be expanded to four sessions this summer. So if you want to get your kids out sailing, here is a great opportunity. (Note: you will have to register through the YMCA for this program).

Lastly, no doubt you've notice that the Club is now obliged to collect HST for all of its fees and services. This was automatically triggered when our annual revenues increased to be greater than \$50,000. We did not quite hit that level last season, but given some of the changes to revenue generating activities is season, the Board believes that we will easily cross the line this season.

Don't forget: Launch Day is, Saturday, April 20 and the Open House is Saturday, April 27.

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