



The Mainsheet February 3, 2015

Greetings from the Kanata Sailing Club! Winter was a long time coming and thus far has been rather mild, so while you may not be yearning for warmer weather (yet!) the KSC Board is working to get ready for the 2016 sailing season (because we will all be ready for Spring soon enough!).

Introducing the 2016 Board

This year's Board is a good mix of old salts and new hands:

Position	Held By	KSC Email Address
Commodore	Mike Thompson	commodore@kanatasailingclub.com
Vice-Commodore		
Training	Tom Saunders	training@kanatasailingclub.com
Site	Frank Boyaner	site@kanatasailingclub.com
Harbourmaster	Robert Bryar	harbourmaster@kanatasailingclub.com
Purser	Colette Thompson	purser@kanatasailingclub.com
Communications	Rebecca Chandler	communications@kanatasailingclub.com
Social	Ken Skublics	social@kanatasailingclub.com
Membership	Carla Miller	membership@kanatasailingclub.com
Sailing	Jason McKenna	sailing@kanatasailingclub.com
Corporate Secretary	Will Shine	corporate@kanatasailingclub.com

In addition to the above, we are fortunate to have two familiar faces on non-Board positions:

Position	Held By	KSC Email Address
Webmaster	Elizabeth Inrig	web@kanatasailingclub.com
Head Instructor	Emily Duward	instructor@kanatasailingclub.com

Those of you with a sharp eye and good memories will notice a change in the email addresses. The new "kanatasailingclub" email addresses are intended to both look more professional and promote the name of the Club. The old Gmail addresses still work, so you need not update your contacts. For example, you can still sign up to volunteer with fleet maintenance by contacting Robert at ksc.harbourmaster@gmail.com or harbourmaster@kanatasailingclub.com. (Hint!)



At the time of this writing, the Vice-Commodore position is vacant. This is obviously a huge hole and one that the Board is working to fill. One way or another, the work traditionally done by the VC must be done, or the operation of the KSC will suffer. Even if you are not able to commit to a full-time position on the Board, we need to ensure that the jobs traditionally handled by the VC get done. If you can help out in any way, please reach out to any member of the Board.

From the Sailing Director

It's time to start thinking about all the great sailing we're going to do this year! Sailpast was the best attended event in 2015 and we're hoping for this kind of awesome turnout for 2016. The online calendar at our website has already been updated for 2016 events (Sailpast, 12-Mile Island, the Catamaran Regatta and the KSC Open) as well as other regattas at NSC, BYC, LDSC and GRYC and, of course, Friday night social sails and Monday night racing.

I'm told there have been a few KSC events over the years that have been either abandoned or replaced, and a few events which have grown into the current batch of outings. I don't know too much about the historical aspect, but I'm here to bring you the events that you want to see, so please feel free to drop me an email if you have a great idea for something new (or old), or if there's a change/improvement you'd like to see. I would love to hear from you!

Finally, on a subject near to my heart, we're always looking for more racers on the start line Mondays, so if you've been thinking about getting in on the racing scene, drop me a line and I'll do my best to convince you to come out! It's GREAT fun, you don't have to be a competitive person (many "racers" are just folks looking for an excuse to go for a sail with other people around), and if you're a new sailor it's probably the best way to improve! Skipper, crew, single-hander, cat sailor, rookie or old salt, we want you to come out!

Best wishes, and may your hiking straps always hold in a blow!

What's Going On?

Up to this point, much of the work of the Board is "behind the scenes" stuff. To date we've gotten a lot done:

- The Instructors have signed on. We are very pleased to report that both Emily and Heidi will be back for the 2016 season.
- Completion of the preliminary budget.
- The 2016 Calendar is set and posted to the KSC's homepage. [Check it out!](#)
- We have agreements in place with the YMCA/YWCA to provide one-week "sailing camps", and with the Girl Guides of Canada for a one-week sail camp.
- The number of Learn-to-Sail sessions has been expanded for both adult and youth sailing.
- The Summer Open House will be run in conjunction with the province-wide [Get Out on the Water](#) campaign supported by [Shells&Sails](#).
- As per tradition, all KSC Learn-to-Sail training courses will follow the [SailCanada "CanSail" program](#).



The next step is to get the marketing, communications and membership-drive plan in place. We will have more to say about that in the next edition of the Mainsheet.

Your Club Needs You!

Many hands make light work. In preparation for Spring, Robert is organizing “fleet crews” to help with boat maintenance. If you like messing around with boats and can spare a few hours, please send an email to harbourmaster@kanatasailingclub.com.

Did we mention that we need a Vice-Commodore? ☺

Pub Night!

In keeping with KSC tradition, there will be a series of Pub Nights throughout the winter months. The first one was held Thursday, January 28. Keep an eye on you Inbox and the [web calendar](#) for notification of the next one.

Keeping up with Goings-On at the KSC

There are several on-line ways to keep up to date on KSC activities and programs:

1. KSC Web Site (club activities) - <http://kanatasailingclub.com/>
2. KSC Facebook Group (member activities) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kanatasailing/>
3. KSC Facebook Business Page (club activities) - <https://www.facebook.com/kanatasailingclub>
4. KSC Twitter (club activities) - <https://twitter.com/KanataSailing> Twitter Handle - [@KanataSailing](#)