



The Mainsheet, March 28, 2015

Spring is officially here! By the time you receive this, Launch Day will be less than one month away and the Spring Open House is a week after that. So April will be a busy month...

Let's Get the Fleet Ready

Saturday, April 9 - 9:00 A.M.

Weather permitting, April 9 at 9AM will be our first opportunity to meet at the club for a few small tasks and a quick survey of our fleet. Thanks to those who have already marked this event in your calendar. Of course, more hands are always needed! Also, please reach out to Robert at harbourmaster@kanatasailingclub.com and share your observations of the fleet from the 2015 season.

Launch Day

Saturday, April 23 - 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

This is an all-hands-on deck, rain-or-shine event. Many hands make light work, so please do plan to attend. The sooner the site gets all ship-shape, the quicker we can all get to the chili! Speaking of which, if you would like to help out with a pot of chili, or stew (or whatever!), please reach out to Ken at social@kanatasailingclub.com.

Spring Open House

Saturday, April 30 - 12:00 to 5:00 P.M.

This is also a rain-or-shine event. The Spring Open House officially kicks off the season. The primary goal is to attract new members and trainees who are interested in the Adult/Youth Learn-to-Sail (LTS) sessions that start in May. You can help out by showing visitors around the site and explaining how the Club operates. Tell your friends and co-workers!

They're Ba-aaaaack!

Both Emily and Heidi are returning for another season so KSC will, once again, have a great team of CanSail certified Instructors to deliver our programs. Check out the update from Tom later in this issue of the Mainsheet for a summary of all the great training opportunities the KSC will be offering this season. Emily and Heidi are gonna be busy! You can reach Emily at instructor@kanatasailingclub.com.





Membership News from Carla Millar

Family and Single membership rates have been increased by \$10 and the Student and Social rates are unchanged. In an effort to improve the turnover of new Trainees to members, all Learn-to-Sail (LTS) Trainees will receive a Single membership as part of their Trainee fees.

The [Membership](#) and [Training](#) forms for the 2016 season are now available on-line. This year we are pleased to offer fully on-line registration and payment. Our membership and Training forms are securely hosted by Cognito Forms, and payments are securely processed via Stripe, a service we introduced last year. These changes will make it a lot easier for you to submit your paperwork as well as simplify tracking of membership data for the Club. Take a look and let us know what you think!

Harbourmaster News from Robert Bryar

Our 2016 sailing season will be my opportunity to take another stab at representing your sailing club as its Harbourmaster. As boat repairs was one of my objectives when I joined the club in 2010, I look forward to overseeing our fleet, collaborating with many of you on providing our many sailing activities with seaworthy boats, as well as being available to discuss your thoughts on fleet improvements.

If you can help out with fleet maintenance and repairs, please let me know.

If you can't contribute directly, please note that your feedback is also very important. Thanks in advance for your contribution in fleet improvement. And don't forget: **April 9, 9AM.**

Preventative care will always be our best contribution towards the longevity of our fleet. So, when preparing to set sail, be sure to take a few minutes to ensure the boat of choice is rigged for the sailing conditions. A few minutes of preparation and inspection will contribute greatly on a successful launch and return. If you are not sure about something, ask around, you would be surprised what tricks we've learnt that will ensure the *entire* boat comes back to shore. ☺

Site News from Frank Boyaner

The thing I like best about the club (other than the sunny days out on the water ☺), is the cooperative/volunteer nature of all of our members. Therefore, you can be sure that I'll be looking to all of you to help out, in any way that you can, with the maintenance and development of your club's site.

During the off-season I tapped into the experience of the previous Site Directors, Rick and Greg. As a result, I have set the priorities for our Site for the coming season to be: safety, security of our assets, and enjoyment of the site for our members and their guests.

The significant site-related items that we're budgeting for this season are re-establishing the boat dock ramp, repairing or replacing the fireplace heater, replacing the shingles on the workshop / sail loft building and pruning the trees that are interfering with our power line coming from the



YMCA/YWCA. Let me know of other maintenance items or improvements that you'd like to see done. Just as a reminder, you can reach me at site@kanatasailingclub.com.

Training News from Tom Saunders

KSC is pleased to once again offer a full range of training for new, and not-so-new, sailors of all ages this summer. There are a *lot* of training opportunities at the KSC!

Training Programs for New Sailors

Adults and Youth (age 16+)

Our world-famous spring Learn-to-Sail program kicks things off. As in past, we are running two sessions – one running Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons and the other running Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. Classes start May 11 and 12 respectively and run through until late June.

For folks looking to do something new during their summer holidays, we are also adding two week-long sessions – one will run July 17-22 and the other will run August 2-7. What is great about these two sessions is that they each align with our kids program – so the whole family can learn to sail together. This combination proved super-popular last year.

Due to a lot of interest expressed by prospective members last season, we are also adding two summer evening programs. The first one will run Tuesday evenings in July and August (starting July 3) and the second one will run Thursday evenings in August (starting August 4; to be continued in June, 2017).

It all adds up to **six Adult/Youth Learn-to-Sail sessions** in 2016.

Kids and Juniors (age 8-15)

We are really pleased to be able to offer **three week-long Junior Learn-to-Sail (JLTS) programs** for the next genners out there: July 17-22, August 2-7 and August 22-26. These programs filled up really fast last year and we are already getting lots of interest, so if you know of anyone interested, or have a young budding sailor in your own house, get them registered to avoid disappointment.

In addition, we are continuing our partnership with our neighbours, the YMCA-YWCA, and will be delivering four Learn-to-Sail Programs under their auspices. The dates for these “Y-camps” are: July 4-8, July 25-29, August 8-12 and August 15-19. (Registration is through the YMCA-YWCA and there is a link on our web-site).





Training Programs for “Old Salts”

For returning members, or new members who already know how to sail, we will once again be offering training that has proven itself to be of interest. Try one (or more!) of these programs and see what a difference it makes on the water.

Friday Night Clinics

Our Friday night free refresher series is on again this year. Come out to the club, cook up some dinner on the BBQ and then take in our FREE rigging clinic or powerboat clinic or even both clinics. These will be offered on alternating Friday evenings, starting June 3.

We recommend the rigging clinic as many members tell us that in the Spring they tend to be a little “rusty” getting the boats launched the first couple of times. The powerboat clinic aims to brush up your skills in using the club’s equipment safely and competently.

Cat Clinic

And if you’ve ever wondered what those odd-looking boats with the banana shaped hulls are on the beach... well they are catamarans and if you’d like to earn yourself the coveted Red Tag that will let you actually take one out and look as cool as Mike Reese, then you’ll want to sign up for our Catamaran Clinic on Saturday June 11. These bad-boys take no prisoners so we’d like you to have two years sailing experience (or be able to suitably impress us with your skills) before you sign up for the Cat Clinic.

Private Lessons

Finally, don’t forget that private lessons are available. You sign up for weekly tennis lessons and golf lessons. So, why not think about taking some lessons to improve your sailing skills? Lessons are available for all levels of ability from novice to expert.

Keeping up with Goings-On at the KSC

There are lots of ways to keep up to date on KSC activities and programs:

1. KSC Web Site (club activities) - <http://kanatasailingclub.com/>
Check out the [Calendar](#) – accessible on the home page of the website.
2. Posters in the Clubhouse. Check ‘em out!
3. Club emails – watch your Inbox. Feel free to [send an email to the Board](#) anytime.
4. The **Mainsheet** Newsletter. You’re reading it!
5. KSC Facebook Group (member activities) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kanatasailing/>
6. KSC Facebook Business Page (club promotional page) - <https://www.facebook.com/kanatasailingclub>
7. KSC Twitter (club activities) - <https://twitter.com/KanataSailing> Twitter Handle - [@KanataSailing](#)