

Newsletter

Sylvan Lake Sailing Club

We Enjoy Comradery And Sailing



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From the Commodore...

“As the winds shift, so shall we...”

As we enter the second year of the pandemic, covid-19 continues to impact all aspects of daily living, from work, to family, to recreational activities like sailing. The Executive board is preparing for the 2021 sailing season, not knowing when restrictions will be further relaxed or what guidelines and protocols we will need to have in place! Racing may be a little different, but let's not be deterred from enjoying what we all love and adapting to the covid-19 restrictions, and let's get sailors on the water safely. The club is continuing to follow AHS and government of Alberta guidelines for our operations.

I encourage you to keep an eye on our website (<https://sylvansailing.ca>), our Facebook page (Sylvan Lake Sailing Club), and email alerts for the latest updates and guidelines.

See you on the dock!

- Susan Cossi, Commodore

Memberships

Hello from your Membership Committee! We hope everyone has wintered well as we anxiously await Spring and a new sailing season.

Buy your 2021 membership by April 15 and save \$25! 2021 Membership fee is \$125 if paid by April 15, and \$150 thereafter. This year's membership includes membership in the Alberta Sailing Association (ASA). We are asking everyone to use the Zone4.ca online registration portal to purchase memberships. Go to www.zone4.ca and search for “Sylvan Lake Sailing Club,” or click on the Memberships link from the SLSC website <https://sylvansailing.ca>.

Zone4 accepts credit card payments (plus processing fees that work out to 5%) and is a convenient and secure way to pay for your membership. You also have the option to mail a cheque after registering on Zone4 (payable to SLSC).

Members who pay by April 15 will also get a snazzy membership card and voting rights at the spring AGM!

- Norma Turner, Membership Coordinator

Spring Annual Meeting

Purchasing your 2021 membership by April 15 gives you voting rights at the...

Sylvan Lake Sailing Club **SPRING ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday April 17

11 am to 1 pm



We have booked a tentative meeting room at The Driftwood in Sylvan Lake, 4613 Lakeshore Drive. Ian Cotton the owner has offered us 15% off the bill when 2021 membership card is shown. Thanks, Ian, for being a friend of the Club! We will abide by public health regulations. If a physical meeting can't take place it will be via Zoom. Buy your membership and watch for details on the website and by email! Proxy voting will be allowed for members unable to attend. RSVP by April 15 via email to Norma Turner, turner.ne@gmail.com

From the Harbour Master...

With spring just around the corner, the rollout of vaccine programs, and (hopefully) an easing of public health restrictions, we are looking forward to another season of sailing and socializing!

In addition to memberships, Members can also purchase Boat Slips at Marina Bay on the Zone4 website at a cost of \$2000 plus GST for the season. Payment is by credit card or by cheque (payable to SLSC). A processing fee of 3% will be added to all credit card transactions. Marina Bay has advised that they will not be offering any partial-season discounts this year. The Sailing Club is also no longer guaranteeing a minimum number of boats.

Last year was a bit chaotic and overwhelming for the volunteers of the Marina Bay Homeowners Association, so they have requested that ALL communications between sailors and Marina Bay go through the Harbour Masters. In case of emergency, they also want to have records of each boat. So each boat owner who purchases a boat slip at Marina Bay will need to provide a picture of the boat, proof of insurance, and contact information for the owner(s). Before boats can be launched, slip fees MUST be paid (through the website link) and full documentation MUST be provided. You can email that information to me through the Harbour Master email link on the website. I will collect it and then provide it to the Marina Bay Homeowners Association. Don't wait until the last minute though, as it may take up to one week to process a boat slip registration and give you access to the marina! Boat slips will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis as long as there are slips available.

I am just getting my head around the duties of the Harbour Master, and will do my best to address any questions and suggestions that you may have. I am grateful to the retiring Harbour Master, Bob McNaught, for his efforts on behalf of the club and his help in getting me up to speed.

- Ross Smillie, Harbour Master 403-596-2596

Club Coronado Dinghy

If you attended the fall Annual Meeting, you will be aware that the Club has received a donation of a Coronado 15 racing dinghy!

Coronado 15s are raced in San Diego/Newport Beach with fleets of over 4000 boats. This boat is not a beginner sailor's boat, it comes with a trapeze which is needed in medium-strong breezes.

We have allocated \$1500 to replace the running rigging and acquire some (nearly) new sails to make it ship shape. We are exploring options about how to make the boat easily available to club members who want to sail it.



This is a low-cost first step in acquiring some club boats to offer to members to get out on the water. We are still working out the details regarding storage of the boat, access, logistics for usage, etc. If you are interested in using the Coronado, send an email to the SLSC at info@sylvansailing.ca

Youth Sailing?

The SLSC Executive is actively looking at strategies to grow the club, including the possibility of offering a youth sailing program in the future.



Do you know youth (under 18) who might be interested in sailing and/or racing? Bring your information and ideas to the spring Annual Meeting for discussion!