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Occasional Newsletter of the Sandpoint Sailing Association



Letter from the commodore

Fellow sailors,

I Hope everyone had a great winter. I am not asserting that it is over but in the Northwest it feels like spring is near. The board has been busy the past two months working on improving the experience of the club overall. Some of the highlights are:

1. After a long discussion the board agreed that the club should have one fee for individual membership. It will be \$35.00 and we hope that everyone who enjoys the club programs will join. It should be noted that the membership fees are the majority of the annual club income and with the expanded programs we will certainly need the money. So please encourage your crew and friends to join. Heck the parties alone are worth it.
2. Keith Sheckler has volunteered to chair the Sailing Education Program. There was a meeting in February between the city and the SSA on the number of classes, their size and the city participation in the events. From what I understand the program is growing and with Keith's extensive experience will evolve even more this year.
3. The board approved monies to support members interested in becoming sailing instructors. We are currently working on having a Small Boat Level 1 Course available here this summer. We will need eight participants, so anyone interested please let me or Keith know as soon as possible.
4. Work parties on the Holders will begin February 24th at 5:00 to 5:30 at my shop at 1707 Culvers Drive in Sandpoint. Work this year won't be as severe as last year but there is still a fair amount of work necessary to bring the Holders Bristol. Attend if you can.
5. The Winter Thaw is coming up on the 27th and all are invited. Remember our silent auction, and if you have items please bring them by my office or the event at the Elks. Please do this even if you do not plan on attending. The auction is also an annual contributor to the clubs budget. Please RSVP to me by the 22nd.

Bruce Robertson has put together a group of four sailing instructional events. They are free and open to all. Let's thank Bruce for his efforts and attend and/or help where we can. See the calendar for dates.

Speaking of the calendar I have to give great kudos to Al Reuter for taking up the work on the web page. It looks great!

Looking at the calendar I see we are going to have a full year of events. Bruce and the J-24 Fleet #174 are going to be busy both with racing and the J-24 District races in July. This is a big event, sponsored by the Club and all members will be asked to help in any way they can.

Spud Cup, as always, can be a little bigger and better. So save some money for sponsorship or better start soliciting business friends now. I think the \$65.00 sponsorship is the same this year.

I look forward to seeing you all this early summer at our new digs.

~ Ivan

"The sail, the play of its pulse so like our own lives: so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective."

-Henry David Thoreau

From the Webmaster

If you have not visited our club's website recently, please take a moment to do so. Our website is becoming the primary vehicle for us to disseminate information to our membership. In it you will find an up-to-date calendar of events, news, race results, photographs and more. During the sailing season the site will be updated every week, so please watch for new and fresh content.

I welcome members to contribute articles, photographs and other content. Comments, suggestions and material can be sent to web@SandpointSailing.com. For photographs, please resize your photographs to 640 x 480 pixels or less before e-mailing them to me. Due to bandwidth constraints, e-mail messages with attachments exceeding 1MB are blocked. If you are uncertain how to resize your photos, or if you have video or content that exceeds 1MB, please copy your content to a CD instead of e-mailing it. Then bring the CD to any SSA event or board meeting, or send me a short message and I can make other arrangements for obtaining the CD.

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~ *AL*

Windbag Expansion

Big things are happening at "our" marina. The jetty extension is basically finished and plans are moving forward for dock replacements, relocations, etc. See the link on our website homepage for detailed information, drawings, pictures, etc.

J/24 Districts

The SSA J/24 fleet is hosting the 2010 District 19 Regatta on July 24th and 25th. See our website for more information on this exciting event.

Winter Thaw

If you're in town, you will not want to miss our biggest party of the year being held on February 27. And yes, you can learn more on the website! 8^)

Newsletter

You may have figured out by now that this is supposed to be a periodic newsletter for the club. The plan is to make it short and sweet about every other month in the off seasons and every month during the sailing months. Please send me any ideas or articles and, if I can fit it in, I'll try. I hope you like it.

~ Mike



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Have a great spring!

We all hope to see you on the water this summer!



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