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# Sandpoint Sailing

Occasional Newsletter of the Sandpoint Sailing Association



Photo: Trina Lawrence

## Letter from the commodore

Fellow sailors,

**The club is looking great this year.** The board and those club function chairs have been working hard. This year will be one of the busiest ever, as you can see by our online calendar. Besides the usual Thursday night events and weekend racing we will have the **J-24 Districts** this July and the students of the advanced sailing classes sailing with us on Thursday nights in June. They hope to be in the Holders for the first of the four weeks and aboard a larger boat at the end. We will probably ask some larger boat owners to take them on a learning ride. I know it may cramp the refreshments and salty language but the rewards of sharing your love of sailing with others that appreciate it are great.

The parties are again on Thursday nights so get you costumes ready. Also there are some early nights instead of overnights. The thought being it is always fun to raft and celebrate the sunset but sometimes not so fun to knock around in the night...as in swinging on the anchor...bumping boats ... you know what I mean. I am sure that those that enjoy the anchoring off will.

**Spud Cup** this year will be like Déjà vu all over again, happening within a month of the **J-24 Districts**. Let's get in mind for every member to find a sponsor, or sponsor either or both of the events. The Spud Cup Sponsorship is still only \$60.00. **Volunteerism** is strongly suggested as it will take a lot of work to pull these events off. Also there is a lot of camaraderie both with club members and visitors which only enriches the sailing experience.

The Bayview races start this weekend. I know Saphira is hoping to be there by the following week, let's get some others. The venue is very professional and usually longer than our Thursday night races.

The Memorial day Bayview to Hope race is not happening this year, instead the LPOYC is having a two day racing event. See the LPOYC web page for details.

Every Wednesday night, at 5:30, other than board meetings we are working on the Holders at Ivan's shop. 1707 Culvers Drive, Sandpoint. Next to UPS. 208-290-6544. Come on by and help

Well, have a pleasant April and May and get going on that boat to-do list.

~ *Ivan*

*"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."*

William A. Ward

## From the Webmaster

Lake Pend Oreille Yacht Club's racing season starts April 25<sup>th</sup> (three weeks later than usual due to the extremely low lake elevation) and SSA sailors are welcome. Also, LPOYC is planning a two day Memorial Day Regatta and again SSA sailors are welcome. LPOYC will provide a one-design start for any class showing up with four or more boats, so here is a chance for SSA J/24 sailors to get a bit of "pre-season" action, or to tune up for the NAs. Details can be found at [www.lpoyc.org](http://www.lpoyc.org). If you need more information on this, please contact Jerry Judd. ([prolinejudd@gmail.com](mailto:prolinejudd@gmail.com))

Also, I've put the newsletters on our website. Look under "Our Club".

~ Al

[www.sandpointsailing.com](http://www.sandpointsailing.com)

## Sailing Classes: Holders

The SSA Holder Fleet that we use for the City Sailing Classes are just about ready for the water. The boats were all stored indoors this year, which was a big help. Ivan Rimar has once again donated a portion of his commercial space for the SSA to work on the boats. This year, the work entailed repairing hull damage (from unsanctioned jousting at sanctioned events), removing the old bottom paint (we determined we used a can of old house paint from 1950) and applying a new epoxy bottom paint. Hopefully, this work should hold us for a few years, but there will always be winter upkeep needed.

## Sailing Classes: Marina

We will need our attention focused on better mooring at the Windbag. The City of Sandpoint has space for the boats again, and we need to identify some members who can meet at the Marina to plan and install mooring fixtures. Last year, there was a bit of hull damage that came from our mooring situation and the winter repair crew would like to avoid that from happening again. We also need to start planning for the future "Sailing Center" at the new, improved Windbag. If you're interested in helping plan and/or implement these exciting improvements for us and future generations of Sandpoint sailors, consider meeting at Fred's Deck on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 (the next board meeting will be held there) and everyone is welcome to join in the marina discussion.

## Sailing Classes: Classes

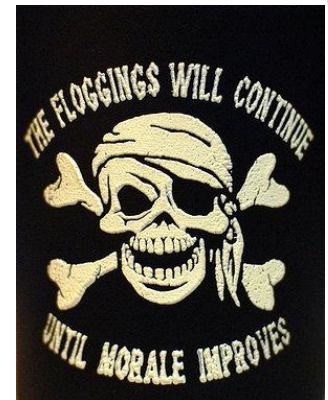
And please look at the summer schedule posted online and make an effort to contact Keith Sheckler about helping out at the summer classes. (We're offering a new "Intermediate Sailing" class this year.) Really, we only need a few hours of time from a handful of members and the classes quickly become much more effective. Many hands make light work. Our boats are in top shape and we have great community backing, so any help you can provide will help us continue with one of the Inland NW's only sailing programs! See our website for more info.

~ Chris Chambers

## Board Meetings

If anyone is interested in reading the minutes of the monthly board meetings, just contact me and I'll send a copy to you.

~ Mike



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*See you all on the water soon!*



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