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Sandpoint Sailing

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Letter from the commodore

Fellow sailors,

We just sponsored a great J-24 District 19 regatta. Let's follow that up with a GREAT Annual Spud Cup. This is the entire club's premier event and primary income producer. For the last two years we have offered sponsorship starting @ \$65.00 per sponsor. This includes name or logo on the "T" shirt and a free "T" shirt.

I would like to challenge everyone in the club to bring in one sponsorship. All the shirts will have to be x-large to get all the names on but what the heck.

Also the racing on the Spud Cup is broken into four or more categories which gives every boat a viable chance to podium.

Please give your support as best you can. Volunteerism is encouraged and as I can attest to firsthand, is very educational, rewarding and fellowship building. (Excepting of course when someone disagrees with the Commodore)

Send me an e-mail. We need help with

1. Obtaining sponsorships (last year we had 26 I think). Let's do better.
2. Tent table and chair setup and takedown.
3. Assisting the race committee.
4. Knowledgeable protest committee members. (That don't just disagree with the Commodore)
5. "T" shirt acquisition.
6. Sunday breakfast. (Contact Chris Chambers.)
7. Trophy acquisition. (Contact Fred Gloor.)
8. Beer drinking under the tent with a bunch of story telling sailing legends. (All the Commodores' stories are nothing but the truth.)

Thank you all for a great year so far.

~ Ivan



Youth Sailing Program

BVG Incorporated, on behalf of the Seasons at Sandpoint has once again stepped up this year to support the SSA youth sailing program. In the past few years, Seasons has paid for all new sails for the fleet of Hobie Holders and this year, is contributing \$750 to the general fund to help to offset the expenses of the program.

"We feel that this is a great program, supported by a strong membership group that very works hard to bring sailing opportunities to the youth of our community. We hope to continue our support and wish to thank the SSA for all the time and effort that they dedicate to sharing such a great lifelong activity with others. We enjoy knowing that we have a role in the success of the program and enjoy the beautiful scenery that the sailing community brings to Sandpoint's waterfront. Keep up the great work!"

Many of our members help with their time, money and tools to make this program happen each year. The benefits are deep throughout the club and the overall community. The SSA is the only sailing program for kids in the entire CDA/Spokane region. Keep up the great work!!

~ Chris Chambers

"Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit."

Brooks Atkinson

Voyages

This past spring found a number of our members traveling to distant shores in search of worthy sailing opponents and adventure. It started with Chris Chambers, Mike Jewell and Brian Tyrrell (Tri-cities) racing in the 2010 Sperry Top-Sider NOOD Regatta in Puget Sound back in May. As you can see in the picture below, Mike took his job of starting the race timer and looking seaworthy seriously while Chris and Brian just sat around. We still managed to take first place in the U20 fleet and have a boatload of fun! The next weekend saw Chris, Ivan, Troy and Brian T back in Seattle for the J24 Nationals. Let's just say the competition was fierce! And finally, Dan and Trina went off for a couple of weeks goofing off on a big beautiful sailboat in the Sound while visiting lots of ports, taking lots of pictures and drinking lots of beer. Something to do! 8^ Ask any of us about our trip if you need to kill an hour or two.

~ **Mike Jewell**



Open Holder Sailing

We are delighted to share that the SSA board unanimously adopted a plan to allow use of the Holders by SSA members outside of normal club events at a recent meeting. The SSA Board calls it the "Open Holder Sailing Plan". Ivan Rimar, Dan Lawrence, George Kiselica and Bruce Robertson received SSA Board approval to implement the plan as "Holder Mates". (Continued)

Holder Users can include any active SSA member who can demonstrate basic sailing skills and who completes the required paperwork. There is no fee beyond your regular SSA membership dues to use the Holders. Youth under the age of 14 can sail with an adult who meets the basic requirements. Per the adopted Open Holder Sailing plan, available times will be posted on a day by day basis on a white board at Fred's Deck. I hope to make Sunday afternoon Holder sailing a regular offering if there are not competing SSA events on Sunday. Other regular opportunities may be available, including weekday evenings, as the plan gets implemented. At this time, there is no intent to offer Holder use during the day on Monday through Friday.

Thank you to the SSA Board for taking this big step toward promoting Sailing in Sandpoint. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or if you want to be more involved in the Open Holder Sailing Plan.

~ **Bruce Robertson**

Editor's note: The SSA Board wants to thank Bruce for the **many** hours he spent to make this a reality. Thanks Bruce!

Pretty pictures

Al has been busy putting pictures on our website and I know he's working on more right now. Check out the fun shots of the SSA July 4th Parade, White Rock race and J24 practice sessions. And soon to come are pics of the single-hand race and the recent J24 District regatta.



J24 Fun

Ray Henriksen and crew took 2nd place overall in the recent J24 District 19 regatta here. We all congratulate them on doing so well in a field of **very** good sailors.



Red Hot Rookie barely keeping ahead of Viking Spirit! (Yeah, right!)

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