



Christie Lake Sailing Club

Our goal is to promote interest in sailing, knowledge of sailing techniques, an understanding of "the rules of the road" and sailing etiquette, and adherence to the principles of boating safety. And let's not forget eco-friendly fun, exhilaration, exercise, and camaraderie.

To that end, our summer activities will focus on racing and the inevitable socializing that accompanies a competitive racing schedule. If time and resources permit, we may also offer sailing instruction (on an individualized, no-charge basis) to a variety of age groups.

Novice and intermediate sailors may learn as much or more at the post-race "strategy sessions" as they do on the course. Most sailors love to share their experiences, good and bad, and their knowledge - sail trim, twist, draft, "go-fasties", favoured side of the course, favoured end of the line, knots, whipping, splicing, hull care, sail care.

If the weather co-operates and interest prevails, we shall race at 2:00 pm on the dates set out in Section 3 of Appendix A of the General Information. If, on a particular race day, winds should be a "flat" or the weather just bad, races may be rescheduled on the following day.

All races will be BYOB (bring your own boat). We recognize that all boats are not created equal. Some are faster than others. We shall handicap boats on a modified Portsmouth rating system. Race winners will be determined on a corrected time basis. Points will be awarded to the sailboat, not the skipper, on an Olympic scoring basis. The fewer points the better. As the season progresses and we garner racing results to guide us, we may handicap the skippers as well, so that novice and intermediate sailors may be competitive with the "old salts".

Weather and interest permitting, we will hold 2 to 3 races each race day, with approximately 3 to 5 minutes between races. Each race should take 20 to 40 minutes depending upon wind conditions. The more races we sail, the greater the level of participation, the more accurate our handicapping system will become. Each sailboat will count its best score of the day. The greater a sailboat's participation, the greater the chances of counting a low (i.e. good) score.

To determine the season winner, we'll count the best 4 scores of the 5 race season. So if you must miss a week or two, we encourage you to find "a ringer" to sail in your place. If that's not possible, missing a race won't put your sailboat out of the running. But the advantage goes the sailboat with the most participation. If there should be a tie at the end of the season, the winner will be the sailboat with the most races finished without disqualification. And to the deserving skipper of the winning sailboat goes the prestigious "Broken Tiller Trophy".

To be eligible to race, you MUST be a Christie Lake Sailing Club (CLSC) member. You MUST complete a 2-page CLSC Registration Form which includes the Acknowledgements, Waiver of

Liability and Indemnity and Agreement. If you are under 18 years of age, we envy you! But a parent or guardian MUST sign the Registration Form on your behalf.

So leave the "stink pot" at the dock and join us. Save a few gallons of carbon and a bag of money, listen to the waves lap against the hull, breath fume-free air, read the wind on the water, learn a new skill or improve on an existing one, meet some of your neighbours, and make some new friends.

If you would like to race, be part of the race committee, receive individualized (no charge) sailing instruction, access our Registration Form, General Information, Sailing Instruction or Summary of Basic Racing Rules, please click on the links to our documents (above and to the left) or contact either:

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