



2025

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 27th, 2025

6:30 PM

Online via Zoom



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BC Sailing Board of Directors and Staff

Christopher Maier, President

Jeff Motley, Director

Rudy Enzmann, Vice President

Adele DesBrisay, Director

Jennifer Ross, Past President

David Isaac, Director

Kimberly Cudney, Treasurer

Staff

Kevin Black, Provincial Coach/General Manager

Nancy Chow, Administrative Coordinator



2024 Clubs, Schools & Associations

Clubs (39)			Schools (26)	
Bowen Island Yacht Club	Rocky Point Sailing Club		19 Wing Comox Yacht Club	Sail Nelson
Burrard Yacht Club	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club		At The Helm Sailing And Powerboating School	Simply Sailing
Cadboro Bay Sailing Association	Royal Victoria Yacht Club		Beyond Sailing	Smooth Sailing Academy
Central Okanagan Sailing Association	Salt Spring Island Sailing Club		Big Blue Sailing	Starlight Sailing Adventures
CFSA Sailing Club - Esquimalt	Schooner Cove Yacht Club		Blackfish Sailing Adventures	Topcat Academy
Comox Bay Sailing Club	Scott Point Old Guys Sailing Club		Blast Performance Sailing	TulaSAILING Inc
Cowichan Bay Sailing Association	Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club		Blue Blaze Sailing	Vancouver Island Navy League Cadets
Cultus Lake Sailing Club	South Okanagan Sailing Association		Calma Sailing	Wilson Boating
Deep Cove Yacht Club	Squamish Yacht Club		Camp Homewood	Windsure Windsurfing School Ltd.
Disabled Sailing Association - Vancouver	Surrey Sailing Club		Capt. Macs School of Seamanship	
Eagle Harbour Yacht Club	Tiddly Cove Yacht Club		Challenge Sailing School	
False Creek Yacht Club	Turkey Head Sailing		Crescent Beach Swim Club	
Gibsons Sailing Club	Vancouver Rowing Club		Discovery West Sailing	
Hollyburn Sailing Club	Vernon Yacht Club		Gulf Islands Cruising School	
International Yacht Club of BC	West Vancouver Yacht Club		Herizen Sailing for Women Inc.	
Jericho Sailing Centre	Whistler Sailing Association		Mac Sailing Inc.	

Kelowna Yacht Club			Pacific Swan Sailing	
Kitsilano Yacht Club			Associations (1)	
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club			Martin 242 Fleet One Association	
Maple Bay Yacht Club				
Nanaimo Yacht Club				
North Okanagan Sailing Association				
Pender Island Junior Sailing Association				

BC Sailing Membership (effective December 31st, 2024)						
Clubs	2024 (39)	2024 Mast #'s reported	2024 Declared Members (AGM Vote)	2023 (38)	2023 Mast #'s reported	2023 Declared members (AGM Vote)
	Membership Fees Paid			Membership Fees Paid		
Bowen Island Yacht Club	\$660.00	22	1	\$420.00	14	1
Burrard Yacht Club	\$1,320.00	44	1	\$1,120.00	37	1
Cadboro Bay Sailing Association	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Central Okanagan Sailing Association	\$2,340.00	78	1	\$2,220.00	74	1
CFSA Sailing Club – Esquimalt	\$2,130.00	71	1	\$2,160.00	72	1
Comox Bay Sailing Club	\$810.00	27	1	\$780.00	26	1
Cowichan Bay Sailing Association	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Cultus Lake Sailing Club	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Deep Cove Yacht Club	\$840.00	28	1	\$600.00	20	1
Disabled Sailing Association - Vancouver	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Eagle Harbour Yacht Club	\$1,800.00	60	1	\$1,950.00	65	1
False Creek Yacht Club	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Gibsons Sailing Club	\$600.00	20	1	\$570.00	19	1
Hollyburn Sailing Club	\$2,160.00	72	1	\$2,280.00	76	1
International Yacht Club of BC	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Jericho Sailing Centre	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Kelowna Yacht Club	\$1,050.00	35	1	\$1,050.00	35	1
Kitsilano Yacht Club	\$1,380.00	46	1	\$1,170.00	39	1
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club	\$360.00	12	1	\$0.00	0	0
Maple Bay Yacht Club	\$1,200.00	40	1	\$1,200.00	40	1
Nanaimo Yacht Club	\$2,520.00	84	1	\$2,520.00	84	1
North Okanagan Sailing Association	\$1,200.00	40	1	\$1,320.00	44	1
Pender Island Junior Sailing Association	\$600.00	20	1	\$570.00	19	1
Rocky Point Sailing Club	\$1,320.00	44	1	\$1,320.00	44	1
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club	\$17,070.00	569	6	\$16,590.00	553	5

Royal Victoria Yacht Club	\$8,700.00	290	3	\$11,820.00	394	4
Salt Spring Island Sailing Club	\$480.00	16	1	\$480.00	16	1
Schooner Cove Yacht Club	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Scott Point Old Guys Sailing Club	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club	\$1,560.00	52	1	\$1,140.00	38	1
South Okanagan Sailing Association	\$2,010.00	67	1	\$1,710.00	57	1
Squamish Yacht Club	\$1,830.00	61	1	\$1,764.00	59	1
Surrey Sailing Club	\$3,510.00	117	2	\$3,510.00	117	2
Tiddly Cove Yacht Club	\$720.00	24	1	\$780.00	26	1
Turkey Head Sailing	\$360.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Vancouver Rowing Club	\$900.00	30	1	\$900.00	30	1
Vernon Yacht Club	\$660.00	22	1	\$600.00	20	1
West Vancouver Yacht Club	\$5,250.00	175	2	\$7,700.00	259	3
Whistler Sailing Association	\$840.00	28	1	\$840.00	28	1
Associations	2024	2024 Mast #'s reported	2024 Declare	2023	2023 Mast #'s reported	2023 Declare
Martin 242 Fleet One Association	\$200.00	7	1	\$200.00	7	1

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British Columbia Sailing Association
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, May 27th, 2025
6:30 PM
Online via ZOOM
AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Maier)
2. Establish Presence of Quorum & Appointments of Member Delegates and Proxy votes (Maier)
3. Adoption of Agenda 2025 AGM (Maier)
4. Approval of Minutes – May 28th, 2024 AGM (Maier)
5. Reports
 - 5.1. President's Report (Maier)
 - 5.2. Financial Report (Cudney)
 - 5.2.1. Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2024
 - 5.2.2. Appointment of 2025 Auditor
 - 5.3. BC Race Officials Reports (Sitar)
 - 5.4. Keelboat Committee Report (Ross)
 - 5.5. High Performance Report (Black)
 - 5.6. Safety at Sea Report (Sutcliffe)
 - 5.7. Cruising Committee Report (Gourlay)
 - 5.8. Dinghy Committee Report (Maier)
 - 5.9. IDE Committee Report (DesBrisay)
 - 5.10. Squamish Committee Report (Legate)
6. Nomination of Directors (Maier)
7. Adjournment

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RULES

The following rules from Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, are shared to facilitate an effective and efficient Annual General Meeting and promote orderly discussion, and to ensure courtesy, fairness and equity for all.

1. This Meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Society Act, By-Laws of the Society and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
2. The Meeting is for the purposes of discussing the business of BC Sailing. Issues of a personal nature will not be considered or debated.
3. All speakers will practice justice and courtesy at all times.
4. Members, who wish to speak, will do so after being recognized by the Chair.
5. Only one item, the immediately pending agenda item and/or the matter under discussion will be considered at a time.
6. Comments or questions must be related to the pending motion or report.
7. Discussion shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker for each question.
8. No member may speak a second time, which includes asking a follow up question, unless and until all those who desire to speak a first time, have had the opportunity to do so.
9. As per the New Societies Act, Business will be restricted to items arising from reports which do not require a special resolution. (Rationale: Business items, other than ordinary business must be circulated in advance of the meeting in sufficient detail to permit a member to form a reasoned judgment concerning that business).



**BC Sailing Association
Annual General Meeting at False Creek Yacht Club & Via Zoom 28th May 2024 @ 18:30
Minutes**

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 18:36.

- 2) Establish Presence of Quorum & Appointments of Member Delegates and Proxy votes
 - a) With 8 Member Delegates in attendance representing 15 votes, a quorum was established.
 - b) Member Delegates:

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club – Brian Angus (6 votes)
CFSA – Chris Maier (1vote)
Vancouver Rowing Club – Jennifer Ross (1 vote)
West Vancouver Yacht Club – Kathy Parslow (3 votes)
Kelowna Yacht Club – Sarah Mooney (1 vote)
Sail Nelson – Penny Caldwell (1 vote)
Blast Sailing – Jeff Motley (1 vote)
At the Helm Sailing School - Tom Babcock (1 vote)

- 3) Adoption of Agenda 2024 AGM
The agenda as circulated was approved.
Proposed: Kathy Parslow, seconded: Jeff Motley, Carried

- 4) The previously circulated minutes of the May 25, 2023, AGM were approved.
Proposed: Penny Caldwell, seconded: Kathy Parslow, Carried.

- 5) Matters arising from 2023 AGM: None

- 6) Motion to approve the 2023 Audited Statements, and appointment of Fernandez Young LLP As 2024 Auditor:

Proposed: Kathy Parslow, seconded: Chris Maier, Carried.

7) The following reports were previously circulated and received en masse:

President's Report

Financial Report

Judges Report

Keelboat Committee Report

High Performance Report

Safety at Sea Report

Cruising Committee Report

There were no questions raised concerning these reports. Motion to approve reports:

Proposed: Sarah Mooney, seconded: Penny Caldwell, Carried

8) Election of Directors

The Following nominations of directors was proposed with 7 available positions:

Chris Maier

Rudy Enzmann

Jeff Motley

Adele Desbrisay

David Isaac

All 5 nominations were acclaimed.

9) Jennifer Ross gave remarks including thanking the board and Paul Shield who stepped down after serving as Treasurer as well as retiring board member Alexa Edgar.

10) Motion to Adjourn at 18:53: Proposed: Kathy Parslow, seconded: Chris Maier, Carried.

President's Report

Sailing in British Columbia continues to be strong thanks to the amazing sailors and clubs who support them. I am excited to say that the future is also bright. This year saw the board formally adopt a Strategic Plan that will shape the actions of BC Sailing. We are looking both long and medium term. Our medium term view is shaped by a long term vision of BC as the key jurisdiction for sailing in Canada that is home to top talent, destination events and is a world class sailing environment.

We have begun the execution of that plan. The first phase of the plan calls for BC Sailing to focus on our own ability to communicate, coordinate, and provide value to our member clubs. This has involved looking at the tools that are at our disposal and what we have with an eye to ensuring that we are able to absorb the coming demands to reach out to our great community and begin supporting that community so that we can put BC in its rightful place.

To that end, we have begun reaching out to stand up new and old committees that will begin doing the work needed to steadily reach our vision. The Keelboat committee has shown the way, and it continues to do great work; it is an example now for the new Dinghy Committee. Our Inclusion, Diversity and Equity committee is focused on practical efforts to grow our sport in new and inviting ways to communities that have been underrepresented. A fundraising committee of the board has been stood up to seek external funding opportunities that prioritise ensuring we can continue to deliver the MOSS programme to communities across the province where sailing has little or no presence. We continue to engage with the community at our annual summit, and we hope to continue to improve that already excellent event in order to attract more of the community. This year also represents the second occurrence of our now annual Commodore's conference. The conference was hosted by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and saw participation from clubs in the Okanagan to Nanaimo.

I am especially grateful to Nancy Chow, our stalwart office manager who continues to be the glue that keeps our organisation together. Delani Hulme-Lawrence has been incredible in her ability to absorb all of 'good ideas' that I (and the board) come to her with, which invariably lead to extra work away from her main effort, which she does with calm professionalism and skill. I do not know what Kevin Black does, but it seems to be everything! His support to the board and dedication to ensuring that sailing in BC is not just excellent, but seen to be fair, fun and inclusive. He and the team represent the best of what sailing in BC can be, and we are grateful for their efforts.

We continue to remain, thanks to the efforts of the team, in good standing with our main funders - ViaSport and the Community Gaming grant system. Though we continue to seek out new funding these two public sources of funding are expected to remain significant to BC Sailing, but we do not see growth in these streams.

Finally, we want to continue to celebrate the great success that BC and BC sailors have had over the past year. Our sailors competed in the Olympics, America's Cup, BC Summer Games and in world class events all over the globe. The success of these sailors is our success as a community. I want to thank the community for continuing to support these amazing athletes and building an environment that allows so many talented people to succeed and enjoy the sport we love so much.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Maier
President

Financial Report

The audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, show an operating deficit of \$5,945.11 compared to a slight surplus of \$3,001 for the same period in 2023.

Increased revenues from government grants and sponsorship aided our bottom line.

Lower net returns from Can Sail Programing and reduced HP fees have negating impacted the bottom line.

The BC Sailing team has continued to cut costs across the operation. We are now in a space were we need to increase our grant writing and sponsorships to support and grow our mobile program and to pay our coaches and staff fairly.

We would like to expand the outreach of the mobile program to bring sailing and coastline stewardship to youth in underserviced communities but will need to hold back until our funding and sponsorship are in place. The salaries and benefits expense lines show the largest increase for 2024, but further work is budgeted in 2025 to bringing our staff compensation in line with peers.

I wish to thank Kevin Black, Delani Hulme-Lawrence and Nancy Chow for their leadership and oversight in administering the Association finances and my fellow directors for their continued efforts on behalf of BC Sailing.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cudney, Treasurer

Dated May 13, 2025

[2024 Audited Financial Statements](#)

BC Race Officials Reports

Committee Mandate: to assist the Board of Directors with fulfilling its requirement to train and certify race officials up to the Sail Canada club level and assist race officials, member clubs and associations in technical matters relating to the officiating of sailing events in the province.

BC Sailing Judges Sub-Committee

Members:

Tom Sitar, NJ (RVanYC, Vancouver); Chair
Rick Hatch, IJ (RVanYC, Vancouver),

Mike Turner, IJ (RVicYC, Victoria),

Sub-Committee Mandate: To promote the use of certified judges by clubs throughout BC and to facilitate their training and certification.

2024 and 2025 to date - Status and Activities:

- As of May 2025, we have a total of 21 certified judges and umpires residing in BC:

International Judge (IJ) 2 Mike Turner & Rick Hatch

International Umpire (IU) 1 Dave Pyron

National Umpire (NU) 1 Rick Hatch

National Judge (NJ) 1 Tom Sitar

Regional Judge (RJ) 1 Jennifer Ross

Club Judge (CJ) 16

Totals: Lower Mainland 11

Victoria Area: 7

Okanagan: 2

Interior: 1

- Tom is a member of the Sail Canada Judges Sub-Committee (JSC)
- Rick is a member of the Sail Canada Racing Rules Committee

- Both Rick and Mike are members of the Sail Canada Appeals Committee

- There were several courses delivered by the members of our Sub-Committee:
 - o Mike – “2025 Changes to the Rules”, a rules seminar developed by Mike with Joe Jospe and then presented at BC Sailing Summit, at RVicYC, Sail Canada on-line and at Glenmore SC. Also general Racing Rules seminars in Victoria and Calgary.

 - o Rick – “RRS 2025–2028: Changes for Fleet Racing“, at RVanYC (Tom co-presenter) and also “Introduction to Umpired Racing” – at RVanYC.

 - o Dave – “US Sailing Umpire Seminar” at RVanYC. This seminar was attended by 5 BC judges to either re-certify or as a step to certification as umpires.

 - o Tom – “RRS situations and Rule 42 judging on the water” – a do’s and don’ts” seminar for young racers at West Vancouver YC.

- BC judges participated as presenters in the Practice Protest course delivered online by Sail Canada
- A total of 5 applications for certification or recertification of Club Judges were processed by the Sub-committee during 2024 and to date in 2025.
- the Sail Canada JSC continued to update course materials, program requirements and re-certification options for judges at all levels.
- A video of an actual Protest Hearing is available to all on the Sail Canada website. This is a very useful addition to the educational materials for prospective and new Club Judges, as well as competitors.

- Our BC International Judges (IJs) were active on juries and on-the-water umpiring in many premiere events, including:
 - o Rick: 2024 Star Worlds (San Diego); Race Week Pacific Northwest (Anacortes, WA); 2024 US High School Team Racing National Championship (Oak Harbor YC); Detroit Cup International Match Race (Bayview YC), California Dreamin’ Match Racing (Long Beach, CA), Women’s Invitational Regatta (RVanYC);

Championship of Champions (RVanYC); 2025 Ficker Cup (Long Beach, CA);
2025 Congressional Cup (Long Beach, CA)

o Mike: 2024 Melges Worlds (San Francisco); 2024 J24 Worlds (Seattle);
Midwinters West (Alamitos Bay YC, CA).

o Rick, Mike and Tom: 2025 Canadian Inter-Collegiate Sailing Assoc. National
Match Racing Championship (RVanYC)

2025 Focus Areas:

- Deliver CJ seminars, updated for the 2025-2028 RRS, in Victoria and Vancouver
- Continue to promote the use, and provide training to Club Judges and regatta organizers, of online notice board for regattas (to list protest times, hearings, on the water penalties and hearing decisions) by clubs in BC and ensure judges are trained to use this electronic platform. Racingrulesofsailing.org is currently the best, most widely used system for this.

Submitted by:

Tom Sitar, Sub-Committee Chair

May 6, 2025

Keelboat Committee Report

The BC Sailing Keelboat Committee entered its third year in 2025. This committee's mandate is to assist the growth of keelboat competition in British Columbia and provide a common ground for keelboat stakeholders in the province to improve and simplify (if possible) the event entry process for sailors to compete in keelboat events in BC.

The committee met once since the last AGM, in October 2024. Topics of discussion at the Fall meeting included event insurance, safety equipment such as personal AIS beacons, YB trackers, the 2025 provincial keelboat event calendar and the 2025 BC Sailing Keelboat championship series. Jeff Motley facilitated the creation of a 48° North SARC ad featuring BC's Category 3 events. Chris Maier led a brief discussion proposing the creation of a government/port operations liaison sub-committee to facilitate communication between keelboat events and Ports and harbour operations entities.

The Cat 3 Event Sub-Committee met in November to discuss and release its amendments document to the 2024-2025 World Sailing (w/Canadian Prescriptions) Category 3 Monohull Offshore Special Regulations prior to the new year.

Current composition of the committee:

Regions/Race Series

Okanagan – Rudy Enzmann

Vancouver/Lower Mainland (VARC) – Jason
Saunderson

Vancouver Island (VIRS) – Leslie Basham

Events

Cascadian Convoy – Chris Maier (Secretary)

Blackline Patos Island – Stephen Trevitt

Salish Sea – Jim Allan

Southern Straits – Peter Salusbury

Swiftsure – Kirk Palmer

Van Isle 360 – Jeff Motley

Vic-Maui – Jim Innes

Rating Systems

PHRF BC – John Windas

ORC Canada – Ian Lloyd

Safety

Safety at Sea – David Sutcliffe

Staff

Kevin Black – GM BC Sailing

Observers

Edward Graham Dougall – Lake Ontario

Offshore Racing

Tim O'Connell – VARC

Chair

Jennifer Ross

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ross

May 14, 2025

High Performance Report

2024 Targeted Athlete List			
BC Sailors on National Team			
Last Name	First Name		Sport Discipline
Gay	Jackie		2.4 Para
McRoberts	John		2.4m Para
Millar	Bruce		2.4m Para
Overall % of Sr. National Team: BC – 33% , Ontario – 33%, Nova Scotia – 33%			
BC Sailors qualified for the National Development Team			
Last Name	First Name		Sport Discipline
Bugeja	Emily		49er
Overall % of Dev Team: BC - 5% , Ontario – 63%, Nova Scotia – 21%, Quebec – 10%			
BC Sailors qualified for the Provincial Development Team			
Last Name	First Name	Level	Sport Discipline
Coady	Victoria	Prov. Dev Level 1	ILCA 6
Poole	Kelley	Prov. Dev Level 1	ILCA 7
Poole	Grace	Prov. Dev Level 1	49erFX
McInnes	Fiona	Prov. Dev Level 1	49erFX
Golonka	Siobhan	Prov. Dev Level 1	49erFX
Golonka	Tara	Prov. Dev Level 1	49erFX
Blewett	Valentino	Prov. Dev Level 1	Iq Foil
Pearce	Nathan	Prov. Dev Level 2	Kite Foil
Walsh	Rory	Prov. Dev Level 2	ILCA 6
Graham	Mathieu	Prov. Dev Level 2	ILCA 6
Deseau	Gustave	Prov. Dev Level 2	ILCA 6
Deseau	Andre	Prov. Dev Level 2	ILCA 6
Hung	Thomas	Prov. Dev Level 2	IQ Foil

2024 Highlights

2024 BC athletes had many excellent performances. Some of the highlights included:



Emily Bugeja competed in the Paris Olympics, the first time Kite foil was included in the Olympic Games.

John McRoberts and Scott Lutes competed in the RS Venture Connect World Championship at Midlands-based Rutland Sailing Club, situated on the Southern shore of the largest reservoir in England, Rutland Water. John and Scott finished 7th overall.



Valentino Blewett, representing the Whistler Sailing Club, finished 11th / 143 at the U19 Iq Foil Youth World Championships in Sa Rapita Spain.



Nathan Pearce on the Kite Foil, finished 10th at the World Sailing Youth Worlds that ran in Lake Garda Italy.



In Women's 49er fx, 2 BC teams competed at the Junior Worlds in Spain. Grace Poole & Fiona McInnes finished 28th and Tara Golonka & Jessica Hirschbold finished 20th. The women followed up with a strong showing at CORK with BC finishing in all top 3 positions with Tara & Siobhan Golonka 1st, Grace Poole and Fiona McInnes 2nd, Kate Sargent & Jessica Hirschbold 3rd.



Also at CORK / Sail Canada Sr Championships, Rory Walsh finished 1st in ILCA 6, Andre Deseau 2nd, and Victoria Coady 1st female. In 29ers Bridget Gilley and Anika Lange-Sorensen finished top Canadian female team and Ilias and Loukas Mehta in 6th.

ILCA 7 sailor Kelley Poole won the midwinter west regatta hosted by the Alimitos Bay Yacht Club.



The Optimist Canadian Championships hosted by the Hudson Yacht Club in Quebec saw BC represented by a big group of 17 sailors with top BC Sailors being Will Copeland in 11th and Averi Kuo in 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Black

May 15, 2025

BC Sailing Safety at Sea Program Report

The Safety at Sea Program mission is to enable sailors to prevent or mitigate emergencies and save lives. BC Sailing delivers this safety program to both racers and cruisers in conjunction with local host organizations including the West Vancouver Yacht Club, the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, and the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club.

The [Coastal Personal Survival Course](#) is a 1 day course for experienced sailors who are participating in coastal and offshore races and passages, typically Offshore Special Regulations categories 3-4. The course includes classroom and practical sessions. Topics covered include personal safety equipment, man overboard, emergency communications & signals, search & rescue, weather, heavy weather & storm sails, damage control & fire, hypothermia & cold water immersion. The course is Sail Canada Approved. Participants who successfully complete the course receive a Coastal Personal Survival Course certificate, valid for five years.

The [Offshore Personal Survival Course](#) is a 2 day course for experienced sailors who are participating in offshore and oceanic races and passages, typically Offshore Special Regulations categories 0-1-2. The course includes classroom and practical sessions. Topics covered include personal safety equipment, man overboard, emergency communications & signals, search & rescue, weather forecasts, heavy weather & storm sails, damage control & fire, hypothermia & cold water immersion. Practical, hands-on sessions include using lifejackets and life rafts in a pool environment; damage control; emergency signals. The course is Sail Canada - World Sailing Approved. Participants who successfully complete the course receive an Offshore Personal Survival Course certificate, valid for five years.

During 2024, four CPSC classes and three OPSC classes were delivered in BC. Participation in 2024 was approximately 180 people. To date in 2025, a further three CPSC classes and four OPSC classes have been delivered with participation of approximately 188 people. Ten instructors based in BC are currently accredited by Sail Canada, and nine were active in 2024.

The migration of the Safety at Sea online presence to its permanent home on the BC Sailing website is nearing completion. Thank you to the West Vancouver Yacht Club and Vic-Maui / Royal Vancouver Yacht Club for hosting this information over many years.

Key Safety at Sea contributors include Vern Burkhardt, Stewart Jones, Andrew Liebmann, Scott Shaw-MacLaren, Christof Marti, Peter Salusbury, Jason Bowman, Stuart Dahlgren, and Gaylean Sutcliffe; all supported by local volunteers, BC Sailing staff, and Sail Canada staff.

Respectfully,

David Sutcliffe

Safety at Sea Coordinator

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May 14, 2025

Cruising Committee Report

Members:

John Gourlay, Chair

Penny Caldwell

Marnie Bragg

Committee Mandate: To assist the Board of Directors with fulfilling its requirement to promote and support cruising in the province.

2024 Highlights and Successes, BC Sailing Cruising Members:

- Planned Instructor Development and Instructor Recertification Clinics. Cruising Instructors must now attend a re-certification clinic every 3 years after initial certification, and every 5 years after that.
- Conducted Instructor Development and Recertification Clinics to address shortages in Cruising Instructors
- Continued maintenance of the Cruising and Power Standards, Instructor Development Clinic and Student materials based on feedback from IE's and Instructors.
- Sail Canada has adopted Moodle as its preferred Learning Management System (LMS). The SKS/Basic Cruising/Basic Powerboat Instructor Development Clinic Materials, Basic Cruising/Basic Powerboat Instructor Recertification Clinic Materials, including Rules and Buoyage Exam, and the student Start Keelboat Sailing (SKS) and Close Quarters Maneuvering materials are maintained the Sail Canada On-line E-Learning (SCOEL [skool]) by BC. The Rules and Buoyage Exam has been translated by Voile Québec who will be using it in recertifying their instructors. All the Instructor Clinics regionally and nationally use this platform which has proven to be very popular. BC has been providing support nationally as other PSA's start to use the platform.
- Provided representatives who sit as members of the Sail Canada Training and Certification Advisory Committee (TCAC), and the national Cruising Sub-Committee. John Gourlay is the BC representative on the Cruising Sub-Committee, while Marnie Bragg is an ex-officio member.

2024 Focus Areas:

- Continue to train additional cruising instructors, and recertify existing ones.
- Continue to maintain the Cruising and Power Standards, Instructor Development Clinic and Student materials based on feedback from IE's and Instructors.
- Expand the range of materials, and contribute to other efforts nationally to provide online learning resources for the Cruising and Powerboat Programs.

- Promote Sail Canada's Intermediate Cruising and Powerboat (and Advanced/Off-shore) certifications to Maritime Agencies in Europe as proof of competency for Canadians wishing to charter in Europe.
- Promote Sail Canada's Intermediate Cruising and Powerboat (and Advanced/Off-shore) certifications to international charter companies as appropriate certifications to charter their vessels.
- As the Cruising Sub-Committee is still studying under what conditions it would allow on-line examinations, the Rules and Buoyage Exam is only used for recertifications. Candidates write the paper exam when they first certify, and the on-line exam is used to have instructors refresh their knowledge as part of the recertification process.

Submitted by:

John Gourlay, Chair

May15th, 2024

Dinghy Committee Report

The dinghy committee has held its first meeting and is in the process of constituting itself. Its goal is to bring regatta organisers, race managers, coaches and stakeholders in the dinghy sailing discipline to share best practices, ideas, and experiences. Having a diversity of clubs and roles represented on the committee serves to support improving dinghy racing across the province as rising tides float all boats.

Our team currently consists of:

- Kathy Parslow, WVYC,
- Kevin Black, BC Sailing Provincial Coach
- Kuo Hsing Kuo, RVicYC Dinghy regatta chair
- Chris Maier, BC Sailing CFSA,
- Michael Sheppard, RVanYC,
- Steve McBride, RVicYC head coach
- (advisory) Francois Hebert, Whistler Sailing Association

We are currently looking for someone to chair the committee.

The committee's first projects are to develop some recommended best practices for regatta Notices of Race, and to improve communications and promotion of events. The best practices document will strive to update the 'BC Circuit Guidelines' and provide advice to regatta organisers. In the communications department, we are looking to provide some language and protocols for ensuring that BC Sailing can serve as a central promoter of regattas in the province.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Maier
President

IDE Committee Report

This year, BC Sailing established a committee to increase equity, diversity, and inclusion within the sailing community in BC, by addressing systemic barriers within the sport and ensuring that all voices -- particularly those that are historically underrepresented in sailing -- are heard, amplified, and valued. The committee had their first meeting in April 2025, and will be meeting once a month as the committee gets up and running.

Committee Members:

Sophie Callander (Chair)

Adele DesBrisay

Matt Henry

Submitted by:

Adele DesBrisay

May 16, 2025

Squamish Committee

After nearly two decades of vision and persistence, the long-envisioned Squamish Sailing Centre is finally picking up speed! At recent meetings with representatives from BC Sailing and several key local organizations, enthusiasm has been high as discussions have outlined a bold and collaborative hub for windsports in Squamish. With construction expected to complete for Spring 2027, Phase 1 plans include a fenced compound and rigging area, non-motorized boat launch, gangway and dock—marking a major step forward for water access in Howe Sound.

With further fundraising and infrastructure plans also in motion, the group is focused on developing a strong community-centred program—drawing successful elements from other centres in the region, and shaped by Squamish’s local voice and vision. The proposed facility will focus on providing safe, inclusive access to the water for all windsports users including sailors, foilers and kiteboarders, as well as host local rescue services.

This is a pivotal and energizing time for BC’s coastal community—stay tuned as this exciting project continues to take shape!

Andrew Legate

Chair, Squamish Committee

Nomination of Directors

Nominations:

Directors entering 2nd year of 2-year term:

Maier, Chris	Victoria	CFSA Sailing Club
Enzmann, Rudy	Kelowna	Kelowna Yacht Club
Motley, Jeffrey	Chemainus	Blast Performance Sailing
Desbrisay, Adele	Victoria	Royal Victoria Yacht Club
Isaac, David	West Vancouver	Jericho Sailing Association

Proposed Slate for 2025 – 2027

(Received as of May 13, 2025)

Four (4) position available

Nominee	Location	Nominated by:
Lloyd, Ian	Chilliwack	West Vancouver Yacht Club
Reinarz, Marc	Vernon	North Okanagan Sailing Association
Haeger, Annie	Vancouver	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Cudney, Kimberly	Vancouver	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Danforth, Tammy	Vancouver	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

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