



2026
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, May 28th, 2026
5:00 PM
Online via Zoom



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BC Sailing Board of Directors and Staff

Christopher Maier, President

Rudy Enzmann, Vice President

Jennifer Ross, Past President

Kimberly Cudney, Treasurer

Jeff Motley, Director

Adele DesBrisay, Director

David Isaac, Director

Ian Lloyd, Director

Annie Haeger, Director

Tammy Danforth, Director

Staff

Kevin Black, Provincial Coach/General Manager

Nancy Chow, Administrative Coordinator



2025 Clubs, Schools & Associations

Clubs (38)			Schools (26)	
Bowen Island Yacht Club	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club		19 Wing Comox Yacht Club	Sail Nelson
Burrard Yacht Club	Royal Victoria Yacht Club		At The Helm Sailing And Powerboating School	Simply Sailing
Cadboro Bay Sailing Association	Salt Spring Island Sailing Club		Beyond Sailing	Smooth Sailing Academy
Central Okanagan Sailing Association	Schooner Cove Yacht Club Association		Big Blue Sailing	SidneySailing
CFSA Sailing Club - Esquimalt	Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club		Blackfish Sailing Adventures	Starlight Sailing Adventures
Comox Bay Sailing Club	South Okanagan Sailing Association		Blast Performance Sailing	Topcat Academy
Cowichan Bay Sailing Association	Squamish Yacht Club		Blue Blaze Sailing	Wild About Sailing
Cultus Lake Sailing Club	Sunshine Coast Yacht Club		Calma Sailing	Wilson Boating
Deep Cove Yacht Club	Surrey Sailing Club		Camp Homewood	Windsure Windsurfing School Ltd.
Disabled Sailing Association - Vancouver	Tiddly Cove Yacht Club		Capt. Macs School of Seamanship	
Eagle Harbour Yacht Club	Turkey Head Sailing		Challenge Sailing School	
False Creek Yacht Club	Vancouver Rowing Club		Crescent Beach Swim Club	
Gibsons Sailing Club	Vernon Yacht Club		Discovery West Sailing	
Hollyburn Sailing Club	West Vancouver Yacht Club		Gulf Islands Cruising School	
Jericho Sailing Centre	Whistler Sailing Association		Mac Sailing Inc.	
Kelowna Yacht Club			Pacific Swan Sailing	

Kitsilano Yacht Club			Sail and Life Training Society	
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club			Associations (1)	
Maple Bay Yacht Club			Martin 242 Fleet One Association	
Nanaimo Yacht Club				
North Okanagan Sailing Association				
Pender Island Junior Sailing Association				
Rocky Point Sailing Club				

BC Sailing Membership (effective December 31st, 2025)						
Clubs	2025 (39)	2025 Mast #'s reported	2025 Declared Members (AGM Vote)	2024 (39)	2024 Mast #'s reported	2024 Declared members (AGM Vote)
	Membership Fees Paid			Membership Fees Paid		
Bowen Island Yacht Club	\$884.00	26	1	\$660.00	22	1
Burrard Yacht Club	\$1,360.00	40	1	\$1,320.00	44	1
Cadboro Bay Sailing Association	\$408.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Central Okanagan Sailing Association	\$2,584.00	76	1	\$2,340.00	78	1
CFSA Sailing Club – Esquimalt	\$2,210.00	65	1	\$2,130.00	71	1
Comox Bay Sailing Club	\$918.00	27	1	\$810.00	27	1
Cowichan Bay Sailing Association	\$408.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Cultus Lake Sailing Club	\$578.00	17	1	\$360.00	12	1
Deep Cove Yacht Club	\$952.00	28	1	\$840.00	28	1
Disabled Sailing Association - Vancouver	\$408.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Eagle Harbour Yacht Club	\$1,870.00	55	1	\$1,800.00	60	1
False Creek Yacht Club	\$408.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Gibsons Sailing Club	\$680.00	20	1	\$600.00	20	1
Hollyburn Sailing Club	\$2,448.00	72	1	\$2,160.00	72	1
Jericho Sailing Centre	\$408.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Kelowna Yacht Club	\$1,050.00	31	1	\$1,050.00	35	1
Kitsilano Yacht Club	\$2,244.00	66	1	\$1,380.00	46	1
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club	\$408.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Maple Bay Yacht Club	\$612.00	18	1	\$1,200.00	40	1
Nanaimo Yacht Club	\$2,856.00	84	1	\$2,520.00	84	1
North Okanagan Sailing Association	\$1,326.00	39	1	\$1,200.00	40	1
Pender Island Junior Sailing Association	\$510.00	15	1	\$600.00	20	1
Rocky Point Sailing Club	\$1,496.00	44	1	\$1,320.00	44	1
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club	\$20,026.00	589	6	\$17,070.00	569	6

Royal Victoria Yacht Club	\$11,016.00	324	3	\$8,700.00	290	3
Salt Spring Island Sailing Club	\$680.00	20	1	\$480.00	16	1
Schooner Cove Yacht Club	\$408.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Scott Point Old Guys Sailing Club	\$0.00	0	0	\$360.00	12	1
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club	\$1,560.00	46	1	\$1,560.00	52	1
South Okanagan Sailing Association	\$2,074.00	61	1	\$2,010.00	67	1
Squamish Yacht Club	\$1,632.00	48	1	\$1,830.00	61	1
Sunshine Coast Yacht Club	\$408.00	12	1	\$0.00	0	0
Surrey Sailing Club	\$3,842.00	113	2	\$3,510.00	117	2
Tiddly Cove Yacht Club	\$714.00	21	1	\$720.00	24	1
Turkey Head Sailing	\$408.00	12	1	\$360.00	12	1
Vancouver Rowing Club	\$1,020.00	30	1	\$900.00	30	1
Vernon Yacht Club	\$850.00	25	1	\$660.00	22	1
West Vancouver Yacht Club	\$8,534.00	251	3	\$5,250.00	175	2
Whistler Sailing Association	\$952.00	28	1	\$840.00	28	1
Associations	2025	2025 Mast #'s reported	2025 Declare	2024	2024 Mast #'s reported	2024 Declare
Martin 242 Fleet One Association	\$200.00	6	1	\$200.00	7	1

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British Columbia Sailing Association
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Maier)
2. Establish Presence of Quorum & Appointments of Member Delegates and Proxy votes (Maier)
3. Adoption of Agenda 2026 AGM (Maier)
4. Approval of Minutes – May 27th, 2025 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, 2025
 - 5.2.2. Appointment of 2026 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 (Parslow)
 - 5.9. Sailing for All Committee Report (Callander)
 - 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).

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**BC Sailing Association
Annual General Meeting Via Zoom 27th May 2025 @ 18:30**

Minutes

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 18:33.

- 2) Establish Presence of Quorum & Appointments of Member Delegates and Proxy votes
 - a) With 9 Member Delegates in attendance representing 19 votes, a quorum was established.
 - b) Member Delegates:

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club – Fred Stearman (6 votes)
Royal Victoria Yacht Club – Adele DesBrisay (3 votes)
CFSA – Chris Maier (1 vote)
Vancouver Rowing Club – Jennifer Ross (1 vote)
West Vancouver Yacht Club – John Thomas (2 votes)
Kelowna Yacht Club – Rudy Ensmann (1 vote)
Cultus Lake Sailing Club – Christine Mason (1 vote)
Scott Point Old Guys Sailing Club – Fred Stearman (1 vote)
NOSA – Marc Reindarz (1 vote)
Blast Sailing – Jeff Motley (1 vote)
At the Helm Sailing School - Tom Babcock (1 vote)

- 3) Adoption of Agenda 2025 AGM
The agenda as circulated was approved.
Proposed: Fred Stearman, seconded: Jenn Ross, Carried.

- 4) The previously circulated minutes of the May 28, 2024, AGM were approved.
Proposed: Jenn Ross, seconded: Adele DesBrisay, Carried.

- 5) Matters arising from 2024 AGM: None
- 6) Motion to approve the 2024 Audited Statements, and appointment of Fernandez Young LLP As 2025 Auditor:
Proposed: Kimberly Cudney, seconded: Fred Stearman, 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
Dinghy Committee Report
IDE Committee Report
Squamish Committee Report

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

Proposed: Christine Mason, seconded: John Thomas, Carried

- 8) Election of Directors

The Following nominations of directors was proposed with 3 available positions:

Annie Haegar

Tammy Danforth

Ian Lloyd

All 3 nominations acclaimed.

- 9) Chris Maier gave remarks including thanking the board, all the volunteers in the province and Jenn Ross for her years of service on the board and committees.

- 10) Motion to Adjourn at 19:12: Proposed: Christine Mason, seconded: John Thomas, Carried.

President's Report

I am pleased to report on another strong year of sailing in BC. Our BC Athletes, member clubs, schools and organisations continue to do amazing things. I want to first highlight just how proud we ought to be of our province and its culture of sailing.

A read of Kevin's high performance report is an amazing report card for our competitive sailors. But, our sailors in keelboats and our cruising community should not be overlooked. We continue to see BC sailors, judges, umpires, and officials all over the world doing great things across the entire spectrum of sailing and windsports. Well done to all.

We continue to execute on phase 1 of our strategic plan. This phase has the organisation looking inward to ensure that we have the right resources to support the needs of our member organisations. As we do that, I am proud to say that clubs are doing an amazing job of attracting some big events that showcase our province. Numerous youth World seats have been up for grabs, and events like Youth Championships, Mobility Cup, Opti Canadians, and some top level inter-collegiate events.

Again, whilst the board focuses inward, the kinds of things expected in phase 2 of the plan are getting underway. The work of our committees is progressing. Dinghy, and keelboat committees are continuing to work on issues of common interest. Our judges and officials are working hard to increase their ranks and are doing an excellent job providing a professional product. Key to all the work of committees is participation.

The board's efforts will be turning towards governance issues this coming year. We have been working with experts contracted by ViaSport to review and advise on our bylaws, policies and culture. We will try to implement the recommendations we have received wherever possible. We are expecting announcements about SafeSport policy this year and how ViaSport will implement the final

Fundamentally, our ability to execute on our ambition, which includes our governance ambitions, is restrained by our financial situation. Thanks to the great restraint of our staff and the budgeting of our treasurer, we have been able to recover from the revenue shortfall seen in 2025 and are budgeting a substantially reduced deficit.

Fundraising, grant writing and engagement are the operational focus of the team as these promote the sport in underserved communities, can generate revenues, reflect our values and provide sponsorship and fundraising opportunities.

Finally, the role of BC Sailing as stated in our strategic mission statement:

“To provide unifying leadership to sailors, support competitive sailing, and enhance all aspects of sailing across all of BC.”

Continues to be met as we convene committees, summits and bring together yacht club leadership to help address issues of common concern whilst also providing the foundations of training and racing we will be able to realise the vision:

“To bring this province to the forefront of sailing in Canada and provide the framework for life-long activity for sailors through training, education, and competition.”

I encourage everyone to continue working together in this spirit and to support our great sport.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Maier

President

May 13, 2026

Financial Report

The audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025, show an operating deficit of \$53,788.59 compared to a slight deficit of \$220.11 for the same period in 2024.

Revenues from government grants fell over 50 percent and was the major factor to the reduced bottom line.

The BC Sailing team worked throughout the year to reduce costs across the operation. With revenue down over ten percent, the largest negative impact was the reduction of the mobile sailing program. In total, expenses were reduced by three percent. While still maintaining commitment to wage parity, and working within provincial guidelines, we have ensured our team is compensated in line with peers. Our cash balance for the year 2025 ending was \$317,584.00 vs \$383,127.33 in 2024. The difference is largely due to a one-time government grant in 2024.

Grant writing and sponsorship support remains the targeted focus for 2026 to expand outreach. We will continue to promote coastline stewardship to BC youth and develop pathways for future sailors and water ambassadors.

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.

[2025 Audited Financial Statements](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cudney, Treasurer

Dated May 12, 2026

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.

Chair: Paul Evenden, NRO

Members: Steve Brunsdon, RRO; Kathy Parslow, RRO; Jennifer Ross, NRO; Chris Maier, RRO; Rob Woodbury, NRO

It is the purpose of the BC Sailing Race Management committee to instruct and certify ARO and CRO candidates as Race Officials according to the Sail Canada Guidelines. This is to assist in that every club within BC has access to a certified Race Official for their events, big or small.

Currently BC has the following:

Race Management Master Course Conductors (for RRO and NRO levels): 2

Race Management Course Conductors (for ARO and CRO levels): 3

International Race Officers: 1

National Race Officers: 4

Regional Race Officers: 7

Club Race Officers: 16

In addition, there are a large number of people qualified as Assistant Race Officers who have taken the course that enables them to be the person 'in charge' of the RC vessel, assisting the RO.

This past year we have seen several courses offered to BC officials:

ARO course: 1, hosted by WVYC

CRO course: 3, Hosted by RVYC, Kelowna YC and online

RRO course: 2, Hosted by SC, online

IRO course: 1, hosted by Vancouver Rowing Club

There were 4 new CRO applications approved last year, and 3 CRO renewals approved.

Our officials were involved in many large events over the past year including: Swiftsure, Van Isle 360, Southern Straits, Bellingham Race week, Canada Summer Games, Salish Sea regatta, CISCA (collegiate) Match Racing to name a few.

2026 will see many of the same events plus Sail Canada Sail West (RVanYC), BC Summer Games (COSA), Opti Canadians (RVanYC) and the SC Youth Champs (RVicYC)

Respectfully submitted by:

Paul Evenden

May 13th, 2026

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.

Current Status:

As of May 2025, we have a total of 22 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) 17
- Totals: Lower Mainland 13
- Victoria Area: 7
- Okanagan: 1
- Interior: 1

- Rick is a member of the Sail Canada Racing Rules Committee
- Both Rick and Mike are members of the Sail Canada Appeals Committee
- Tom is a member of the Sail Canada Judges Sub-Committee (JSC)

Activities during 2025 and to date in 2026:

- There were several courses delivered by the members of our Sub-Committee:
 - o **Rick:** Seminar "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 - Changes for Fleet Racing." 2 separate sessions at RVanYC

- o **Mike:** Changes to RRS for 2025 - Jan 15, 2025. Live presentation at Royal Victoria YC. ~ 85 attendees
- o 2025 - 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing - Feb 24, 2025 - Online presentation for Sail Canada. Presented with Joe Jospe (300+ registered)
- o Changes to RRS for 2025 - Apr 12, 2025. Live presentation at Glenmore Sailing Club (Calgary) - ~ 30 attendees
- o **Dave:** Advanced Umpire Seminar – Feb 20, 2025. Live presentation at RVanYC
- BC judges participated as presenters in the Practice Protest course delivered online by Sail Canada
- Many certification courses, for either Club Judge or higher level, are now more often presented online either by Sail Canada or by a provincial sailing association. Several individuals from BC have attended these online courses and completed the course related tests.
- Seven applications for certification or re-certification of Club Judges were processed by the Sub-committee 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 senior Judges (IJ, IU, NJ) were active on juries and on-the-water umpiring in many premiere events, including:
 - o **Rick:** 2025 CICSA Match Race National Championship – Vancouver (match racing umpiring - World Sailing grade 3)
 - o 2025 Ficker Cup (World Sailing grade 2), Long Beach YC;
 - o 2025 Congressional Cup (WMRT & World Sailing grade WC), Long Beach YC;
 - o RVYC Skills Challenge (direct judging),
 - o Chief judge – 2025 Chester Race Week;
 - o RVYC Women's Invitational Regatta (Umpired Fleet Racing).
 - o International Masters Regatta (Umpired Fleet Racing), San Diego YC.
- o **Mike:**
- o Van Isle 360 - June 1 - 14, 2025

- o Europe Dinghy Master & Youth European Championship - Hayling Island, UK
- o Canada Summer Games - St John's NL
- o 29er, ILCA 4, 6 Canadian Youth Champs / 49er / 49er Fx Cdn Champs - CORK, Kingston, ON
- o Snipe Western Hemisphere and Asia Championship - SDYC, San Diego
- o Rolex Big Boat Series - StFYC, San Francisco
- o Lipton Cup Invitational - SDYC - San Diego (fleet race umpiring)
- o 2025 CISCAs Match Race National Champs - Vancouver (match racing umpiring - World Sailing grade 3)
- o **Dave**: 2025 CISCAs Match Race National Championship – Vancouver (match racing umpiring - World Sailing grade 3)
- o **Tom**: 2025 CISCAs Match Race National Championship – Vancouver (match racing umpiring - World Sailing grade 3)
- o 2026 Canadian Inter-Collegiate Sailing Assoc.(CISCAs) National Fleet and Match Racing Championships (at RVanYC and at West Van YC).

2026 Focus Areas:

Deliver CJ and rules seminars as demanded, in Victoria, Vancouver and online. 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 11, 2026

Keelboat Committee Report

The BC Sailing Keelboat Committee entered its fourth year in 2026. 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 twice since the last AGM, in October 2025 and January 2026. Topics of discussion at the Fall meeting included safety equipment such as personal AIS beacons, YB trackers, the 2026 provincial keelboat event calendar and the 2026 BC Sailing Keelboat championship series. Advertising in the SARC Calendar was discussed and not pursued by the Category 3 events in 2026. The Winter meeting discussed increasing the amount of information and knowledge available to local fleets addressing OSR Stability Requirements, the keelboat racing pages on the BC Sailing website, the creation and publication of Cat 4 and Multihull OSR amendments. This discussion will continue at the Fall meeting.

In December, the Category 3 Offshore Safety Regulations sub-committee published the BC Sailing Cat 3 OSR Amendments document for the 2026-2027 period. The major changes included requiring the default World Sailing OSR AIS and Stability Requirements after altering these requirements since the first edition of the amendments document. A couple members of the sub-committee received feedback from prospective entrants questioning the Stability Requirements disqualifying boats that have routinely raced in the region. The sub-committee will be visiting this feedback in the Fall meeting. The Committee plans to meet again in September.

Second Annual BC Sailing Keelboat Award Winners

Pachena Point Trophy, Offshore Boat of the Year – The Kodiak Express
Race Rocks Trophy, Long Distance – 65 Red Roses II
Point Atkinson Trophy, Medium Distance – Setri
Entrance Island Trophy, Keelboat of the Year – Zulu 5

Current composition of the committee:

Regions/Race Series

Okanagan – Rudy Enzmann
Vancouver/Lower Mainland (VARC) – Leifka
Vissers Vancouver Island (VIRS) – Leslie
Basham

Events

Blackline Patos Island – Stephen Trevitt,
Heather Meads Cascadia Convoy – Chris
Maier Salish Sea – Jim Allan Southern
Straits – Peter Salusbury Swiftsure – Dugald
Smith
Van Isle 360 – Jeff Motley
Vic-Maui – Jim Innes

Rating Systems

ORC Canada – Dan McGreer
PHRF BC – John Windas

Safety

Safety at Sea – David Sutcliffe

Staff

Kevin Black – GM BC Sailing

Observers

LOOR (ON) – Edward Graham Dougall
St-Laurent 400 (QC) – Cyrille Vittecoq
(invitation extended)
BC Sailing – Kevin Black
Secretary – Chris Maier
Chair - Jenn Ross

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Ross
May 12, 2026

High Performance Report

2025 Targeted Athlete List			
BC Sailors on National Team			
Last Name	First Name		Sport Discipline
McRoberts	John		2.4m Para
Millar	Bruce		2.4m Para
Bugeja	Emily		Kite Foil
Coady	Victoria		ILCA 6
BC Sailors qualified for the National Development Team			
Last Name	First Name		Sport Discipline
Blewett	Valentino		Iq Foil
BC Sailors qualified for the Provincial Development Team			
Last Name	First Name	Level	Sport Discipline
Poole	Grace	Prov. Dev Level 1	Nacra 17
Golonka	Siobhan	Prov. Dev Level 1	49erFX
Golonka	Tara	Prov. Dev Level 1	49erFX
Pearce	Nathan	Prov. Dev Level 2	Kite Foil
Deseau	Andre	Prov. Dev Level 2	ILCA 6
Phillips	Georgia	Prov. Dev Level 2	49er Fx
Wolf	Maya	Prov. Dev Level 2	ILCA 6

2025 Highlights

2025 BC athletes had many excellent performances. Some of the highlights included: Valentino Blewett, representing the Whistler Sailing Club, finished 4th / 100 at the U19 Iq Foil Youth European Championships at Arzachena, Italy.



Bruce Millar Canadian 2.4 Meter class championships – 3rd overall

Delani Hulme-Lawrence attended the 2025 Open 2.4mR World Championship on Lake Garda, Italy where she finished 11th Para One Design.



BC had several athletes represent Canada at the World Sailing Youth Worlds in Vilamoura, Portugal. Nathan Pearce on the Kite Foil was the top performer from BC finishing 8th. Additionally, in the ILCA 6 Maya Wolf finished 35th, ILCA Male Andre Deseau 38th, 29er Skiff Averi Kuo&Theo Sloth 23rd, Iq Foil Simon Fauser 31st.



Kingston Ontario hosted the CORK / Canadian Youth Championships.

Top BC performers included 29er: Bridget Gilley & Anika Lange-Sorensen, ILCA 4 Ariel Gao 3rd place, and ILCA 6 Oliver Peters 19th.



The Optimist Canadian Championships hosted by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron saw BC represented by a strong group of 22 sailors with top BC Sailors being Harris He in 5th and Ming Trebilcock in 9th.



The Canada Summer Games which runs only once every 4 years was in St John's Newfoundland. Congratulations to strong finishes from Team BC:

29er Women	Ayden Kuo & Alexis Kuo – Gold medal
29er Men	Colin Gilley & Matt Young – Silver medal
ILCA 6 Women	Elena Graham – Silver medal
ILCA 6 Men	Andre Deseau – 4th



Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Black

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 continues to deliver this important 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 \(CPSC\)](#) is a one-day course designed for experienced sailors participating in coastal and offshore races and passages, typically Offshore Special Regulations Categories 3 and 4. The course includes classroom and practical sessions covering personal safety equipment, man overboard procedures, emergency communications and signals, search and rescue, weather, heavy weather and storm sails, damage control and fire response, hypothermia, and cold water immersion. The course is Sail Canada approved, and participants who successfully complete the program receive a certificate valid for five years.

[The Offshore Personal Survival Course \(OPSC\)](#) is a two-day course designed for experienced sailors participating in offshore and oceanic races and passages, typically Offshore Special Regulations Categories 0, 1, and 2. The course includes classroom and practical sessions focused on personal safety equipment, emergency communications and signals, search and rescue, weather forecasting, heavy weather and storm sails, damage control and fire response, hypothermia, and cold water immersion. Practical hands-on sessions include lifejacket and life raft exercises in a pool environment, emergency signaling, and damage control exercises. The course is both Sail Canada and World Sailing approved, and participants who successfully complete the program receive a certificate valid for five years.

The 2025-2026 training season marked the fifteenth anniversary of Safety at Sea training delivery in British Columbia, with the first two classes having been delivered at the West Vancouver Yacht Club in April 2011. Since inception, the program has provided safety training to more than 2,500 participants.

During the 2025-2026 season, four Offshore Personal Survival Courses were delivered with a total of 88 participants, along with three Coastal Personal Survival Courses serving 56 participants. The most recent training sessions were two consecutive OPSC classes delivered April 17-20, 2026, at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and Crystal Pool in Victoria.

This past year also saw the successful launch of the new Safety at Sea website within the BC Sailing website platform, helping centralize course information, scheduling, and program resources for participants and instructors. BC Sailing and the Safety at Sea team also continued to support the Sail Canada Personal Survival Training Program through ongoing national instructor development and accreditation initiatives.

BC Sailing extends sincere thanks to the instructors, volunteers, host clubs, and support staff whose dedication continues to make this program a success. Participants consistently note that the strength of the program lies in the quality and experience of the instructors and volunteers involved.

Notably active instructors during the 2025-2026 season included Stewart Jones, Vern Burkhardt, Scott Shaw-MacLaren, Andrew Liebmann, Jason Bowman, Stuart Dahlgren, and Peter Salusbury. Special recognition is also extended to Gaylean Sutcliffe for ongoing

behind-the-scenes course preparation and administration support, as well as to BC Sailing staff for their continued program and website support.

Planning and scheduling for the 2026-2027 Safety at Sea training season will commence in September 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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Safety at Sea Coordinator

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May 8th, 2026

Cruising Committee Report

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.

2025 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.
- 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 are 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 to the national Cruising Sub-Committee. John Gourlay is the Chair, and Marnie Bragg is the BC representative on the committee.

2026 Focus Areas:

- To ensure fairness and transparency, have BC Sailing adopt the Ontario model for LTC Instructor Clinics. Schools wanting to host clinics will contact BC Sailing. BC Sailing will promote the clinics on their website, and collect candidate names and a PSA fee from candidates. Provincial IE's will meet to solicit interest in running the proposed clinics and assign IE's, while ensuring that all IE's contribute to supporting the LTC program and keep their skills up, and IE's that wish to progress to Senior IE's. Opportunities for IE's from other provinces to participate may be considered to keep the program vibrant, and to develop the national IE cadre.

- 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. Advanced Cruising Instructor and Spinnaker Instructor are the next certifications that material is being developed for.
- Implement Sail Canada's International Cruising Certification.
- Promote Sail Canada's International Cruising Certification, along with Sail Canada's Advanced and Off-shore certifications, to Maritime Agencies in Europe as proof of competency for Canadians wishing to charter in Europe.
- Promote Sail Canada's International Cruising Certification, along with Sail Canada's Advanced and 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.
- Provide input into Sail Canada's Strategic Plan.
- Push for metrics to monitor Sail Canada's business lines, and track the success of Sail Canada's Strategic Plan.

Submitted by:

John Gourlay, Chair

May 15th, 2026

Dinghy Committee Report

The dinghy committee continues its foundation work to bring regatta organisers, race officers, judges, coaches, athletes and stakeholders in competitive and developmental dinghy sailing 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:

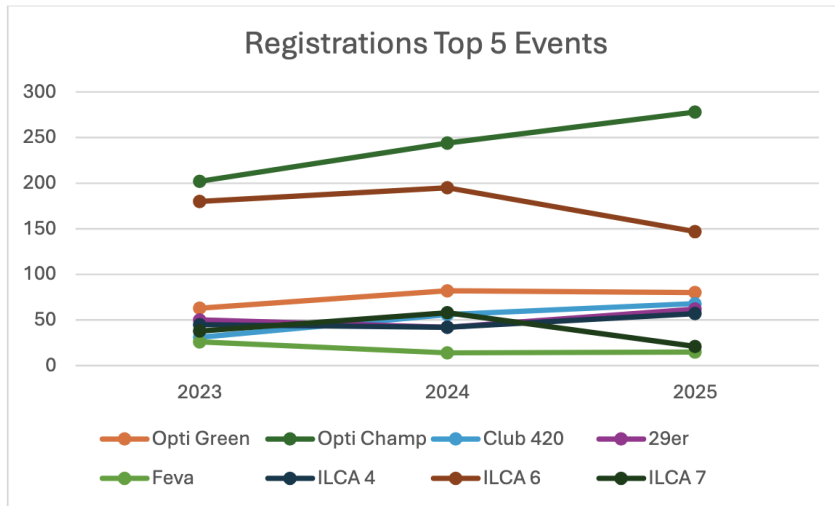
- Chris Maier, BC Sailing CFSA
- Christine Masson, Cultus Lake Sailing
- Kathy Parslow, WVIC
- Kelley Poole, Victoria Coach
- Kevin Black, BC Sailing Provincial Coach
- Kuo Hsing Kuo, RVicYC Dinghy regatta chair
- Michael Sheppard, RVanYC,
- Steve McBride, RVicYC head coach (retired)
- (advisory) Francois Hebert, Whistler Sailing Association

We are currently seeking a Judge to join the committee as well as an athlete representative. The committee continues its work to develop recommended best practices for regattas, and to improve communications and promotion of events with the goal of supporting, growing and improving our sport. 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.

At the BC Sailing Summit in November, the Dinghy community met to debrief the season and to identify areas of opportunity for the coming year. Key insights included: improving cross-club cooperation, the importance of billeting to reduce costs for sailors, consistent on-water penalties, improving volunteer skills, supporting dinghy handicapped racing, shorter target times, increasing adult dinghy sailing and competition, and increasing youth sailing for those not interested in competition.

Generally, cooperation and collaboration across clubs is improving including the sharing of coach boats to save on transportation expenses as well as sharing of mark-set boats and other equipment (e.g. coaches flags) is helping the sport generally. A WhatsApp group was set-up for the BC Dinghy Coaches to facilitate collaboration across the clubs.

The following chart and table show the change in total participation in the five largest dinghy events in the province over the past three years. The increase in Opti participation is a good sign and the reduction in ILCA 6 is likely the Covid impact moving through the dinghy youth population.



Year	Opti Green	Opti Champ	Club 420	29er	Feva	Laser 4.7	Laser Radial	Laser Full Rig	Total Boats	Competitors
2023	63	202	31	50	26	45	180	38	635	742
2024	82	244	56	42	14	42	195	58	733	845
2025	80	278	68	62	15	57	147	21	728	873

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Parslow

Chair

May 12, 2026

Sailing for All Committee Report

In 2025, 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 have generally met around once a month since then. Having formulated the Committee's Terms of Reference, these were formerly adopted by the Board in September 2025. In November 2025, the Committee welcomed speakers involved in a number of inclusionary programs in BC in its 2025 BC Sailing Annual Summit Presentation.

Since then, the Committee has been working on a number of Key Actions, which are still in progress. One Action is to update the website to include a listing of inclusion events, future grant opportunities, recommended online inclusivity modules and community partners. To do this, the Committee is undertaking specific online training and conducting community outreach to SfA Grant recipients in BC and Not for Profits such as QMunity and Cascadia Sailing/Wild About Sailing.

The Committee intends to update BC Sailing's Equity & Access Policy and provide comments on the Strategic Plan once the results of the Sport Law Review are shared and further steps are determined in relation to the Future of Sport in Canada Commission Final Report Recommendations.

Committee Members:

Sophie Callander (Chair)
Adele DesBrisay
Matt Henry

Observer/Staff:

Delani Hulme-Lawrence

Submitted by:

Sophie Callander
May 11, 2026

Squamish Committee Report

After nearly two decades of vision, persistence, and volunteer effort, the long-envisioned Squamish Sailing Centre continues to move steadily forward. Last year, we reported growing momentum around the idea of a permanent waterfront hub for sailing and wind sports in Squamish. This year, that momentum has taken a more formal shape with the creation of the **Squamish Sailing Centre Association**, a local not-for-profit society formed to help steward the project through its next stages.

The vision remains both simple and exciting: Squamish has the wind, water, landscape, and community energy to become one of Canada's most compelling sailing and wind sport venues. A future Sailing Centre would help support youth development, training camps, regattas, organized waterfront activity, marine safety collaboration, and the growth of Squamish as a regional high-wind training destination. It would also provide shared infrastructure and coordination to support the clubs, organizations, sailors, coaches, volunteers, and community partners already connected to this vision.

Over the past year, much of the work has focused on strengthening the foundation of the project. This has included organizing governance and clarifying the role of the new society, continuing stakeholder conversations, and continuing to define the practical requirements for a functional sailing centre. As with many long-running volunteer-led projects, one of the challenges has been maintaining continuity across a long planning timeline, evolving site assumptions, and many informal conversations. Creating the SSCA is an important step toward preserving that history while building a clearer structure for moving forward.

BC Sailing remains a staple organization in this effort, and the intent is to continue working closely together as the project develops. The goal is not only to create a strong local facility, but to build a regional asset that can serve BC Sailing members, clubs, coaches, athletes, and event organizers from across the province. Done well, the Centre can help expand access to one of British Columbia's most unique sailing venues while supporting the broader development of the sport.

The next stage will require continued patience, planning, and strong partnerships. This is an ambitious project, but sailing in Squamish is reaching an important inflection point: the natural venue has always been there, and the opportunity now is to build the structure and shared commitment needed to help it reach its full potential.

There is still significant work ahead, but the direction is positive, the vision is becoming clearer. We welcome any questions, strategic connections, and early expressions of support from those interested in helping turn this long-standing vision into a permanent asset for the sailing community.

Submitted by:

Andrew Legate

May 13, 2026

Nomination of Directors

Nominations:

Directors entering 2nd year of 2-year term:

Cudney, Kimberly	Vancouver	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Lloyd, Ian	Vancouver	West Vancouver Yacht Club
Haeger, Annie	Vancouver	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Danforth, Tammy	Vancouver	Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

Proposed Slate for 2026 – 2028

(Received as of May 15, 2026)

Five (5) positions available

Nominee	Location	Nominated by:
Desbrisay, Adele	Victoria	Royal Victoria Yacht Club
Isaac, David	West Vancouver	Jericho Sailing Association
Enzmann, Rudy	Kelowna	Kelowna Yacht Club
Wallace, Jeremy	Tofino	Comox Bay Sailing Association
Maier, Chris	Victoria	Canadian Forces Sailing Association

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