

March 2017

# The mainsheet

Canadian Forces Sailing Association



## Upcoming Events

### 10 March (1400)

Paul Jensen's Birthday Party

### 16 March

St Patrick's Day Party

### 1 April

Membership and moorage renewal deadline.

### 9-13 April

Invictus Games  
Training Camp held  
at CFSA

### 14 April

Greek Night & Volunteer  
Appreciation

### 29 April

70th Opening Day

### 2-5 May

Seattle Yacht Club Opening  
Day/week

### 31 May—9 June

Melges 24 Worlds

## Commodore's Corner

### What's Going On

#### Awards Night

The month of February has been a great opportunity to recognize some of the efforts of our volunteers and sailors. We had our annual awards night on the 17th. Our junior sailors were there and received some recognition for their achievements. A big thank you to Jen Harvey the Jr Advisor for her hard work getting that program going as strong as it has been this past year. The racers were well represented and we were able to recognize our VIRS champs who were able to clean up this past year. The three big trophies were awarded as well and a big shout out to Neil Porter who won the Community Spirit award and to the Foreshore Volunteers who won the Prosser Trophy for their incomparable contribution to the club. I would personally like to thank all of the volunteers and members that have made this past year as successful as it was. I issued a challenge that night to remind everyone that it is an awards night for the whole club, and that the Cruising Fleet has many trophies in the case. Let's try to revive some of those trophies.



*And if you were wondering Pitoraq won the Shifting Rock!*

#### Commodore's Ball

The 24th we held the Commodore's ball and kicked off the first event of our 70th season. It was a really great night and an opportunity to connect with the many many community supporters that have been sticking with us over the years. We had special visitors from Nanaimo and around Southern Vancouver Island. Attendance was excellent and all had a great time. I am confident that there are many who are eager to have another event next year. A big thank you to Cass, Tanya and the many volunteers who contributed.

#### 70th Anniversary

The 70th Anniversary committee is meeting regularly and is under the leadership of Past Commodore Dave Mitchell. Please contact him to help out.

#### Invictus Games

DSA and CFSA are working hard to put together the first training camp for Team Canada in Early April. Michel 'Vinnie' Vincelette is the chairman of that committee and this will be a great opportunity for us to give back to the community of Veterans.



#### Property Transformation

The property transformation teams are working hard to put together the proposal that we need to sell to the authorities on the base and in Ottawa. We have committees looking at the business case, the legacy property, the future property and all are helping to bring together the Future of CFSA into a modern and new facility. It is truly an amazing sight to see. On the base our amazing supporters are working within the constraints of new regulations to support us in any way they can. Beginning in March the Environmental authorities are conducting surveys of flora and fauna at the most likely sight for our new Marina—something that would have cost thousands of dollars if we had to undertake it.

As we move forward with the project we will be looking for volunteers with specific expertise. Specifically Project Managers and individuals who may have an interest in governance structures should contact me at:

[commodore@cfesaesq.ca](mailto:commodore@cfesaesq.ca)

## Friendly Reminder

As you will read in the foreshore update, we are very lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteers that come down every Tuesday and Thursday and amongst the other great work that they do they check on our boats and make sure they are snug and safe. That doesn't alleviate the boat owner's responsibility to check on their boat. Before, during and after it is very important to make sure all is secure. Get down and check on your boat.

## Renewal

Time to renew. We've had an amazing year and it's time to sign up for another great year. The moorage applications and membership applications are all up on the website so start your paperwork. Please don't hesitate to check in with Fern or Bill to get clarity on the process.

At this time in our history, it's very important to renew and keep our membership numbers up.

**Do you have racing crew?** Encourage them to take out membership if they can for this coming year.

## Foreshore Update

We have finished the modifications to E and F floats and are now able to secure club motor boats to F float once again.

The jet slide for CFSA 3 has been installed on A float, but Aaron needs to do a minor modification to make it work better for getting CFSA 3 off once it has been docked. We put a slip alongside the jet slide to make access easier and we will be keeping CFSA 2 on the jet slide as soon as Aaron finishes the modifications.

We have put a band aid solution for the problem with the piling on C float that was not replaced last August due to an occupied Purple Martin nest. We will have a permanent fix in once we get the very low tide in May.

## House & Grounds

Two coffee areas outside the galley have been rearranged. Both coffee machines now share the lowered credenza and a shelf has been added for mugs and glasses. The portable glass trophy case is now located beside the bar. This opens up the front entrance, which was a choke point for wheelchairs. One shelf is now dedicated to the kit shop.

One side of the front stair railings has been modified for safer use. A banister was added to the outside stairway as some patrons could not hold the 2x6 railings. The other side will be completed when the weather warms a bit. Several additional 'No Smoking' signs have been added around our front entrance, which should help stop smoking by guests and rental visitors.

## Junior Racers

Encourage the kids to come out! The next phase of training for the Juniors is about to begin 7 April. There will be coaching and learning most Saturdays and opportunities to get out to Regattas all around the local area. To participate the kids need to be Jr Members and will need to register for the programme with Jen our Jr Advisor: [junioradvisor@cfsaesq.ca](mailto:junioradvisor@cfsaesq.ca)

## Training

Our summer training programme is gearing up for the summer and we are in the process of hiring coaches. We are also on the lookout for volunteers to assist with the MARPAC Expo, and other advertising and outreach events throughout the community. Over the summer there will be a need for volunteer boats and skippers to take parents on Thursdays to see their kids in action. Please contact Adam: [training@cfsaesq.ca](mailto:training@cfsaesq.ca)

## Calling All Volunteers!

Our Juniors are hosting a CFSA Dinghies Regatta on **June 16 & 17** and we will need volunteers in the following positions to make this event a sure success:

- Regatta Chair
- Primary Race Officer
- Human needs support like: lunches, first aid and parking attendees

if you are able to lend a hand, please reach out to Jen ([junioradvisor@cfsaesq.ca](mailto:junioradvisor@cfsaesq.ca)) ASAP

## Safety and Environment

The Foreshore Hull wash system is undergoing maintenance by PointSource Systems Ltd, the company which installed the system in 2009. That it has provided excellent service over this period is witness to its sound design, well suited to our club needs.

The two primary filtration materials will be replaced in the existing containers prior to 27 March, the clubs first haul out date for this year. This maintenance should see the system operate and meet the CRD purity requirements until the club location resettlement requires tear down of the system.

## Small Boats

Reminder that there is a training and certification requirement in the constitution for the use of club boats. The Boats Committee is working with the Membership Chair to have membership cards modified to have check boxes for boat certification.



# RACING RESULTS

### A Series:

#### Division 1:

1. Feisty
2. Limbo
3. White Wave

#### Division 2:

1. Compromise
2. Hilda Harris
3. Oi

### B Series (to date):

#### Division 1:

1. Limbo
2. Farr Out
3. Goldcrest

#### Division 2:

1. Oi
2. Sparky
3. Hilda Harris

### Long Distance:

#### Fah Cup

1. Limbo
2. Jack Rabbit
3. Klwane

#### Albatross

1. Compromise
2. Hilda Harris
3. Pitoraq

### Frozen Assets:

#### 2.4 Meter Class

Bob Skinner 5th

#### Opti Blue Fleet

Heidi Maier 1st

#### Opti Green Fleet

Gwen Checketts & Spencer Graham

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