



The Whaler

Canadian Forces Sailing Association (Esquimalt)



Commodore's Corner

Upcoming Events

12 May

Thetis Island Regatta

19 May

Round Salt Spring

26 May

Swiftsure

Spread Dave Wright's ashes

31 May—9 June

Melges 24 Worlds

16-17 June

Dinghy Regatta

23 June

Garage Sale & Open House

THE WHALER IS BACK! It should probably be no surprise that our newsletter has a name again and that in a club of 70 years, we are sticking with tradition! Thank you to all those that participated in the surveys.

I want to thank everyone who helped and who participated in our 70th Opening Day. It truly amazes me how every time we put together a large event the whole club comes out to support it and make the day a success. It is amazing how much fun everyone working as volunteers has when they get out with their fellow club members. We are truly a great community. My discussions with Commander Lucas Kenward that day reflected both how impressed he was with the boats and with how friendly and family oriented our club was. At this time of year I, along with other members of the Executive have the privilege of attending Opening Days, or Sail Pasts at other clubs; none have the same authentic feeling of community coming together to get their boats out and their club ready for the coming season. Certainly none have had four kids under 13 out on a Commodore's flagship. We have a truly amazing club!

Our AGM went very well, and all resolutions were passed by the membership. I am always astounded at how understanding and engaged our members are in the transformation process, and by the amount of support the Base is showing our club. Our efforts to be engaging, welcoming and supportive of the wider Defence Community has not been lost on our partners around the base. I am always so proud when our reputation precedes us.

The membership drive continues! Please take a look around and take a look at your crews. Encourage all eligible crewmembers, friends and people who are coming out and using our facilities to join. It's not expensive, and it's the right thing to do if they are enjoying the club.

There are a lot of amazing events coming up before the summer cruising takes hold and people begin to disappear. Please take a look at the volunteer opportunities and see where you can contribute.

Dave the Bartender

All members are welcome to join Suzie Wright and family for the spreading of David Wright's ashes outside of the harbour. Members can follow the family on Dick Mill's boat leaving the docks at 2pm. The Wright family will thoroughly appreciate the support.

Check out the amazing photos of opening day activities taken by Trina Holt.

cfsaesq.ca—Photo Gallery

70th Anniversary

Supplies for the kit shop are arriving. We have received embroidered jackets, T-shirts and travel mugs, wire thread cap badges. Ladies jackets will be available as well as new men's ties. There will be a booth with all the goodies at the Open House and other events. We are taking orders for Women's Jackets & T-shirts. Adding your boat name to jackets is also an option.

Open House

For the open house 23 June, intent now is to have the club open and ready with garage sale fundraiser tables available to "purchase" for selling garage sale items including Junior team bottle collection. There will be a food truck on site.

Dinghy Regatta

CFSA will host a regatta for the Vancouver Island Dinghies Series, June 16 & 17, 2018. In coordination with RVicYC and other island yacht clubs, we will be part of the establishment of this racing series and invite the circuit classes: Opti, 420, radial, laser, 29er, fireball, taser, open class, and maybe 2.4's. We will host a burgers and salad dinner. The Junior Advisor is looking for volunteers for Race Committee, Dinner and general support for racers. Ideas and connections are most welcome.



Around the Club

Melges 24 World Championships

Once again this year, CFSA is involved in a major World sailing event. Running from May 31 to June 8, 2018, the regatta will feature the Melges 24: a high performance 24 ft sailboat, crewed by 4 or 5 persons, and capable of exceeding 20kts. A fleet of over 40 teams from Italy, Great Britain, Australia, Ukraine, USA and Canada will compete. Moored in the Victoria Inner Harbour at the new Victoria International Marina (VIM), competitors will depart each day to participate in the racing to take place off Royal Roads and the Victoria waterfront.

If you have been down to the club recently you will have noticed that several teams are already here and practising out of CFSA in preparation for the event. Many members of CFSA have also volunteered to help. Bill Brekelmans, Terry Little, Paul Jenkins and John Hillier will be joining the Race Committee; Ray Stacey will be the Safety Officer and Robin Bachynski-Powell will be the Medical Officer. As well, Kerry Blaauw will be running Final Dash as a spectator boat and the foreshore work party folks will be assisting with launches and haul outs on June 1st and June 8th.

We are also looking for volunteers to be the CFSA beach master on racing days if you would like to be involved.

Schedule:

- May 31** Competitors arrive
- June 1** Crane launching from CFSA – all boats proceed to the inner harbour
- June 2** Day one Canadian Nationals (Open to all competitors)
- June 2** First Nations traditional dinner at the Songhees Wellness Centre
- June 3** Day two – Canadian Nationals Followed by awards at VIM
- June 4** Lay day
- June 5 - 8** World Championship Racing
- June 7** Regatta Dinner at RVYC
- June 8** After last race, haul out at CFSA (approx. 1500) followed by Awards at VIM
- June 9** Competitors depart for home

There will be some disruption for CFSA members, particularly on June 1 & 8. We ask your patience as we help this prestigious world regatta. For a complete picture of this event please go to the official Melges24 World Championship website at:

<http://melges24worlds2018.rvyc.bc.ca/>

DSA Update

The days are getting longer, the flowers are blooming, and the birds are singing! Spring is here and before you know it, summer will be upon us. CFSA has been graciously hosted Disabled Sailing Association Victoria for over 20 years now. We are thrilled to announce that Jamie Hargreaves has joined us as the Head Instructor for our 2018 Season. Some of you will remember seeing her around the club last year, as well. After she begins on May 14, we will announce our official opening day.

Volunteers have been working for many months to get our fleet in working order. Maybe you have met Jim Russell, our Fleet Manager, or seen him around the boatyard. Jim has been leading his volunteers through many projects and our fleet is looking sweet! We will be hosting a final work party with a pizza lunch for all those that participate on May 12th. Meet at CFSA at 9:00 am.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Gamble at: volunteer@rivotonline.org

Invasive Species

DFO personnel, Jocelyn Nelson, will be accessing the Naden Small Boat Jetties, the CFSA Floats, and the Colwood Gas Float, on Monday 18 June to install research plates at these locations IAW their MOU.

SURVEY OF VACANT PRIVATE MOORING BUOYS

Council of BC Yacht Clubs (<http://www.cbcyachtclubs.ca>)

In order to determine if vacant private mooring buoys, either legal or illegal, are unduly restricting anchoring in popular anchorages, the Council of BC Yacht Clubs is requesting the help of members during the 2018 cruising season. A simple email survey will be used to determine if Council's further action is required.

If you encounter difficulty anchoring (or just see too many private buoys!), the following information is useful:

- Date and time of day
- Name of anchorage (e.g. XXX Bay, YYYY Island)
- Estimated total number of private mooring buoys and percentage not being used
- Comments, if any

Ongoing information on anchorages is useful, so please take a look and email the information each time you are there. This survey does not include buoys set for retrieval of crabbing or prawning gear.

Please forward the information by email to jjr@telus.net prior to the end of September 2018.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Join Ray on the nomination committee and help the search for members to sit on the executive.

Looking for writers! To join the ranks of the Newsletter team.

webadministrator@cfsaesq.ca

Our dinghy sailing team is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming CFSA Dinghy Regatta, June 16 & 17.

We need:

- 5 for Registration
- 8 for Race Committee
- 5 to prepare lunches and foreshore

Contact Jennifer Harvey/Junior Advisor junioradvisor@cfsaesq.ca

BRAVO ZULU!

OPENING DAY AWARDS



BEST LOOKING VESSEL

S/V STATIA

Claude LaSert



BEST DRESSED CREW

S/V PIAZZ

Steph & Curtiss Leblanc



BEST SALPAST

S/V JAGUAR

Clay Mills



Odds & Sodds

RACING RESULTS

<u>B Series</u>	<u>C Series (to date)</u>	<u>Long Distance</u>
Division 1 1. Feisty 2. Limbo 3. Farr Out	Division 1 1. Oi 2. Sparky 3. Limbo	Gillard 1. Pitoraq 2. Wave Reviews 3. Suncatcher
Division 2 1. Oi 2. Hilda Harris 2. Kluane	Division 2 1. Odin 2. Orca 2. Kluane	Single Handed Race 1. Wave Reviews

HAULOUT SCHEDULE

8 May	22 May	5 Jun
Victorie Limbo Jetstream Kiskadee Loonitik Frinj	Water Turkey Dee Jay Lafs Sea Gal	Jack Rabbit Aeolos

JUNIOR SAILING TEAM



RVicYC SPRING DINGHY

OPTI BLUE FLEET
 ORIOLE II
 Heidi Maier



RVicYC SPRING DINGHY

OPTI BLUE FLEET
 WHITE SWAN
 Cedric Lin

New Washington State Fee for Visiting Boaters

Bill Wilson recently participated in a teleconference call with several officials from Washington State Dept. of Fisheries along with Wayne Gilham of RBAW. In it was more information regarding the **Aquatic Invasive Species Fee for visiting boaters** legislation, which came into effect October 19, 2017.

This permit can be purchased online, or in person any time prior to entry into Washington State (locations listed on Dept. of Fisheries website). **All out of state boats are required to obtain the \$22USD permit**, unless they are only transiting through Washington State. This exception can be applied as long as the boat is not launched anywhere in Washington. *Additional details on the CFSA website under news.*

Cruising Corner

June 1-20 Broken Group Islands Cruise: the sail plan is drafted and it looks like 7 or 8 boats are in so far! If you are interested in participating contact Pierre & Terri Berube.

July 1 Canada Day: Several boats are heading to either **Saturna Island for a lamb bake** or the **Inner Harbour fireworks**

August 8 Symphony Splash/BC Day: Several boats reserved early. If you have not try going anyways. There are often last minute cancellations or you can always anchor out. Plan on departing after the fireworks.

Aug 3-5 Cow Bay Regatta: ask any racer and they will tell you that this is the best weekend ever.

Aug 17-19 CFSA 70th Anniversary Rendezvous Port Browning: Club sponsored event with a Friday dock and events on Saturday including music and BBQ. For moorage contact Marc

For more details on any of our summer cruises, please see the Event page on Facebook!

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CFSA Esquimalt Racing
Fleet (Closed)



CFSA Junior Sailing



CFSA Cruising Group
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