

# The Whaler

Canadian Forces Sailing Association



## Commodore's Corner

### Upcoming Events

**Nov 18**

RTB F-2

**Nov 25**

RTB F-3

**Nov 29th**

Fall AGM

**Dec 2**

RTB F-3

**Dec 8**

Children's Christmas  
Party & Club Dinner

**Dec 9**

Long Distance  
Gear Buster

Another month is behind us and we are looking at the rainy season again. For the shoulder season we've had a very busy October with activity in almost every corner.

The relocation committees are working extremely hard to develop a robust and realistic plan for the future of our club. The drawings are very exciting and will be able to accommodate our club, DSA and numerous future considerations. I want to thank all those who came to the dinner and discussion.

A big shout out to Wendy and Lou Forth who put on the Rib dinner. The food was excellent and was a great fundraiser for our Fundraising Committee account.

Our Junior race team had a great time at the CFSA Terrifying Team Tourney. This was a great event that proved we could organize and run a one day regatta using the Team Racing Format. We had four teams of four that came out and participate. A pizza party afterwards was a lot of fun for all. Two of our racers also took part in the Pumpkin Bowl Regatta hosted by the West Vancouver Yacht Club

Our Invictus sailors did an amazing job representing us and our country. They sailed three races and made it to the medal round coming in fourth. They sailed every race with our burgee flying proudly!

Our work party volunteers continue every week to work very hard keeping our docks, foreshore, clubhouse and grounds in amazing shape. It boggles my mind every time I think about the amazing resource we have in our volunteers.

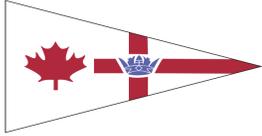
As we look forward into November and the strong winter winds, our volunteers will be battening down the club's hatches and trying to preserve our infrastructure. Please do your part by checking on your boat and following the best practices .

### Winter Best Practices

Here's some good advice to make sure your boat survives the strong winds and cold weather:

1. Check on your boat regularly and after strong wind events.
2. Inspect your lines for wear and chafe. Have spares.
3. Make sure your lines have spring and elasticity—don't oversize or use high-tech halyard lines.
4. If you can take your sails off, do so.
5. Tie sail ties to prevent roller furling lines from letting go.
6. Boom tents and tarps add windage and can create major loads.





# Around the Club

## Foreshore

The work parties continued during the month carrying out repairs as required. The haulouts continued with the final haulout for the winter completed October 25. Jack Dennett assumed the interim duties as foreshore chair late in September and has spent time getting a handle on the job. Thanks to everyone who helped out during this time.

## Parking

We have encountered a large volume of shipyard workers using the CFSA upper parking lot. New signs have been posted in the upper CFSA parking lot. CFSA members are required to display a CFSA decal on the windshield to avoid being towed. Decals are available at the bar.

## DSA Victoria

Will be hosting the traditional annual New Years Day Regatta. Join us for Pancake Breakfast at on New Years Day and the fun won't stop there! Our wacky regatta will begin after that! Buns will be available for purchase at the clubhouse during registration. Start getting your costumes or musical instruments together and don't forget to rehearse some songs for extra points! After racing meet us back at the clubhouse for Moose Milk and Clam Chowder. It's a terrific way to begin the New Year and everyone has such a great time. We would love to see you all that day and enjoy your continued support.

## Junior Programme

Two sailors attended Pumpkin Bowl Regatta WYYC, lower numbers than we predicted so CFSA did not send a coach but instead partnered with other clubs to support our kids. Four coaches are currently working and we are creating new systems as we grow our program. Sundays will continue through the Remembrance Day Clinic at Royal Victoria Yacht Club (RVYC) Nov 10-12.

## 70th Anniversary Kit Shop Supplies

Tee Shirt	\$15.00
Pin	\$5.00
Sail Ties	\$5.00
Hat Badge	\$15.00
Hat, Ascot, Crest	\$20.00
Men's Tie	\$25.00
Burgee - Small	\$40.00
Medium	\$45.00
Tumbler	\$27.00
Jacket	\$90.00

Prices include taxes



## Remembrance Day

The CFSA wreath will be delivered to the cenotaph by the Esquimalt Legion Dockyard 172. The Vice Commodore will represent CFSA at the ceremony, while the Commodore represents the club at the Nanaimo Yacht Club. George Goodwin will be there as well to assist the Vice.



## Nominations

At the fall Semi Annual General meeting the club elects and appoints members to assist with operating the club for the next year. Only a few hours of your time each month. The following is a list of positions to be filled:

- Vice-Commodore (must be serving in the Canadian Forces)
- Rear-Commodore
- Secretary
- Race Captain
- Training Officer
- Commodore's Ball organizer
- Moorage Chair
- Galley
- Regatta Chair

This is your club, we need your help. If you would like to volunteer for a position or require additional information contact:

**Nominations Chair Ray Weisgerber**  
[webadministrator@cfsaesq.ca](mailto:webadministrator@cfsaesq.ca)



## Nominations So Far:

- Russ Smith—**Foreshore**
- Leslie Basham—**Fleet Captain**
- Aaron Weisgerber—**Small Boats**
- Tanya Carr—**Entertainment**



# The Sailing Community

## Why Leave the House Before Spring? Perhaps to Find a Cache Treasure.

By Dana Govang

Many of us sail very little over the winter season, so our free time and navigation skills are a natural combination for learning an incredible hobby that has something to offer everyone.

“The sport where You are the search engine,” Geocaching is a high-tech adventure game where participants use a GPS to hide and seek containers called “geocaches” or “caches.” Found anywhere in the world, a typical cache is a small waterproof container with a log-book and various prizes or trinkets; some to view and some to trade. All it takes is a love of the outdoors, a GPS, and a spirit for adventure (again, a perfect fit for most sailors). We enjoy the hikes and little kids enjoy the treasures.

Geocaching officially started May 3rd, 2000, with the first Canadian cache hidden by a sailor just a few months later, on June 28th, about half an hour from Halifax. In 2005, when I joined the sport, caches had grown to over 115,000 worldwide. Today there are more than three million spread across 190 countries. Even our first Geocache hide called S/V Kiskadee (We couldn't think of a more original name) in Halifax is still active.

CFSA lists hundreds of caches nearby; the closest being 0.18 kms away, hidden along a cyclepath by Geocache username “Majendie.” (Sounds like a sailboat name to me) To see the coordinates and find the cache for yourself, you'll need to log-in and create a new

account, which is free and takes less than a minute. Once you've found it, there are nine others within a kilometer of CFSA and 41 within two kilometers awaiting your discovery. Our Geocache username is S/V Kiskadee (Equally original) and the first cache we found was only a five-minute walk from home.

Once found, a cache may provide visitors with a variety of rewards. All that is asked in return is: if you take something, leave something. Many chose simply to record their find as TNLN (take-nothing-leave-nothing), as they enjoy the hike itself. Usually the treasure, called swag, consists of inexpensive items found at a dollar store. Still, it's fun for the kid-in-us to discover what's inside. There are also special items called travel bugs that players move from cache to cache. Our travel-bug is a small pewter sailboat that has traveled to many places including Mexico, Alaska and Croatia. It is called Kiskadee (originality has always been a struggle).

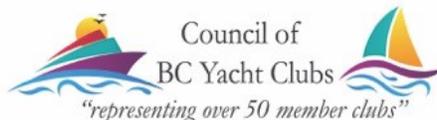
GPS receivers and Geocaching apps have two waypoint symbols reserved for geocaching. The closed treasure box represents a cache you haven't yet found. Choose one, hit GOTO, and the software will guide you to the cache. Once discovered, marking it FOUND will change it to an opened treasure

box. The software also gives you the option to add a small story and picture about the hunt if you wish. Dee's best tip if you're struggling to locate the cache, is to ignore the GPS once you are within a few metres and look around for something that seems out of place. Nothing is ever buried but it may be under a log or hanging a few feet up in a tree. Normally I'm still wandering around in a 15-foot circle following the GPS directions while Dee stands there smiling already holding the cache.

During the sailing season, we use geocaching as a reason to go for hikes along roads and trails near anchorages. It also gets us off the couch over the winter. Dee and I have found outstanding beauty just a few minutes' walk from busy highways and anchorages (You walk right past a geocache to get to the waterfall in Goldstream Park). It's a great free sport that starts at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).



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# Odds & Sodds

## Sail Canada Awards

Nominations are now being taken for Sail Canada Awards and the 2019 Rolex Sailor of the Year Awards. All sailors and their supporters are invited to participate in recognising Canada's top sailors!

Please let the Vice-Commodore know if you think there are deserving sailors from CFSA that should be nominated.  
 Vice-commodore@cfsaesq.ca

**Deadline to enter:  
 December 1st, 2018**

## L. SEDDON MEMORIAL TROPHY

**Donor** G. Thomas, G. Bentham, and J. Olsvik

**Inscription** The Seddon Memorial Trophy RCNSA 1971 CFSA Annual Sailerette Racing

**Description** ¾ rig cutter 5 ¼" x 7 ¼" gold colour on the right with a light wood inverted triangle upright containing inscription all on light wood base 13 ½" x 5 ½" x 3 ½" high

**Use** Original Sailerette Long Distance Race #4

**Recent** Best CFSA result in the Thermopylae Race



Year	Boat	Skipper
2009	Melaque	Alistair Elliot
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2011	?	
2012	Limbo	Paul Jensen
2013	XS	Colin Nichols
2014	Jack Rabbit	Colin Nichols
2015	Final Dash	Robin/Kerry
2016	Jaguar	Clayton Mills
2017	Final Dash	Robin/Kerry
2018	Jack Rabbit	Colin Nichols

## For Sale

Optima Cal 29-2 is for sale at \$23,000.

## FALL SEMI ANNUAL AGM

29 November, 2018 at 1830

**BRAVO ZULU!**

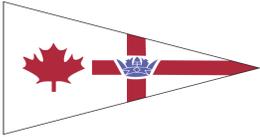
## Launching of the new Coach Boat CFSA 7 (White 14ft Avon Rigid Hull)

Thank you to everyone who assisted with putting this new boat together.



## Alexia Jomphe

Competed at her first away regatta, holding her own in a large fleet of Optis at the Pumpkin Bowl in West Vancouver.



# Racing and Athlete Development



**Are you interested in participating in CISM sailing?** Your club is looking at ways to develop athletes to compete and be selected for the CISM sailing team. In order to qualify you need a military ID Card. This generally means you need to be serving in the Armed Forces of the Country you represent.

The following is a message from the CISM team manager:

### **GET READY FOR 2019!**

The CAF CISM sailing team will focus on the **470 class dinghy** next year. We are planning two activities: a **Training & Selection Camp** (MAY 2019) at CFSA Esquimalt, BC; and, the **World Military Games** (October 2019) in **Wuhan, China**.

Canada is eligible to send **two** 470 teams to China, one women's team and one "mixed" team. The latter team could be male/female, male/male, or female/female. Find a team mate and start training now!

**Notes:** 1. You're encouraged to form your own teams (skipper/crew).

2. International 420 is a great training boat for 470, and there are lots of 420 races in Canada.

3. Optimum crew weight is 240-320 lbs (110-145 kg) total or approximately 140 lbs (64 kg) per person.

4. To be considered for the team athletes should have significant dinghy racing experience (multiple regattas).



### **CFSA Terrifying Team Tourney**

We hosted an Optimist Class Team race Saturday 27 Oct. The event was very well received and many were asking that the be hosted again next year:

#### **Results:**

1. RVYC1 - WWW
2. RVYC2—WLWL
3. CFSA 2—LWL
4. CFSA 1—LL



The Notice of Race, and planning guides are back up on a recently restored website. Application deadlines are coming up for those interested in participating in this year's race. The following sea-survival courses are being run:

**Offshore Personal Survival Course** (2 day, Sail Canada - World Sailing)

**Saturday-Sunday, March 23-24, 2019, Victoria, BC**

**Advance Registration:** opens December 1, 2018

- contact your 2019 Van Isle 360 or 2020 Vic-Maui skipper for Advance Registration information

**General Registration:** opens January 12, 2019 at 0700 PDT



# CFSA Executive Nomination

**NOMINEE:**

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*Name*

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*Signature*

**POSITION:**

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**NOMINATOR 1:**

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*Name*

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*Signature*

**NOMINATOR 2:**

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*Name*

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