



THE MAIN SHEET

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SBYC!

April 2024 Edition



[Ice on Sunshine Bay, April 19, 2024]

Launching the 2024 Season!

“♪♪It’s the most wonderful time of the year ♪♪”, as long as we’re talking about Summer in Alberta! We are getting ready for the installation of our docks, opening up of the clubhouse and grounds, and of course launching our boats! Our date for docks/facilities is now scheduled for Saturday May 4, 2024, and we are requesting all members to come out and give a hand.

URGENT! **IF ANY SBYC MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH ORGANIZING AND BRINGING OUT A LUNCH FOR THE VOLUNTEERS FOR DOCKS-IN/FACILITIES OPENING DAY, PLEASE REPLY ASAP TO COMMODORE@SUNSHINEBAY.ORG**

Alberta's sailing Community of Choice



Please refer to the list below of common tasks that happen during Facilities Opening:

- Cleaning of the
 - Washrooms
 - Windows
 - Cupboards
 - Kitchen Appliances
 - Fireplace and firepit
- Check fire extinguishers
- Drain and prepare the water system
- Create a water system startup/shutdown protocol and store in the shared drive
- Move BBQ's and outdoor tables and chairs to summer positions
- Clean up grounds, raking and pick up debris
- Start and service fire pump-(Lee)
- Tidy up green shack - fridges, freezers and floors
- Tidy up tool and fuel sheds

Please let me know if you can help out or just come out on docks-in day and lend a hand to ensure facility readiness for a great sailing season.

Lee, 780) 975-6801 or facilities@sunshinebay.org

Docks Refurbishing and an unfortunate delay.

by **Dock Master Andy Minty**

New Dock construction has gone well, volunteer days for construction are now finished. Thanks to all the volunteers, we would not have been able to complete this work without our volunteer work crews. Now we have 12 new and refurbished dock fingers, and one new dock spine. Dock assignments will be put out before Docks In. Watch Slack and your emails for details.



Our Docks-In event was originally scheduled for April 27/28, but the amount of ice on the lake has caused us to delay this process until May 4 and 5.



This is my 3rd Season in the Dockmaster Role. Feeling more comfortable in the role each year. Looking forward to this year's cruising and racing season.



Winter Social a Dazzling Good Time!

SBYC Members enjoy an evening of dazzling diamonds and denim

On a warmish February evening at the Meadowlark Community Hall in Edmonton, members and guests of SBYC gathered in a Denim and Diamonds theme to eat, drink and be merry, listen to some amazing live music and competitively outbid each other for some fantastic silent auction items. We were able to bring in \$2700 in donations through this auction! Many thanks to our On

Shore Events Director Kate McGovern and her team for creating such a fun winter event to lift us up out of the doldrums of February and keep our social connection active.

[Photos courtesy of Richard Schlachter]

Top: Kate McGovern and Richard Schlachter (On Shore Events Director and Treasurer)

Bottom Left: Lee Chrystal (Facilities Director)

Bottom Right: Robyn and Chris Timmons (Members)

Note from: **On-Shore Events Director
Kate McGovern**

Hello friends,

I owe a great deal of gratitude to numerous volunteers who helped make last year's onshore events, from the Sail Past to the Winter Social, a great



success. Along with your hard work, you brought loads of enthusiasm and creativity that made the events more exciting. For 2024-25, expect more of our fan-favorites along with new ideas for fun filled and pleasant opportunities to mix and mingle.

Kate

♥ Thank you to the following vendors and members who donated to our silent auction:

D Lynn Skillen
Linda Payne
Edmonton Flying Club
West Edmonton Mall Toyota
River Cree
Crestwood Wine & Spirits
Envy Hair & Nails
Integral Physiotherapy
D Lynn Skillen and Jim Spalding
Georgie Brooks
Amanda Loch
Bonnie Reib

Wild Birds Unlimited
Rick & Alice's restaurant 109 St
Albert's on 124 St
West End Tire/Tireland
Linda Payne
Shine Syndicate
Four Star Motors
Rise Up Massage
Boat Craft
Maid to Shine
Marie M
Young's Optical

Clarice Cameron
Tim Stubbs
Tim Mclean
Friend of the Farm
Barry Tonge
VanAmsterdam's
Humphries
Winston's Fish & Chips 51 Avenue
Running Room
Mike Mendzat
On Shore Events

SBYC Welcomes New Commodore, new/returning slate of officers!

Tim Stubbs was nominated to Commodore at this year's AGM, replacing Past Commodore Brad Barber. Below is a statement from our new Commodore!

I was born in the UK and have always been a water person. I learned to sail dingy's as a child, before getting to slalom kayaking in my teens. I took up windsurfing when I moved to Canada in my twenties and sailed dingys occasionally before being introduced to yachting by a friend in 2008. I subsequently purchased a boat in 2012 (C&C 29 II Dreamfinder) and was a member at EYC for a year before becoming a temporary and then full regular member of SBYC in 2014. I now have a (Catalina 250 - Dreamcatcher) "A" dock if you want to stop by and say hi. I have been a SBYC board member since 2020 , firstly as Membership director and then Membership and Communications director, Vice Commodore and now Commodore. I am married to Julice and have a daughter and stepson who occasionally come out to go fairweather sailing or just to enjoy a day at the lake as we all love to do. I



am currently employed as Product manager at Weldco Beales Manufacturing, where we make specialty work tools for mobile heavy equipment. I am looking forward to another great sailing season at SBYC! See you at the lake!

Our full slate of officers is as follows for the 2024-2025 year:

Tim Stubbs - **Commodore**

Robin Cameron - **Vice Commodore**

Richard Schlachter - **Treasurer**

Andrew Stephenson - **Secretary**

Lee Crystal - **Facilities**

Andy Minty - **Dock Master**

Nicole Sikora - **Membership**

Brian Fitzgerald - **Fleet Captain**

Kate McGovern - **On-Shore Events**

Nicole Sharman - **Marketing/Communications**

Brad Barber (ex-officio) - **Past Commodore**

Welcome new and returning members!

Fleet Captain holds Learn to Sail classes, looks forward to racing season ahead.

by **Fleet Captain Brian Fitzgerald**



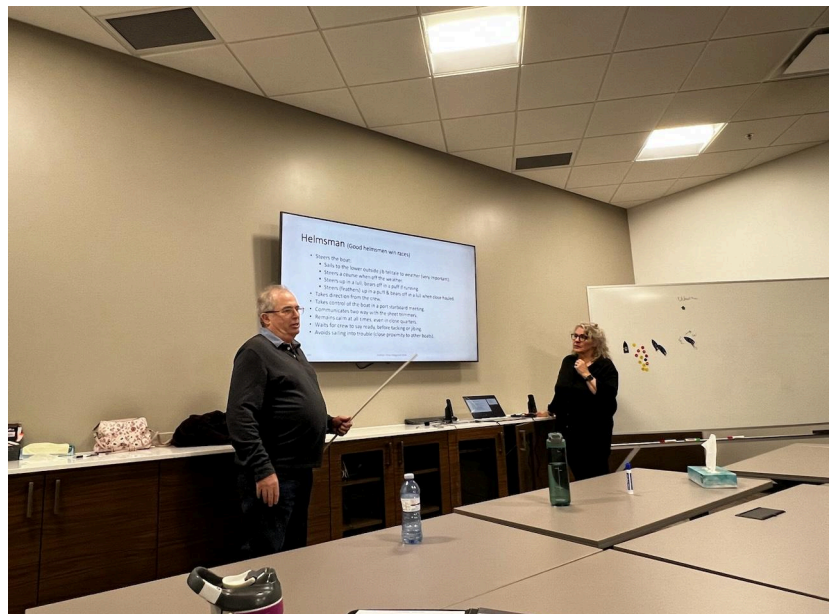
I am back for another exciting season of racing at SBYC. A full schedule is slated. Events will only be cancelled for lack of interest or inclement weather. As background I have crewed on over nine different sail boats and participated in well over 1000 races in over 35 years. I still continue to learn.

In preparation for the season ahead, a Learn to Sail two-evening course was completed with approximately 25 participants attending at least one evening. The course covered rights of way, boat preparation and boat handling basics (sail trim, race course rights of way etc).

Thanks to WEM

Toyota for the classroom space. Seems like everyone in attendance learned something new. Kat was helpful in getting the slides put together, getting small snacks and keeping me on track!

Following on from this, Bonnie Rieb and Dave Donnelly will be conducting a race committee



seminar early in the season (date TBA). I urge everyone intending to race to attend this seminar. This includes me. Also early in the season will be a Whaler training session (see schedule) and a brief rundown of the club's emergency procedure. This training will provide everyone, non racers included with the knowledge to chair a race. There is no dedicated race committee. A successful racing program this summer will depend upon everyone sharing committee duty.

Safe sailing everyone.

Treasurer back for another year

by **Treasurer Richard Schlachter**



Hello, It's an honour to be your Treasurer for 2024. My wife Kate and I joined the club in 2018 and actively enjoy it each year as we practically live on our boat for most weekends of the season.

This winter we crewed up with 3 others to travel to Thailand and participate in 'The Bay Regatta'. Most would agree it was a unique sailing experience to be among other international racers along that country's most beautiful coastlines.

While the Board and I continuously look for creative ways to sustain the club's financial viability, I ask each of you to openly offer your own thoughts and ideas.

Communications and Marketing Director new to the crew

by **Communications and Marketing Director Nicole Sharman**

Hi all, I'm the new Communications and Marketing Director for SBYC, and have also been handling the Webmaster role for the last year. Over that period, I have made some improvements to the website including layout changes, theme and UI/UX improvements for user interaction. I've added some clearer information about becoming a member and general information about the club. On Social Media, I've created some holiday posts that are scheduled to go out automatically, and will add more as the season continues with club events, etc.



Communications wise, last year I implemented an app called Slack for member-to-member communication. The benefit of this platform is that it's closed and private to invited members only, members do not need to share phone number or email addresses with other members, and it supports push notifications for instant messaging. Communication channels are broken down into topics, so you may "listen in" on a channel that you are interested in. Some examples are "volunteer-opportunities", "races-and-regattas" and "crew-opportunities". In addition to being able to post a message to the channel, you can also private message any other member, and have access to "huddles" or voice/video conferencing within the app. It works on mobile devices and on desktop and is free for our non-profit society. If you are not on Slack already, need some more information about it or how to use it, or have an idea for a channel topic, please reach out to me!



My background is administrative in non-profit and corporate, along with web and database management, and I'm currently the Chief Operating Officer of a Software Development and Research company. I'm in school part time for a Full Stack Web Development Diploma while working full time. My husband and I have two teenage boys and you'll find us hanging out at the club on weekends or evenings (we live just 20 min west of the clubhouse!). Our boat is a C&C 24 "Cote D'Azur", on "B" Dock. Hope to see you all out there very soon!

If you have any ideas for the newsletters, content or questions, please email communications@sunshinebay.org, or contact me on Slack!

Sunshine Bay Yacht Club

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Members Communication Channels/Forum: Slack app (ask for invite if not yet connected)

Website: <https://www.sunshinebay.org/>

