

Setting sail



Newsletter of the Disabled Sailing Association of British Columbia

June 2008

Classic boat show promotes adaptive sailing

The Disabled Sailing Association of BC (DSA-BC) will be taking centre stage at a boat show featuring classic vessels, along with automobiles, in June.

The Classic Boat and Car Show is promoted as featuring “the most beautiful vintage wooden boats and classic automobiles on the BC coast.” It will be held at Burrard Yacht Club (10 Gostick Place, North Vancouver, BC) from 10am to 4pm Saturday, June 14 and 10am to 3pm on Sunday, June 15.

Admission is by donation to DSA-BC, and there will also be a display promoting adaptive sailing – which will also feature one of the adaptive Martin 16 sailboats.

DSA-BC Funds Development Manager David Ostro said the event will show club members and the general public what their support helps to make happen.

“The boats on display are part of Vancouver’s maritime history,” he said. “I expect a lot of people will be there. I hope we can inspire people to find out more about adaptive sailing.”

More info is on the club’s website: <http://burrardclub.com>



Flying the flag: Chris Reardon (left) of False Creek Yacht Club with the DSA-BC’s Duane Geddes, launching the club’s burgee on adaptive Martin-16 boats, along with a commemoration of Ron Parker (inset).



In memory of
Commodore Ron Parker

DSA and False Creek Yacht Club together host Integration Regatta

Vancouver’s premiere Downtown yacht club is to host a DSA-BC adaptive regatta.

False Creek Yacht Club, a longtime supporter of DSA-BC, hosts the Integration Regatta July 19 - 20 – a major boost to the perennially popular race. It will feature two teams of four sailors, mixing able-bodied competitors and people with disabilities.

Last year the yacht club adopted two DSA-BC Martin 16s and paid tribute to past Commodore Ron Parker – incidentally the person that initiated the relationship with DSA-BC – and donated a launch dolly.

“DSA-BC is our preferred charity,” said yacht club General Manager René de Groot. “We feel it’s very worthwhile to maintain the connection, implemented by Ron Parker, and supported by subsequent commodores. We like to support the DSA because they present sailing for all.”

Entry information: Eric Molendyk at 604-688-6464 ext. 117.

Mobility Cup 2008

The Notice of Race for this year's Mobility Cup has been published.

The regatta will be held at Pointe Claire Yacht Club, Quebec, with racing on Lac St. Louis from Monday, Aug. 25 to Friday, Aug. 29, 2008. This will include one training day and four days of racing for 50 sailors in the gold and silver fleets.

More info: www.mobilitycup.org or contact regatta chair Paula Stone directly (514-688-9538 or mobilitycup@gmail.com)

Sailing staff appointed

DSA-BC has appointed the staff who will be running the summer sailing.

Daniel Maldoff returns as Head Sailing Instructor, along with Sailing Instructor Jason Ronsley. Sailing Instructor Simon Gallagher is new this year, along with Office Coordinator Kelsey Beninger.

Mike Wang is the Land Coordinator. A volunteer since 2003, this year joins the team as a staff member.

Volunteer vacancies

As anyone that has sailed with DSA-BC could tell you, the programs cannot run without volunteers – in both land and sailing positions. People with any interest in being a part of the programs should contact Eric Molendyk at 604-688-6464 ext. 117.

Bowen Island trip

This year's Bowen Island daytrip will be held on Saturday, Aug. 16. Participants sail to the tourist destination to enjoy a pub lunch. The event is always popular, so book early, with Eric (above).



On the water: Vancouver Parks Board is promoting the benefits of adaptive sailing.

Parks promotion launches new sailors

Vancouver Parks Board is promoting DSA-BC sailing, along with other adaptive sports and recreational activities.

Under its Outdoor Adapted Programs initiative, parks staff will be suggesting people take a sail on July 23, a surefire way of reaching new clients according to DSA-BC programs manager Kirk Duncan. Info: 604-257-8500 or bonnie.friesen@vancouver.ca

Sailing calendar – 2008 activities

The 2008 DSA-BC calendar lists the regattas and other events that will be a highlight of this sailing season.

In addition to these events, regular sailing is held Wednesday to Sunday, 11am to 7pm, at Jericho Sailing Centre (1300 Discovery St., Vancouver, BC) between May 28 and Aug. 29. The DSA Race Club is held at weekends throughout the sailing season, according to demand.

Wednesday, May 28

Saturday/Sunday, June 7/8

Saturday/Sunday, June 14/15

Saturday/Sunday, June 28/29

Saturday/Sunday, July 19/20

Sunday, July 24

Saturday/Sunday, August 9/10

Saturday, August 16

Friday, August 29

DSA Opening Day

Jericho Classic

DSA New Beginnings Regatta

Waves Regatta

Integration Regatta (at False Creek Yacht Club)

DSA and BCMOS Kids' Day

DSA Cascadia Regatta

Bowen Island Trip

Last day of sailing

Contact staff at the Jericho office to book places: 604-222-3003 or dsasummer@disabilityfoundation.org.

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