

Setting sail



Newsletter of the Disabled Sailing Association of British Columbia
Summer 2009

Looking to 2009 season

Sailors and volunteers are looking ahead to another Disabled Sailing Association of BC (DSA-BC) summer season.

It began Wednesday, May 27, following a volunteer orientation session.

DSA-BC sailors should expect opportunities for beginning and experienced sailors, along with regattas, Sunday racing and the always-popular Bowen Island trip, said program manager Kirk Duncan.

“We cater to all levels of interest and ability,” said Duncan. “And adaptive sailboat design means absolutely anyone can sail.”

DSA-BC will be running three regattas, Cascadia, New Beginnings and the Integration Regatta, and supporting two more: Jericho Classic and Waves Regatta. It will also be part of the BC Disability Games and host of a children’s day, while supporting Mobility Cup 2009, in Toronto.

For more info visit:
www.disabledsailingbc.org



From the ashes: The Martin-16 is back in production to enable future adaptive sailing opportunities.

Martin 16: Re-launching a classic

The Martin 16 sailboat is back in production!

The vessel is a mainstay of adaptive fleets across Canada, but its future looked bleak after fire leveled Abbott Boats’ factory in Sarnia, ON, in June 2006 – destroying the production moulds and forcing the company out of business.

This spring, DSA-BC reached agreement with Platinum Marine Services of Richmond, BC to begin building the moulds, tooling and two new Martin 16s.

In restarting production, DSA-BC has worked very closely over the past year with original designer Don Martin and previous builders Larry and Bill Abbott. Martin has been working with key

personnel at Platinum and is pleased with their capabilities, experience and processes.

Duane Geddes, DSA-BC executive director, said it is the collective goal of everyone involved to have the two new Martin 16s ready for display and/or racing at Mobility Cup in Toronto in August this year.

The one-design aspect of the Martin 16, which was protected by Abbott Boats, is being maintained at all costs, Geddes said.

The only real change is that buyers will now have the option of ordering a boat with a second (rear) seat built in at the same level as the main cockpit seat. Conversely, buyers would also be able to order a boat

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Heart of Variety is the spice of life!



Heart: Previous Variety boat donation.

Disabled Sailing Association of BC (DSA-BC) is preparing to launch another adaptive Martin 16 sailboat, bringing its fleet back up to eight boats.

The vessel, purchased from a private owner in Florida, was funded by Variety – The Children’s Charity of BC, and will be named *Red Heart of Variety II*. It replaces the original *Red Heart of Variety*, which was used to create the moulds to re-create the Martin 16.

“We are very grateful for Variety’s continued support,” said DSA-BC program manager Kirk Duncan. “Having more boats means giving more people the opportunity to sail.

“Thank you Variety!”

Summer 2009 sailing season at a glance

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 27 and September 4. The DSA Race Club is held at weekends throughout the sailing season, according to demand.

MAY	
Saturday, May 23	DSA Volunteer Orientation
Wednesday, May 27	DSA Opening Day
JUNE	
Weekends	DSA Race Club
Saturday/Sunday, June 6 - 7	Jericho Classic Regatta
Saturday/Sunday, June 13 - 14	DSA New Beginnings Regatta
Saturday, June 13	Variety Club Boat for Hope (kids)
JULY	
Weekends	DSA Race Club
Saturday/Sunday, July 4 - 5	Waves Regatta
Friday/Saturday, July 24 - 25	BC Disability Games sailing
AUGUST	
Weekends	DSA Race Club
Saturday/Sunday, August 1 - 2	Cascadia Regatta
Saturday, August 15	Bowen Island Trip
Saturday, August 29	Integration Regatta
SEPTEMBER	
August 31 - September 4	Mobility Cup in Toronto
Friday, September 4	Last day of sailing



Summer sailing with DSA-BC

Changes to the schedule may occur. For more information – including regular updates, see the DSA website, www.disabledsailingbc.org, or phone 604-688-6464 ext. 117.

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with the interior as originally designed.

“We feel very fortunate to have Platinum take on our project,” said Geddes. “They are doing everything they can to help us keep costs down in order to make the Martin 16 as accessible financially to as many disabled sailing programs as possible.”

Stephen Hunter, who is coordinating the restart project, is the principal contact for inquiries about buying a new boat. Email: shunter@disabilityfoundation.org or call 604-688-6464, ext. 132.

Games call

This year’s BC Disability Games – held in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows July 22-26 – features two days of sailing using DSA-BC’s Jericho facilities.

Anyone who wants to participate in the sailing events, Friday/Saturday July 24/25 (or any other aspect of the games), can find more information, including registration, on the organizer’s website: <http://disabilitygames2009.ca>

Volunteer!

DSA-BC cannot exist without sailing volunteers. If you or anyone you know would like to help out, call Eric Molendyk for more information: 604-688-6464 ext. 117.