

# Sailing is Freedom



Newsletter of the Disabled Sailing Association of British Columbia  
Summer 2012

## DSA's 2012 sailing season

The Disabled Sailing Association's 2012 season opens Wednesday, May 30.

Participants can start booking sailings from Thursday, May 24, when the Jericho summer office opens.

DSA-BC operates a fleet of eight adaptive Martin 16 sloops which enable people with all levels of disability to participate in the sport of sailing. Last year this fleet logged 840 sails.

The DSA program caters to people with varied levels of sailing experience, from those enjoying an afternoon on-the-water excursion to those wanting to learn to sail in a more competitive environment.

In 2012 DSA-BC will be involved with five regattas – Jericho Classic, New Beginnings, Waves, Cascadia and Integration regattas – and offering a race club on Sundays. See Page 2 for a full calendar of events.

The group will also host a children's day on June 30, and the Bowen Island trip on August 18. The Vancouver season closes with a volunteer appreciation event on August 31, but this year's Mobility Cup is held at Nepean Sailing Club, Ontario from September 10 – 15.

Info: [www.disabledsailingbc.org](http://www.disabledsailingbc.org).



Wake 'n' Roll: The Irish Wakers will provide the maritime musical accompaniment for the DSA event.

## DSA's rock lobster fundraiser

Join DSA for an evening of fine food, great company and fantastic music – to aid sailing for people with disabilities.

The Wicklow Pub at Stamps Landing is presenting a lobster night at 7pm on Monday, July 16, featuring live music from The Irish Wakers.

Tickets are \$25, which includes a Nova Scotia Lobster Dinner – and live music! The Irish Wakers are a highly respected Vancouver band that “celebrate the songs and dance music of Ireland, with nods to the Canadian Maritimes and to seafarers everywhere.”

Singer Blake Williams said: “I'm excited about the performance, and excited about DSA. I know some of the sailors, and have great respect for them.”

Blake is an experienced offshore sailor himself, whose group is inspired by maritime musical tradition. “Music goes intrinsically with sailing. Back in the age of sail, before there was hydraulics or electric winches, a shanty man was hired by a captain, and paid more than other sailors. It was his job to sing in a rhythm relating to the task – it was about great teamwork.”

There are only 35 Lobsters available so please book early as the event is filling up fast. Contact the Wicklow at [reservations@thewicklow.com](mailto:reservations@thewicklow.com) or 604-879-0821.

Please specify the number of accessible seats required.

Proceeds will be donated to the DSA.

**DSA: sailing opportunities for people with disabilities**



Clear sailing: The DSA-BC 2012 summer sailing schedule is out.

## Summer season at a glance

The Disabled Sailing Association summer season will be held between **Wednesday, May 30** and **Friday, Aug. 31**.

You can book a sail from 11am on **Thursday, May 24** - by contacting staff at the Jericho office. Phone 604-222-3003.

Volunteer orientation is held at Jericho Sailing Centre between noon and 2pm on **Saturday, May 26**.

The race club is held every Sunday, except regatta days. Contact Eric Molendyk for info: 604-688-6464 ext. 117, or [eric@disabilityfoundation.org](mailto:eric@disabilityfoundation.org).

### Schedule 2012

#### MAY

Thursday, May 24	Booking begins!
Saturday, May 26	Volunteer orientation
Wednesday, May 30	<b>First day of sailing</b>

#### JUNE

Saturday/Sunday, June 2/3	Jericho Classic Regatta
Saturday/Sunday, June 16/17	New Beginnings Regatta
Saturday/Sunday, June 23/24	Waves Regatta (hosted by RVYC)

#### JULY

Sunday, July 1	Canada Day - we are open!
Saturday/Sunday, July 21/22	Cascadia Regatta

#### AUGUST

Sunday, Aug. 11	Integration Regatta
Saturday, Aug. 18	Bowen Island trip
Sunday, Aug. 26	Volunteer appreciation party
Friday, Aug. 31	<b>Last day of program sailing</b>

#### SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept. 10 to Friday, Sept. 15	Mobility Cup, held at Nepean Sailing Club, Ontario
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## Can you help?

DSA-BC cannot exist without sailing volunteers.

Dedicated volunteers keep the summer program afloat, fulfilling a variety of land and on-water roles. Duties range from assisting clients to and from boats, launching and teaching sailing skills.

For more information call Eric Molendyk for more information: 604-688-6464 ext. 117.

## Kid's day ahoy

A special day will allow children with disabilities to sample sailing and hiking opportunities.

DSA-BC runs the Kids' Day event each year in conjunction with sister society British Columbia Mobility Opportunities Society, which operates the TrailRider, an access-all-areas backwoods wheelchair. It is held **Saturday, June 30** at Jericho Sailing Centre.

## Donate your boat



...to keep DSA afloat

Give us your unwanted boat and receive a full tax receipt.

[www.dsaboatdonation.org](http://www.dsaboatdonation.org)