



# MASTERS MATTERS

## President's Message

Well this is my first newsletter as President so here goes. We had a great event at the Britannia Yacht club in August 1-3, followed by the Fall Wrap-Up at Port Bolster in September. I am looking forward to a lively 2016. The team has been busy organizing the 2016 Masters Championships at Châteauguay. This is the first year for the Masters in this location and we are looking forward to racing in such a wonderful sailing spot. We are hoping for a good turnout with longboard, Kona, D2 and Youth. We will also be holding our spring and fall weekends at Port Bolster. (June 3-5 & Sept 9-11, 2016). For information please contact Stephanie at [surfit@sympatico.ca](mailto:surfit@sympatico.ca).

We are in good shape for our annual activities. 2017 is already in the planning stages. Nick Cox has started on arrangements to hold the 30th Annual CMWA Championships in Deep River near the original site of Pembroke.

Sufficient 2016 calendars have been sold to provide a \$500 youth bursary. A youth has been selected and funds will be sent soon. Congratulations to Anthony Swaelens of Québec. Best of luck in your future endeavours Anthony.

I would be interested in members input on how the CMWA could do more for the sport and if we should be looking at holding more events (what and when?). Please send suggestions to: [mike@tindall.ca](mailto:mike@tindall.ca).

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## **La Ventana, Baja California, Mexico**

By Andrée Gauthier

This past November I had the opportunity to visit La Ventana in Baja, Mexico. Thanks to Jean-Robert from Makani Fins for promoting a special deal with Pro Windsurfing La Ventana. A group of strangers arrived for 12 days of windsurfing (not including the travel days). Our hosts, Wyatt Miller and Tyson Poor, showed us around and helped us settle in. What a wonderful two weeks of wind, fresh fish, yoga with Kay-Kay, donut truck, Mexican sushi and ATV riding.

What a group of diverse people who came together November 1-14, 2015. There was myself and Chris Hope from Toronto, JR, Louis and André from Québec, Isobel (JR's sister) from Montréal, Matt the aerospace engineer from California, Chris the endocrinologist from San Diego, and Ray from Wyoming (a retired fresh water fish biologist). What a group!

The wind was very consistent over the 2 weeks. It would start around 11 am and end by 4-5 pm. Wyatt did recommend we wait until the wind was at its peak before going out otherwise we'd be too tired to last the day. Of course, coming from Toronto I had to get out as soon as there was wind. Windsurfing 5 days in a row from around 11-4 pm did catch up to me. Luckily my sick day happen to fall on a no wind day! In the 12 full days I was there, I was able to sail 8. The water was warm, the air was warm and there did not seem to be any scary critters in the water. My sail size ranged from 3.7 to 5.4 and board size ranged from 70-103L. There is so much choice of equipment but my favorite was the 80L Naish Konket and the 4.4 Severn Freck. The waves are wind driven and this was great for my learning. They were not as intimidating as in Maui. I was able to learn so much more with the help of the group. We would sit down for dinners or on the roof to watch the stars and discuss our jibes, jumps, wave riding struggles and get great tips from the pros.

On the few no wind days the group split up and took advantage of the snorkeling, fishing and ATV activities. A group went ATV riding into the mountains. One night we had fresh marlin for dinner. What a meal. Even the vegetarians had to try it.

The conditions were just a little too much from Chris Hope but in the end he became an expert ATV rider. He was seen around town riding the ATV and even went deep into the desert. He hired a dive master and went scuba diving with the sea lions while a few of us tagged along for the snorkeling.

La Ventana is a 2 hour shuttle ride from San Jose Los Cabos. For this trip, the shuttle was included. It is not a commercially developed tourist town. We drank the water! We could sleep with our doors open at night and never locked our rooms. The accommodations are houses within small

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hidden areas surrounded by cactuses. The fences are there only to keep the cattle out of the gardens. The cows roam freely and even sat on the beach on occasion. We did run into them coming up from the gear shed after windsurfing on a few occasions. For food we would eat out at local Mexican restaurants and had breakfast and lunch at home.

Save the date for the first 2 weeks in November 2016 as Makani Fins' Jean-Robert wants to do this again.



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## Hatteras 2015 and Hurricane Joachin

By Stephanie Todd

The trip down was fraught with worry about the impending storm in off the Caribbean Islands. Would we get turned around before even making to the Island? There was some torrential rains in spots but nothing to worry too much about. The winds were going to be amazing that was what I kept saying to Lauri.

We arrived to sunshine and light winds so all was good. We settled in Bay Watch in Frisco. Steve, from Manotick, arrived as well in one piece. We organized the house and the dog and enjoyed our first evening on the deck with drinks.

Our three weeks were not without excitement that is for sure! Hurricane Joachin was threatening to make a possible landfall going right through us. By Wednesday we were considering heading for higher ground. Steve left for home, as did our friends Bob and Teri from Ohio. The latter tried to convince us to come with them but the insurance doesn't cover rental losses unless forced to evacuate. We did have the van ready to go, along with food and water, just in case. In the end, we stayed and had some fantastic sailing in 50-60 mph winds! Yahoo! I sailed my 73 Quatro more times than usual as well as the 96L with 3.5 and 4.5 respectfully. It was often survival sailing but still great to be on the water. The temperatures stayed reasonable so often out in a shorty. The water was still warm as well. There were days we sailed between the thunderstorms when we felt it was safe enough to make a few runs. Then there were days of complete stillness (calm before the storm). On those days, it seemed there were clouds east and west of us and we were in some vortex of sunshine. So I was able to get out SUPing as well as kayaking in the bay. Lauri would work until he could get out on his Kona as soon as there was a breath of light winds.

Hurricane Joachin went east of us so we had some great torrential rain that caused street flooding but nothing like we have seen before on the Island. Our friends came back from Ohio and we spent a few times hanging out for drinks and dinners. Then we had our famous Thanksgiving fish feed with 10 guests. We did a little potluck this time, which was fun because one Brazilian couple made a great shrimp salad to compliment the barbecued fish. André Jubinville entertained us after dinner with some jazz music.

The rest of the week was spent sailing like maniacs in the remnants of the hurricane with our friend George (a local) and some guys from Québec. I put my Quatro on consignment at a local



surf shop as I feel it is time to upgrade to something a little more manageable. Thanks to George, I think I know what I need vs what they want to sell me!

I took Laku to the beach a few times once the surf calmed down a bit. You could tell the sunny days as the fishing people would be headed to the beaches as well. Not much beach due to the storms so they couldn't drive their trucks on it so it was kind of nice. We were never able to ride our bikes this year due to the amount of water on the roads. Nothing worse than a wet butt!

By the time we headed back home the weather had settled down and we were grateful for that. The big difference was the temperature while we were there stayed in the mid to high 70's but by Gettysburg it was in the high 50's then we hit snow in the Allegheny Mountains of NY. All we could say was can we go back to the warmth! All and all for us it was an amazing trip.



From quiet Kona sailing to  
survival mode sailing in  
Hatteras!



## Kona One Design News



The Kona World Championships 2016 will probably be held somewhere in Florida within the dates of October 28 to November 4. We are told it is in the planning stages so stay tuned for more information later.

The Kona Cup will be raced at the CMWA championships at the Centre nautique de Châteauguay, July 29-August 1. See pages 8-9 and [windsurf.ca](http://windsurf.ca) for more details at a later date.



## 2015 CMWA Championships, Ottawa

By Suzanne Roberge

The Britannia Yacht Club was the host this year and I was the organizer of the event.

Friday night was the welcome reception and registration at the club. Most participants were able to come by and enjoy the evening at BYC.

Saturday was windy enough to have 4 races. Sunday morning was very calm but the wind picked up enough after lunch that we did one race plus a long distance race. Monday was cloudy but the rain stayed away and we were able to run 2 more races. Twenty-one racers were divided into two fleets: 11 Konas and 10 Open Raceboards. All in all, a great weekend on Lake Deschênes!

### Our CMWA Awards went to:

Sailor of the Year – Andrée Gauthier

President's Award – Suzanne Roberge

Sportsperson of the Year –Rick Collins



The happy participants!

Top right: the whole Kona fleet.

Bottom right: some of the open racers.



## 2016 Championships in Châteauguay, Québec

The 2016 CMWA championships will be held on July 30-31 and August 1 at the Centre nautique de Châteauguay (<https://www.facebook.com/centrenautique?fref=ts>) which is the sailing ground of our member Éric Bouillet, a Division 2 enthusiast. What follows is his description of his playground and of what we can anticipate at the event.

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Do you remember « the Wake Up Call », that video posted on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dbw83NRfNHA>) treating of Division 2 return? It was 5 1/2 years ago... It will be 6 years next summer! Time flies...

This beautiful place where that video was recorded (and many others) is Lake St. Louis, Québec, located south west of Montréal, close to Léry and Châteauguay, a well kept secret and paradise where I'm endlessly sailing my D2 hoping that another one will join me, one day maybe...

An enlargement of the St. Lawrence River, comprised between the Beauharnois dam and the Rapides de Lachine. 23 km long, 6.5 km wide, the maritime channel right in the middle where big boats cross (don't stay here!) Dorval, Beaconsfield, Pointe Claire are located on the other side...

A breathtaking view on Montréal once you are on the water...

The length and wideness of the lake will guarantee us enough space for racing and long distance and I have already a couple of good ideas to make that event an unforgettable moment of pleasure and fun.

I'm already dreaming of an anthological raid that, with a good wind, would take place between St. Bernard Island from where we would start and the La Paix islands, pushing west to Île-Perrot then north to turn a buoy in front of Pointe Claire Yacht Club then return south full on reach to the beach of Châteauguay nautical centre.

I've been sailing at that place for more than 10 years, have visited almost every corners and there are still places to be discovered, wild, where we can stop for a rest, a picnic... An unlimited potential.

More than 10 years but I never saw a D2 other than mine... CMWA 2016 National might be a turning point as D2 will be invited to participate and I can reasonably expect one or two other D2 friends joining the three days of fun and party.

The venue is generally very exposed to west, southwest dominant winds, with thermal effects up to 20 knots. Early August should waive us from calms that are frequent in this period... Let's keep



our fingers crossed.

Right next to the beach and Nautical Centre where we will launch everyday, not more than 100 metres, will be waiting for us the famous Le Manoir d'Youville where we will be able to have dinner, relax, sleep and store equipment.

It is almost unbelievable that such place is still largely unknown and well preserved from public crowd.

Only filled with a couple of funboarders, kites, kayaks, dinghies from the club, it will be our arena for a memorable three days of racing, whatever it takes!

Welcome to my beautiful secret garden!

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The 2016 event will include an International Division 2 Regatta as well as the regular Kona One and Open Raceboard racing. Éric is inviting anyone with or without a D2 to come and relive the sailing experience of years past. He has D2 boards that he can charter to potential visitors from afar.

We have reserved a block of 18 rooms with private bathrooms at the Manoir d'Youville. This is the closest hotel to the event where we will probably have our dinners and more. You can see what the Manoir has to offer by visiting [manoirdyouville.ca](http://manoirdyouville.ca). To reserve your room, please call Angela Mason at 450-692-8291, ext 231 and mention the CMWA.



## Fall Wrap-Up 2015

By Mike Tindal

The Fall Wrap-Up was held on Sept 24-26 at the Burgess Enclave in Port Bolster again. It was a wonderful weekend except for the wind which was a little light. John Darling managed to find some gusts and toured the lake for several hours! The weather was a warm 20 °C and sunny. The turnout was good as you can see from photo of the team. Thanks to Stephanie who organized the weekend and to Bob and Nick who did an awesome job with the Friday night pizza and running the weekend. Saturday was the potluck dinner with some excellent music provided by André Jubinville and Ron Bloor.



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July 29 - August 1 – **CMWA Championships**, Centre nautique de Châteauguay, Châteauguay, Québec, Éric Bouillet, [eric.bouillet@videotron.ca](mailto:eric.bouillet@videotron.ca), Suzanne Roberge, [roberge811@sympatico.ca](mailto:roberge811@sympatico.ca) or 613-225-4216.

July 16-17 – National Capital Regatta, Britannia Yacht Club, Ottawa, Suzanne Roberge, [roberge811@sympatico.ca](mailto:roberge811@sympatico.ca) or [www.byc.ca](http://www.byc.ca).

September 9-11 – **CMWA Fall Windsurfing Weekend**, Port Bolster, Ont., Stephanie Todd, [surfit@sympatico.ca](mailto:surfit@sympatico.ca) or 905-953-8331. Registration form (to come) – [www.windsurf.ca/events](http://www.windsurf.ca/events)

October 28 – November 4 – Kona One Worlds, Florida, USA – **Tentative**

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