

MASTERS MATTERS

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President's Message

The 2016 Masters Championship at Châteauguay was a huge success thanks to Eric Bouillet and Suzanne Roberge. We had a great turnout and the location was excellent. Most stayed at the hotel only a short walk from the launch. The weather was good but we could have done with more wind, it was light but raceable each day. The Division 2 showed how effective they were in light wind. Kona again had a good turnout. The really nice thing was to all be in the same location with a bar, pool and restaurants all at the hotel.

We held a successful Fall Weekend at Port Bolster. We were lucky to get both warm weather and some wind. Stephanie and her team did an awesome job with food and organizing the weekend. We have a Spring 2017 Weekend planned too. For information please contact Stephanie at surfit@sympatico.ca.

Next year (2017) is well into the planning stages. Nick Cox has started on arrangements to hold the Championship in Deep River again.

The plan for 2018 is to hold our Championship at Trois-

Rivières, Québec. This is not confirmed yet and will be reviewed early next year so if you have suggestions for another site, please send them to me at (mike@tindall.ca.).



Our President, Mike Tindall, showing off at the Kona Worlds 2016.

2015 Bursary Recipient - Antony Swealens

I have been sailing since I was ten years old. From that point on, it became my passion. I've started sailing optimist, this for two years and then I moved to windsurfing (Bic T-293). It has now been three years, seasons during which I have participated in the "World Championship Kona" of 2013 (2nd Light Weight & 2nd Cadet) as well as Cork 2014 (1st Canadian youth), the Sail Central 2014 (1st Bic) and of course, the Quebec Circuits 2013-2014-2015.

This season, my objective was the Cork Bic T-293 Junior Canadian & North American Championships (2015). This objective consisted in being on the podium for either Canadian or North American champs. To do so I've trained hard and I was followed and supported throughout the season by many coaches who helped me attain a better level. For instance, the 2015 Sail Central regatta gave me the chance to experience a different coaching technique and work on different flaws in order to be as ready as I could possibly be for Cork.

Then, during the regatta, I have been able to confront other sailors who taught me many things. Quickly, I managed 3rd Place Overall and 1st Canadian; positions I maintained until the end by giving all I had. In the end, it is as a very satisfied person that I finished this 2015 season, knowing what to work on for winter and the next one, heading towards my first RS:X events.

To my parents, family, coaches and friends, I thank you all for your support during these wonderful years I have passed on the water.



2016 CMWA Championship in Châteauguay

by Suzanne Roberge

In 2016, the event was held at a new venue, Centre nautique de Châteauguay, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence on Lake St. Louis. Éric Bouillet and I worked with the City of Châteauguay and the Manoir d'Youville to organize the event. We all stayed at the Manoir, which used to be a Grey Nun Convent, and has been converted into a 2 star hotel. It is a great location on a big island with lots of green space and a nice big pool where we all ended up at the end of the day.

We held our Friday night reception/registration outside at the Centre nautique and everyone stopped by for a snack and to register.

We got up every day to light winds but that did not stop us! Thanks to our Race Committee, led by Irene McNeill, we did a total of 5 course races between Saturday and Sunday and managed to have a long distance race on Monday morning. We had 3 Division 2 participants, 9 raceboards and 10 Konas. All in all, a great weekend, enjoyed by all!



2016 Fall Get-Together

by Stephanie Todd

Another great time at the Burgess Enclave. We has some wind and some rain but it was all fun as usual with our group. We had wind on the Friday and lighter wind on Saturday and Sunday that gave us some pretty awesome sailing.

Though our group was small, we still had our usual fantastic potluck meals both lunches on Saturday and Sunday as well as dinner on Saturday. I truly believe that the highlight of the weekend is the social aspect of it, along with giving away the last of the sponsors' prizes.

We were able to rent all cottages as the possibility that the white cottage might be sold to a family member fell through. We can still house people and the overflow at the Port Bolster Inn which has already offered rooms at a very reasonable rate. So the Spring Get-Together is still on for **June 9-10, 2017**. For more information on our events coming up in 2017, visit our website at www.windsurf.ca.



Very Memorable Fall Hatteras Trip 2016

By Stephanie Todd

Why was this trip any different than any other? Call it Hurricane Matthew! Leaving from Canada we knew that there was a possibility of it making landfall but the tracking was showing it would veer out to sea! So we arrived to beautiful sunshine and wind.

Steve joined us so we all kept a close watch on the hurricane. Sue and André were also in Hatteras doing the same as us. Steve decided when we started getting information updates from Outer Beaches Realty (OBR) that his new name would be "Hurricane Steve" since last year he had to leave due to Hurricane Joachin! He left after a week there, at least he got some sailing in before he departed. We stayed hoping that this slow moving hurricane would just hang out south of us. Our friends Bob and Teri invited us to go to Ohio with them when their vacation was up. We decided we would just wait and see! Meanwhile, we were getting some pretty nice winds to windsurf in. Missed our friend George, who had torn his hamstring... He was our guide to board and sail choice in high winds! We still seemed to get it right most days and had some very banner sailing!

The Friday before Thanksgiving the updates from OBR were coming twice a day but no forced evacuation and the tracking still showed it veering out to sea and inland was getting bombarded with heavy rain and flooding so there was not really anywhere to go that was any safer than where we were. We moved the van up to the dentist office behind the church. The weather changed drastically on the Sunday, when at 4:15 a.m., the winds switched from SE to NNE and ramped up to hurricane force as the eye actually passed right over Buxton and Frisco! The house was shaking, there were 4-5 ft waves in the sound that were pounding over our break wall, the water was at least 3-4 ft below us and rising, the road to the Kings Point looked like a river carrying all sorts of debris and the transformer was sparking across the road. Power went out shortly after it all started. As the tide receded, we began to be able to see the septic mound so Laku could find a place to do his business. We also started to see the damage and debris scattered everywhere. It wasn't over yet as the tide came in again around 3 so we had high water again but not the battering we had taken for 5 hours. We entertained ourselves by playing pool, then Scrabble and finally the card game Farkle! By 4:30 p.m. our power came on just long enough for us to power up our electronics! We had a rock and roll night with high winds all night. Woke up the next morning to reasonable winds but too worried about the debris in the water to attempt sailing that day. Thanksgiving Monday, we had over a foot of beach sand under our house so we entertained ourselves with shovelling it and putting our steps back together with the help of one of our neighbours, Paul. We were still in disbelief that we had weathered a major hurricane! No Thanksgiving gathering of friends this year as roads were impassable but we enjoyed barbecued chicken salad instead and were very thankful! We were finally able to retrieve our van and head to Avon for some groceries but needed a special permit to return to Frisco on Tuesday as the road was closed to everyone but residents! After a few days, I ventured to the beach between Frisco and Hatteras, the devastation was appalling. There was so much of people homes destroyed that FEMA was there helping families clean and rebuild. The beach was still there but had taken quite a beating.

The rest of our vacation was spent windsurfing and cleaning and putting the sand back in front of the break wall. The weather turned warmer and nicer but the wind diminished with it. Still worth staying since the island was closed for a week and we got to sail. Thought briefly about not booking for next year but in the end we are going to go again at the same time!

Our trip home was uneventful thank goodness and Laku finally slept through the night when we got to Gettysburg! Go figure! Glad to be back home where we don't have to experience hurricanes in our neck the woods!



The wrath of the hurricane and Lauri blasting on his Kona.



2016 Kona Worlds in Islamorada, Florida

By Mike Tindall

The 2016 Kona Worlds just wrapped up in epic conditions in Islamorada, Florida!

With more than a hundred competitors from all corners of the world, the action on the water was fierce. But beyond the racing action, the Worlds are first and foremost a chance for the Kona community to get together, rekindle friendships and welcome new members. “Grow the flower,” as Kona CEO Joachim Larsson likes to say.

We are proud to say we had 9 Canadians who competed. Mike Keltz came 3rd in the Silver fleet. Eight of these nine are Masters too. Here are the results as follows, weight class first and overall position second.

9th & 38th Bob Shuttleworth. 2nd & 47th Artem Lavrynenko. 12th & 49th Jeff Martin. 5th & 50th Artem Junior. 6th & 51st Colin Campbell, 18th & 81st Mike Keltz. 95th Chris Hope. 96th Mike Tindall. 99th Qiang Wang.

These are great results for the Canadians considering the high wind at 20 knots most days. Artem Junior did particularly well as he has not raced for some time.



Two of the biggest names in attendance were Beth Winkler and Andy Brandt. And while Beth has been racing on Kona for many years already, it was Andy's first major championship in the class. Beth finished 3rd woman and 3rd in the lightweight division in the Gold fleet.

Andy finished in 4th place overall, and 2nd in the light-heavyweight division. Andy was the 2nd-ranked American too, he also won the freestyle contest at the end.

Andy indicated that Freestyle makes such a big difference in one's sail handling and board handling when you're racing. From being able to hold your position at the start, having effective tacks and jibes on the course. Andy indicated he had raced a lot of one-design as a kid, he really likes the Kona concept. It really seems to work well with the different sail sizes for different weights, as there were competitive people in all weight divisions. He says the board is easy to sail and control, which makes for fun racing!



Beth crosses the finish line in style! (credit: John T Bambace)

Andy is a great instructor and did a couple of free clinics during the week. I have now signed up for a week in Bonaire to see if I can get better on a shortboard. Hoping that at 70 I can still learn! And improve. If not, I am sure I will have fun. I am hoping to scuba dive too.



Andy giving one of his famous clinics in Islamorada (credit: Jerome Samson)

2017 CMWA Championship in Deep River, Ontario

This year's 30th anniversary championship will be hosted at the Deep River Yacht and Tennis Club (DRYTC) on August 4-7th. This brings the CMWA back to its roots, as the first official Masters race was held in Pembroke just down river thanks to Bob & Lucille Legault. This year's championship director, Nick Cox, has been hard at work organizing since last year. We are very pleased that the DRYTC is willing to support our event once again. We were there for the 20th anniversary in 2007! The site is located on the Ottawa River within walking distance of most of the hotels and motels. Check out these web sites <http://town.deepriver.on.ca> and www.drytc.ca. There are plenty of activities in the Deep River area.

Nick has reserved a block of 10 rooms at The Bears Den under his name. For reservations call 613-584-9795 and mention the booking for the "windsurfing championship" on the August long weekend 2017. Another notable hotel is Shemron Suites, 613-584-1100 www.shemronsuites.com. They book up really quickly as they rent by the week and month for the summer.

The Ottawa River in Deep River and the DRYTC.



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Upcoming Events 2017

March 10-12 – 2017 Clearwater Windsurfing Midwinters, Clearwater, Florida, Clearwater Community Sailing Center, www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org

June 9-10 – **CMWA Spring Windsurfing Weekend**, Port Bolster, Ont., Stephanie Todd, surfit@sympatico.ca. Registration form (to come) – www.windsurf.ca/events

July 15-16 – National Capital Regatta, Britannia Yacht Club, Ottawa, Suzanne Roberge, roberge811@sympatico.ca or www.byc.ca.

August 4, 5, 6 & 7 – **CMWA Championship**, Deep River Yacht Club, Deep River, Ontario, Nick Cox, ncoxn225@rogers.com.

September 8-10 – **CMWA Fall Windsurfing Weekend**, Port Bolster, Ont., Stephanie Todd, surfit@sympatico.ca. Registration form (to come) – www.windsurf.ca/events

July 31 - August 6 – Kona World Championships, Bastad, Sweden
<http://class.konaone.com/Event/1501/kona-world-championships-2017>

Toronto Windsurfing Club Racing Series - Dates unknown at time of publishing. Please check www.windsurf.ca/events as the dates will be added when available.

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