

# MASTERS MATTERS

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## President's Message

Well, 2018 was an awesome year for the Masters! Well done to all those who participated in the events through the year. Starting with the Spring Get-Together and ending with an amazing turnout and results at the Kona Worlds in Clearwater in October. Andrée Gauthier, Michael Keltz and Denis Dagenais have written good articles on this event. There are a few comments regarding results that I think need to be added! Andrée was the top women and came 22nd out of 83 overall. Ian Matthews came 9th overall, an excellent result. Michael and Denis cleaned up in the silver fleet. Jerry Caplan led the pack for a while and can be seen with the yellow jersey on the second day. Chris Hope and I had fun in the silver fleet and were happy to have competed in this event. We really enjoyed participating in a well organized race, and it was great to socialize with so many people from various countries. And what's not to like about the best beach in Florida! The Kona Worlds next year will be in Italy in August so it will be interesting to see how many Canadians are able to make the trip.

Suzanne Roberge did a wonderful job for the Masters Championships in Trois-Rivières, with the invaluable help

of the locals. Despite low wind everyone had fun. The plan is to have the 2019 Championships at the Toronto Windsurfing Club and the 2020 event in Ottawa at the Britannia Yacht Club. I agree with Andrée's comment on splitting the fleet into Silver and Gold so maybe if we get enough participants in Toronto we may look at trying to do just that.

Stephanie Todd did an amazing job again for the Fall Get-Together at Port Bolster and as she indicated, things may change a little in the spring but let's hope we can still enjoy this wonderful cottage weekend again next year from June 7-9.

I am off to Bonaire with Chris Hope for the first 2 weeks in the New Year so I am looking forward to that. Chris likes to dive too so we hopefully will do both windsurfing and diving. Bonaire is good for both boat and shore dives. In fact, the property we are renting on the west side not far from the airport allows good access to the reef, we just have to swim out 50 yards and dive. Chris often does 2 dives in the morning and windsurfs in the afternoon ( just call him Ironman!).

Looking forward to seeing you all on the water next year.

*Photos by Magi Foster.*

*Smiling Andrée!*

*Some masters on the podium: Andrée Gauthier (2nd from left), Denis Dagenais (2nd from left) & Michael Keltz (1st on left).*



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## CMWA Championships 2018 - A Return to Trois-Rivières

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By Suzanne Roberge

Sometimes the wind comes to the party, sometimes not! This year we waited around for wind on Saturday and Sunday and it only materialized around 4 p.m. each day. We seized these opportunities and managed to do one race each day. While we waited, some of us went paddleboarding while others just chatted with each other to catch up. Then, on Monday morning, mother nature gave us enough wind (around 5-8 knots) to do three races before lunch.

Half of the 20 competitors were on Kona, half on raceboards. Our oldest Kona competitor was 83, and we had more women than men competing! Bob Shuttleworth finished 1st, followed by Denis Dagenais and Mariette Côté. Bob is no stranger to the top step on the podium: he won our national title in 2014, 2015 and 2016, but after finishing second to Andrée Gauthier last year, he's thrilled to be back on top this year! Lauri Gregg and I finished in a three-way tie with Mariette, but as Mariette did better in some races she was awarded 3rd place. All in all, a great weekend with friends both on and off the water!



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## Kona News

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### Kona Worlds 2018

By Andrée Gauthier

This was my 5<sup>th</sup> Kona World event. My first event was Miami in 2010. What was special about this last event in Clearwater was that many Canadian Master racers attended. For some, it was their first ever Kona event. I was smiling through the whole event because they are die hard raceboard people who pretty well told me they would never step on a Kona. Well guess what – those same people were having the best time ever and racing well. Because there are 2 fleets (Silver and Gold) people who usually do not rank high in the raceboard fleet actually had good competition racing against others of similar racing skill. I witnessed some incredible competition in the silver fleet and also off the water camaraderie. Denis Dagenais and Michael Keltz kept the competition going and were being chased by 13 year old Alex Lee from Toronto Windsurfing Club. Jerry Caplan was on the podium for part of the event but could not keep the top 3 from passing him. In the silver fleet the top 3 were Canadian (2 of which were masters). It was an honour to have Ian Matthews in the gold fleet with some good stiff competition. He usually has no competition. We were 8 Canadians in the gold fleet. The first 2 days were high winds and wavy conditions while the rest were light winds. There were approximately 81 racers in total at this event with 20 of them being Canadian and 12 were Canadian Masters.

We should learn from this event in that having 2 fleets really does help keep racing enjoyable. I recommend we follow this for future events. People were able to choose what fleet they wanted to go into. Gold being for those who want more challenging conditions, are more experienced racers and do not mind the competition. Silver is for those people who tend to be new to racing, lack high wind and wavy condition skills or who just want to race with others at their level. Having a silver fleet will encourage new windsurfers to test out racing without being intimidated.

Jérôme Samson was the driving force for this event and is advancing Kona racing in North America. He has set up a Kona Club ([www.konaone.com](http://www.konaone.com)) to help further this great Kona community. He is already preparing for the 2020 Kona Worlds that are being planned in Bermuda in the spring. The 2019 Kona Worlds are already set for Aug 15-18, 2019 in Lake Garda, Italy. I highly recommend people consider attending these events.



## More on the Kona Worlds 2018

By Michael Keltz

I think what made this event in Clearwater so special was the combination of a great venue, great weather, an extremely qualified event team including two race committees and most importantly the Kona community of like-minded windsurfers from all over the world. The Silver Fleet raced in the protected waters of the causeway for the first two days. This decision was made by the organizers as the shore break on the Gulf side made leaving the beach difficult for some and was possible because of the uniqueness of Sand Key in Clearwater and having two full sets of race officers and jury. This allowed the silver fleet two get four races in on the first day while gold fleet only had two. By the third day the waves had subsided, and the wind backed off so both fleets raced on the Gulf side for the remaining three days off the event.



*Silver fleet in between races were able to hang out on One Tree Island in the causeway.*

The camaraderie on and off the water was just incredible, everybody was there to have a good time and so they did. Whether it was hanging poolside at the Sheraton after racing, Betty Caplan leading an Aqua Fit class, appetizers and Happy Hour around the fire pit, Halloween Costume Party at the Clearwater Community Sailing Club or going in to town for good food and libations; Clearwater delivered.

## A bit more Kona News...

By Denis Dagenais

Le championnat mondial Kona 2018 a été un rassemblement de véliplanchistes à mesurer ses habiletés en courses sur une planche unique la Kona One Design, à Clearwater en Floride. J'ai fait mon retour en compétition de planche à voile en 2008 en faisant l'achat d'une première Kona. Depuis ce temps j'ai observé pleinement certains de ces véliplanchistes maîtres de la CMWA. Ils sont compétitifs sur l'eau et au sol, avant, entre, et après les courses ils sont ouverts à partager leurs conseils et porter main forte à tous. Ces ambassadeurs exemplaires pour la planche à voile dans notre pays sont Rick Collins (Kona), Bob Shuttleworth (Kona), Nick Cox (Raceboard). Effectivement ils ont aidés plusieurs véliplanchistes canadiens à s'améliorer. Moi c'est mon cas. J'ai eu le succès à Clearwater de réussir quatre premières places sur 12 courses. Cela m'a avantage à remporter le titre au classement général de la division Silver Fleet. Aussi, j'aimerais dire bravo à la CMWA et ses bénévoles administrateurs qui veillent à être la référence principale en planche à voile dans notre pays.



*Denis tacking at the windward mark in Clearwater.*

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## Cape Hatteras - Fall 2018

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By Stephanie Todd

For over 20 years we have been travelling to Hatteras Island and the last 3 years we did not have to be evacuated due to hurricanes but have survived being there. This year, it was Hurricane Michael. Though it brings phenomenal winds for windsurfing, it is also often followed by no wind but beautiful sunny days for us to do other things like paddling and biking. Hurricane Steve, joined us this year and we got some sailing in before the hurricane decided to hit. He had already left but at least not because of the storm. We had decided that if we could get out of our 2019 booking we would.

Three weeks in Hatteras is still one of the best places to windsurf on Brigand's Bay in BayWatch on Kings Point, Frisco. When Michael hit this year we got the direct hit and lost our stairs into the water. Luckily, the neighbours are incredible windsurfers and have the best dock for launching. So we had lots of fun during our stay this year.

We always have our Canadian and American friends come for Thanksgiving dinner. Of course it always seems to be a day that is windy but we all managed to stay awake long enough to consume a big batch of fresh fish from Buxton Seafood with salads topped off with beers and wine!

We also went to Sue and André's for dinner in Avon one night as well as out to dinner a couple of times at Pangea's in Avon with our friends, Bob and Teri. Probably the most we went out for dinner ever as it is so easy to cook at the house.

All in all we really enjoyed our trip to Hatteras, just not the hurricanes or potential hurricanes, so next year will be our last. Our plan will be to increase the time we spend in Bonaire in the spring and then golfing in Canada until Trump is no longer in power and the Canadian dollar is better. So if you are looking for beautiful spot to windsurf with no kites, book BayWatch in Kings Point Frisco for 2020, late September early October.



*Stephanie fully powered!*

*At the beach when there is no wind!*



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## Fall Windsurfing Weekend 2018

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By Stephanie Todd

Another successful weekend with 11 participants. Those that came on Friday afternoon likely got some of the best sailing, though Sunday produced some more winds for us. Saturday was very light and many of us just paddled our Kona if we didn't have paddleboards. We had beautiful weather all weekend.

The Burgess Enclave is in need of some repairs so the one boathouse was still not available and the white cottage is deteriorating quickly. So if our numbers expand then we will go to the Port Bolster Inn.

Natalya paddleboarded for the first time and really enjoyed it so every day she was out getting her workout. Reet was able to join us this year and was smiling ear to ear just to be on the water again with our group.

On Friday night we did our normal BC smoked salmon, appetizers and homemade pizzas washed down with a few beverages. Then Saturday night after windsurfing we had our appy's on the Executive cottage deck including more BC smoked salmon! Thanks to everyone for their fantastic contribution. Then the main course after the sunset. The table in the green cottage was groaning from all the food. We put a pretty good dent in it and still had lots leftovers for lunch the next day.

I have to thank everyone who came as they were all so helpful in prepping the food and cleaning up after as well as helping close the cottages. A special thanks to Joyce, Bob and Nick for making sure the place was very clean and locked up before we left.

Next year may be a challenge as I have been notified that the White Cottage is going to be demolished and they will build a new one. We still don't know the timeframe yet but I will keep you in the loop as I hear of the changes. We hope the other boat house will be available. If it isn't then I will be looking at the Port Bolster Inn which has renovated their rooms for a good price.

### **Mark your calendars!**

Spring Get-Together	June 7-9
Fall Wrap-Up	September 6-8

Wishing you all a fantastic winter no matter what sport you participate in. See you in the spring!



*Masters having a fun time!*

*Natalya paddleboarding!*

*Artem and Reet taking off!*



*Sergiy on the green sail and  
Stephanie on the yellow.*



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## D2 News

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By Éric Bouillet

Good 2018 year for D2s as anticipated.

After a successful participation at ODSC, the famous vintage Event in Aalsmeer, The Netherlands, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTvIEIXPUXs>) ( <https://www.oudedeurensurfcup.nl/locatie/>) where 8 Divisions II participated, success was renewed again in Greece and Slovenia.

Then in September, beautiful Portoroz, SLO, hosted our 2018 D2 European Championships. Twenty participants overall regrouped, of whom some came as far as from Sweden, France, Poland, Canada, etc.



We had amazingly good weather, blue sky, hot temperatures... maybe too hot... but, unfortunately very light wind during the entire week that cost us a forced day off on shore.

Nevertheless, each race on the water was a fierce battle, especially in Class A (6.5m<sup>2</sup> classic), the biggest class that is still vigorous.



An Event where we've seen type A (6.5) and C (9.5) racing together with no particular issue.



Now what next? 2019 seems even more promising with our European championships set in Heeg, Netherlands, during week of Ascension. <https://wsheeg.nl/>

<https://www.facebook.com/WSHeeg/>

We anticipate higher participation, from both categories, and are really eager to meet our Dutch companions. We'll be sailing next to mythic **Skutsje**, wood made freighter with 2 daggerboards.



In addition to a one day Match Racing competition, we are planning, in the pure D2 spirit from old 80-90s time, a raid through the city canals! I can't wait for this!

Still time for you folks to join crazy D2 tribe... or stay tuned about our next news!

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## Upcoming Events 2019

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June 7-9 – **CMWA Spring Windsurfing Weekend**, Port Bolster, Ont., Stephanie Todd, [surfit@sympatico.ca](mailto:surfit@sympatico.ca). Registration form (to come) – [www.windsurf.ca/events](http://www.windsurf.ca/events)

July 13-14 – National Capital Regatta, Britannia Yacht Club, Ottawa, Suzanne Roberge, [roberge811@sympatico.ca](mailto:roberge811@sympatico.ca) or [www.byc.ca](http://www.byc.ca)

August 2, 3, 4 & 5 – **CMWA Championship**, Toronto Windsurfing Club, Toronto, Ontario, Michael Keltz and Stephanie Todd

September 6-8 – **CMWA Fall Windsurfing Weekend**, Port Bolster, Ont., Stephanie Todd, [surfit@sympatico.ca](mailto:surfit@sympatico.ca). Registration form (to come) – [www.windsurf.ca/events](http://www.windsurf.ca/events)

August 15-18 – Kona World Championships, Circolo Surf Torbole, Lake Garda, Italy, [2019worlds.konaone.com](http://2019worlds.konaone.com)

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