

MASTERS MATTERS

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President's Message

It's official... we are just days away from turning the calendar to a new decade! I hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays and are looking forward to a great new year in 2020! For those of you who don't know me my name is Ian Matthews and I am a new master and also the new president of the Canadian Masters Windsurfing Association. Though I have not been a Master for long, I have been participating in Masters events since I was about 12 years old. I am not sure how I became president but I am excited to take on this role working closely with the board of directors. I am also open to feedback from any member with ideas on how to make events more fun and expand our organization. Ideas that came out of the 2019 AGM were to try to increase the number of social events and open up the championship to become more inclusive to all ages.

This year our main event will be going back to the Britannia Yacht Club on July 11th and 12th. In the past Britannia has provided us with a range of conditions and the club is always an excellent host. Irene McNeill is booked for the race committee chair so we know it will be well run. Look for more information later in the New Year on windsurf.ca.

We had an exciting year this year with events at home like the Championships at the Toronto Windsurfing Club and the Port Bolster weekends, as well as great showings by members at the Kona Worlds in Lake Garda (see more below) and the OBX event in Hatteras! We hope to continue this momentum into the new decade as the membership expands and looks to get on the water both competitively and socially.

Fall Windsurfing Weekend 2019

By Stephanie Todd

After a whirlwind trip to Sudbury and back, I arrived at the Burgess Enclave with a load of groceries and of course beverages. There was no one there and the cottages now have lock boxes and I had no clue as to what the codes were. I managed to get a hold of Don Burgess's wife and she figured out what they were. I hope I wrote them down so I will remember for next year, unless they change them.

Joyce arrived followed by Steve and Nick. I put the boys to work chopping veggies for the pizzas. Lauri, Dave and Keli arrived along with Vlad and his dad, Alex, followed by a very tired Bob! Joyce brought some appetizers so there was plenty of food for everyone. We enjoyed our beverages choice. We were all in bed by 11, hoping for sunshine and wind the next day.

It was a beautiful sunny day that we awoke to but the winds remained light until 11 a.m. then there were gusts to 20 for the remainder of the day. Artem and Natalya along with Elena, Ozzy and Irena arrived just in time to have some fun on the water! We had all rigged bigger boards in the morning. I was on my new JP WindSup. Everyone had a great workout before lunch. Lunch of course was my famous homemade soup that was a hit along with sandwiches and desserts. In the afternoon, the temps hit 20 so we were in board shorts since the water was still warm. So nice not to have to put on a wetsuit! Smaller gear came out as well. The lightweights were planing and the guys just put bigger sails on and were blasting around too. Alexander and Irena watched from shore almost the entire day.

We did our usual appys on the Executive Deck then moved to the Green Cottage for our potluck dinner which was as usual - amazing! Draw prizes for everyone were presented. Thanks to our sponsors, Silent Sports, Boardsports, Neil Pryde, Jibe City and Bonaire Windsurf Place. Finished off in the white cottage with night cap with Bob, Nick, Dave and Keli.

Sunday, it was cloudy and cooler with light NW winds which got lighter as the morning progressed. So everyone started to pack up before lunch. After a lunch of leftovers with Bob, Joyce and Nick, we finished the cleaning of the cottages and went to the Executive Deck for our usual last beer by the water... the sun was now shining... hard to leave but we were gone by 3 p.m. The earliest departure ever!

Another very successful weekend. Next one is the **Spring Get Together, June 12-14, 2020.** www.windsurf.ca Hope to see you there! Mark your calendars for the **Fall Wrap Up** as well **September 11-13, 2020.**

Till then...may the winds always be at your back! Or the snow under your feet!



Kona News

Toronto Windsurfing Club at Lake Garda

By Andrée Gauthier

This past August a few members of TWC traveled to Lake Garda for the Kona Worlds. Since I did not have much going on this summer I decided to attend this race at the last minute. With the help of many people, I registered, found a place to stay and even got a lift from Munich to Lake Garda from the president of US Windsurfing, Jérôme Samson.

What can I say... I love the Kona class. Kona has allowed me to travel to exotic places, meet other Kona people from various countries, make new friends along the way, and at this last event, I got to room with three Dutch men! Things got lost in translation when it came to sharing a place to stay. I guess an apartment in Dutch terms means a double bed and a bunk bed! In the end, it all worked out well. We were mostly out of the room so all managed to cope with the small space. My roommates were the best. Everyone must know Lucien Van Delst. It was his idea to get an "apartment" with Huig-Jan and his father, Matius. I am so glad I did. Huig-Jan was the gold fleet champion and Lucien was the silver fleet champ. In our small room of 4 people, 3 of us ended on the podium. Like any supportive father, Matius helped his son win the race by being there with patience and encouragement.

It is highly recommended to attend an event at Lake Garda. The cycling was just wonderful. The wind was steady and the whole vibe was the best. If there is ever another Kona Worlds there, I will be going.

Huig's dad, Matius, drove Lucien and me into the mountains where we met with some of their friends. We had an authentic Italian dinner at Rifugio Passo Crocedomnin. The drive into the mountains was so beautiful. I was very confident with Matius' driving on the narrow, winding roads.

This whole experience was well worth the last minute decision to attend the Kona Worlds. If it wasn't for my Kona family, I would have never made it. They helped me get there, found me a place to stay and I had many people that I know to hang out with. The TWC crew consisted of Jerry and Betty



Caplan, Artem and Natalia Lavrynenko, Giancarlo Brotto, Vlad Pokhodnia, Lazlo Csuka and even Paul Fish. Even though the windsurfing was the best, I enjoyed biking into the mountains, sitting in the restaurants with the TWC gang and going on long walks along the shore of Lake Garda.



Andrée and her Dutch roommates!



My first Kona Worlds - Lake Garda 2019

By Vlad Pokhodnia

I have been wanting to go to a Kona World Championship for a while. Artem Lavrynenko Sr told me quite a few exciting things about it and shared amazing videos from past events. Initially I had some hesitations about my readiness to take part in it. Even though I practised longboard racing for around five years, my racing skills are still quite average, especially in stronger wind conditions. I did not want to embarrass myself in front of many people. Big thanks to Artem for dissipating my doubts and encouraging me to try it. He explained that while competition is important, getting together and having fun are equally important parts of the event. So I put my doubts aside and registered for the Kona World Championship 2019 taking place at Circolo Club, Torbole, Lake Garda, Italy.

Neither my wife Olga nor I had ever been to Italy before. We decided to use the trip as an opportunity to see at least some parts of the country. We arrived in Rome and spent two and half days there before going to Lake Garda. We knew that this would not be enough time to see the city. All we were hoping for was to get a glimpse of it and to get a first impression. We quite succeeded in accomplishing this. We visited the most popular tourist places:

Vatican, St Peter's Basilica, Colosseum, Castel Sant'Angelo, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain to name a few. We also walked some quieter streets and visited small coffee shops to get a better sense of what regular city life is like. It was a very interesting and memorable experience.

Due to some hiccups with the rental car pick-up (lesson learned: do not rent a car from unknown brands), we arrived in Torbole rather late. Most of the participants arrived earlier, got their equipment and even tried it. I had just enough time to register and to get my equipment. I was in a hurry to unpack, to check it and to make some adjustments. A few fellow members of the Canadian team gave me a helping hand, so I was able to finish all my preparations just in time before a photo shoot and the start of the opening ceremony. I was very grateful for their help.

Our cozy hotel, Casa Nataly, was a five minutes walk from the Circolo Club. With the skippers' meetings starting at 10 a.m. and the races starting around noon, there was plenty of time to wake up, have a delicious breakfast, rig the sail and chit-chat before races. On the first day we were told there would be common starts for Gold and Silver fleets, meaning that everybody would be sailing in the same conditions. As a result, a few people, including myself, decided to flip from Silver to Gold fleet.

I had heard about Lake Garda's thermal winds before going to the championship. Usually southern wind starts early in the morning and switches to the opposite northern wind around noon. I started checking weather forecasts a couple weeks before the event and found that pathetic 5-7 knots were predicted for all four days of the competition. Fortunately, those forecasts were wrong. Probably they somehow did not account for thermals. We observed 'the magic' every day: nice strong southern wind blowing in the morning until 9 - 10 a.m., at which point it changed to almost a perfect calm for couple hours, and the northern wind arrived around 12 - 1 p.m. During the four days of the competition, there was only one day with wind under 15 knots. There were a few races when it was blowing more than 20 knots. No complaints about lack of wind this time. :)

In strong wind the waves at Lake Garda resembled those near Kingston, Ontario. As you can imagine, strong winds and washer waves resulted in quite challenging racing conditions, but there was also lots of fun and learning. Kona sailing is in many ways similar to longboard sailing, and yet there are quite a few distinguishing details. Starting with rigging, through to beating, reaching and running, Kona has its unique character. This was my first time Kona

racing, so I had to learn those details and to learn them fast. I learned a few things using 'try and see' approach, but there were many more things that I learned from fellow racers. Artem has been helping me with racing tips for a long time, which I greatly appreciate. I am also grateful to Jerry and Andrée for sharing hints about Kona racing.

Usually we had three to four races in a day during the competition with a break after the first two races. The start line was couple of kilometres away from the beach but getting there and back was easy because of good wind. Also due to consistent wind blowing from the same direction, the race course was quite the same for all four days of racing. This helped to better learn its conditions and to adjust racing tactics accordingly. During the first two days we got strong winds reaching 20 knots and over. These were challenging conditions for many racers including myself. I am proud of making to the finish line for all of the races. On the third day, northern winds picked up around noon as usual, but then dropped quite a bit before the races started. As a result, we had to sail in lighter wind and big waves, which is my least favourite conditions. On the fourth day, we got moderate winds just perfect for competition.

In addition to being a windsurfing Mecca, Torbole is a small European resort with beautiful beaches, plenty of cafes, restaurants and boutique shops. Plenty of opportunities for pleasant pastimes even if (for some reason?!) you are not much into windsurfing. While I was racing, Olga enjoyed swimming and sun tanning at the beach that was conveniently located steps from Circolo Club. She took many pictures of the event, which are available at Google Photos: https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOWYsMQfbheGVQVuM8TxlI2JYy9obw70KVejd0TevVz-BaeZp00C-_d76CJ_6AfIA?key=d0RKX2JLSXRJYS1wbk5fMjdJU21aTXZyc1FBeXBR

There was a fantastic gala dinner on Saturday night. We socialized, tasted exquisite Italian dishes and watched videos and pictures from the event (available at Youtube and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/circolosurftorbole/sets/72157710312313707/> correspondingly).

The award ceremony took place after the final races on Sunday. Quite a few members of the Canadian team won awards. Andrée Gauthier took second place in the female category while Jerry Caplan, Paul Fish and Giancarlo Brotto took the whole pedestal in the Grand Masters category. Congratulations to the winners!

I am happy I was able to take part in the championship. I met new people, had great time

with people I knew before, enjoyed friendly and festive spirit of the event, windsurfed in 20+ knots conditions. The immense beauty of Lake Garda and its surrounding mountains made the whole experience truly unforgettable. I would like to say a huge thank you to Jérôme Samson, Circolo Club, all organizers, volunteers and fellow racers who made this event happen. I look forward to Kona Worlds 2020.



Clockwise from top: the Canadian team (Vlad Andr  e, Lazlo, Jerry & Giancarlo); Vlad checking his sail; Vlad and Jerry battling the wind; the Lake Garda scenery.

Hatteras 2019

By Stephanie Todd

We headed out on what will be our last trip to Hatteras Island. We have enjoyed the 20 years we have been going down but the drive seems to feel longer each year and we can do without the hurricanes and tropical storms. Our first and last nights were spent in Gettysburg, PA and we will definitely miss the friendly people in this town. Had the best dinner at Food 101 with our bring your own craft beer from across the street, both going down and coming back!

So Hurricane Dorian had blown through 3 weeks before our departure and left quite a mess of Ocracoke Island so it was closed for the entire 3 weeks we were there. The devastation was evident along the roadside all the way from Manteo to Hatteras Village. The dunes had been pushed back up but there was still sand on the roads and some standing water that we had to slow down to a snails pace to drive through.

We arrived to find our home was not yet ready so we hung out with our Ohio friends, Bob and Teri, in Avon. We finally got in to Bay Watch and were happy to see it had been repaired by the owner so that was a God send! No shoveling sand off the driveway or finding wood to make steps down to the water. The house had been really well cleaned for the first time since we have been coming down. It was like they were trying to show us that we shouldn't stop coming.

We spent the first day sailing bigger gear then the winds kicked in and pushed the water out so Lauri managed to hit bottom and injure is leg pretty badly. Thank God I know first aid! So we cleaned it up and found the waterproof bandaids so he could still get out on the water. Then on the first no wind day he went for a bike ride and managed to fall off his bike and grazed his knee on the same leg pretty badly! Sheesh! Made a trip to the pharmacy for more bandaids!!

George, our local sailor, came and sailed with us a few days while we were there as well. It is always fun when he is on the water too since there are few windsurfers up in Frisco. He loves to spend time chatting with us.

We had some great visits with Bob and Teri. They didn't sail this year but enjoyed going to the beach and hanging by their pool. Had dinner one night and then a few days later we went to the end of the point where north meets the south and the waves were just spectacular.

Our neighbour, Juli, finally arrived and he managed to get out twice while we were there. We invited him to join us for our Thanksgiving dinner along with Sue, André, Clarke and Mike. Then he also joined us for a second dinner at Sue and André's for turkey dinner with all the fixings thanks to Clark.

So we had pretty nice weather and good winds as well as no wind mixed in with a few rainy cold days and the last day we woke up to good wind but it was so cold we decided to pack instead. Guess we are fair weather sailors!

The hardest part of not going back is missing the friendships we forged over the years with Bob and Teri, George, Juli and Donna. The the saddest will be not having fresh fish caught by our local fisherman who runs Buxton Seafood. He would always tell me what he had caught and make sure we got the best pieces of fish. The other loss of course, are the fall colours of Pennsylvania and New York states. Though they were brilliant at home this year too!

We did figure out that we do spend much less time on the water than in Bonaire. So we will be getting a better bang for our US buck by going there for longer. So what next? We are planning trips in Canada to go golfing in the fall to keep us in shape for ski season which keeps us in shape for windsurfing. We think we have found the right balance for retirement.



D2 News

By Éric Bouillet

Happy New Year 2020, from the D2 Class!

Is D2 on the rise again? You cannot believe it, right? You should!!

Looking back at 2019 in the beginning of 2020, D2 has achieved 7 events, from The Netherlands to Greece, Slovenia, Germany and finally France.

Germany is back on D2

Remarkably, the Hansen Cup in August marked the official return of Division II in Germany.

The event took place on the Aartalsee lake in the beautiful region of upper Aar valley in the German state of Hesse, hosting nice small cities like Bischoffen and Hohenahr.

From 15 competitors in total, 7 D2 sailors from GER, BEL, NED and CAN joined and fiercely battled against each other for very tight final results during this 1 ½ day regatta in very light and shifty winds.



It is a promise that this event will be repeated in 2020.

We have big plans for 2021 D2EC in the Constance or Bodensee Lakes, South Germany...

France, Ah! La Côte d'Azur!

D2 enthusiastically finished the 2019 season under the sun in Bandol, France.

The last regatta of the year took place in the beautiful bay of Bandol, Côte d'Azur.

The regatta was held with a Yole OK championship. Eight D2 met and raced during 2 days in variable winds, from 10 to 20 knots (Mistral conditions on Day 2).

We will return later this year.



Hawaii, the unexpected rise...

As we were sailing in Europe, we happily learned that our friends in Hawaii were also jumping back on their D2, meeting at the Margarita Run EVER. They even rigged their boards with biggest sails (up to 12m²).

D2 is definitely <trendy> in Hawaii!!

**Sicilia**, the other island on the rise for D2...

Lastly, the best surprise came from... Sicilia, where a D2 fleet has emerged in Messina.

About a dozen D2s are regularly sailing in the strait. An official regatta is on the agenda for September this year. No doubt, it will be amazing sailing in such beautiful place.

**And now, what's next...**

The next step for D2s is 2020 D2 European Championship that will take place in Toulon, France, next to Bandol, from May 19-24th this spring...

We expect higher attendance from D2 fans seeking fun on the Côte d'Azur and warm sunny days and blue crystalline water after a long winter.

Stay tuned!!

CMWA in Ottawa in 2020

By Suzanne Roberge

At the 2019 CMWA AGM in August in Toronto, it was decided that we will try to hold our championship over two days only. Since it was Ottawa's turn to host the event, we thought it may work to hold our regatta in conjunction with the Bob Yuile Memorial National Capital Regatta during the weekend of July 11-12. So I presented the idea to the regatta chair and she agreed! She even joked that she'll make me her co-chair... oh boy what did I get myself into!!

So mark your calendar for 2020, CMWA Championship will be on **July 11-12!** For those travelling from Toronto, don't forget that your travels will be much more pleasant on that weekend instead of the long weekend, so come in great numbers!

Details to come later as I have not met with the chair yet but hope to do it soon in the new year.

Loss of a Longtime Member

Graham Earle died on November 7, 2019 after a short battle with cancer. Graham had been a CMWA member for many years and attended the Port Bolster weekends on numerous occasions. He was also a member of the Toronto Windsurfing Club and sailed on a regular basis. Our thoughts are with his family.



Our new President in action
in Toronto!

Photo by Laura Headley

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Upcoming Events 2020

June 12-14 – **CMWA Spring Windsurfing Weekend**, Port Bolster, Ont., Stephanie Todd,
surfit@sympatico.ca. Registration form to come – www.windsurf.ca/events

July 11-12 – **CMWA Championship** and National Capital Regatta, Britannia Yacht Club, Ottawa,
Suzanne Roberge, roberge811@sympatico.ca or www.byc.ca


September 11-13 – **CMWA Fall Windsurfing Weekend**, Port Bolster, Ont., Stephanie Todd,
surfit@sympatico.ca. Registration form to come – www.windsurf.ca/events

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