

# MASTERS MATTERS

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## President's Message

Hope everyone is enjoying the fall season. I have just returned (a few months ago!) from the OBX windfest regatta in Cape Hatteras. It was a very busy windy week and somewhat unique in that it is one of the few big regattas these days that doesn't include foiling (because of the shallow water there). It was great to see over 130 competitors for this event even without foils, showing us that traditional windsurfing is still going strong. In contrast the Mammoth Marathon in Toronto has more and more foils every year. This year, even in light wind, the top two finishers were on IQ Foil set-ups with another top ten finisher also on foil. The Mammoth is still about 90% traditional gear but this great event is being made more interesting by the introduction of foils.

I think moving forward it would be great to see more foils join us at the Masters Events. Whether we do one start line or have separate starts, it is clear that Masters windsurfers are foiling a lot. Whether it be on a wing or with a sail. I think it would be great if, in the coming years, we introduce wing and wind foil categories for the Masters and more options for our Championship.

Ian Matthews

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## New Possibilities for Fall Wrap-Up 2023

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By Stephanie Todd

I have been checking out some other cottages since the Burgess Enclave is still not available to us due to the licensing required for them to rent to outside the family. They have renovated the White Cottage but the Executive Boathouse is in need of new footings before it can pass inspections. The Green Cottage is still being brought up to licensing standards, whatever they might be? Kyle Burgess has promised me that as soon as they can rent they will let us know. I would imagine the prices will be more than double what we were paying before, just like every place I found that I thought might be acceptable to our group.

In my search, I came across three cottages on West Lake just east of Sandbanks. It looked promising and I have been in contact with the owner. However, thanks to Steve Lyman who did some recon, it appears it is not a great location due to entry to water and parking. Not to fear, he did come up with a suggestion for Clifton House near Picton on Lake Ontario. It belongs to his cousin. He has been in contact with him and we are hoping that it is available for September 8-10, 2023. The cost will be more and a deposit is required. Once I have a price I will send out details on registering with a non-refundable deposit. It will be first come, first serve and many have shown an interest and are on my list as priority right now. It has great parking and rigging. The entry to the water is like the Burgess' with rounded pebbles and rocks.

This new place will house 20 comfortably. That would be 4 couples and the rest singles. We might be tripping over each other if there were more. I am going to bank on our normal numbers of 14 to figure out a cost. Hope to see many familiar faces. All questions can be sent to me.

Layout is like this:

The main house has **three bedrooms** on the main level, and **two more** in the daylight basement

### Main Level:

Master BR has a King bed, #2 has a double (maybe queen) bed, #3 has a double (maybe queen) bed.

The bathroom has a bath/shower, toilet and sink.

### Basement:

BR #1 has a double bed, #2 has two single bunk beds (2 beds total).

The bathroom has a shower, toilet and sink.

In addition, the basement has a large family room, so could easily accommodate a couple of air mattresses.

**Cabins:**

Nigel's Cabin has a King bed. The bathroom has a shower, toilet and sink. There is a kitchen with a 4 burner stove, sink and small fridge. Half the width of the front of the cabin is an eating area. It has air conditioning too. (This will be reserved for Lauri and I.)

**Bunkie "C"** has two single bunk beds (2 beds total) and a single bed. No other amenities, just electricity.

**Bunkie "D"** has either two single bunk beds (2 beds total) and/or a single bed. No other amenities, just electricity. There may be changes during the summer.

**Check the website:****Location:**

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**Gallery of rooms:**

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## Learning to Wing

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If you are thinking about trying to wing foil, take a look at this video from pro windsurfer Graham Ezzy.





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## First Post Pandemic Championship in Ottawa 2022

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By Suzanne Roberge

Well after missing out on two championships, 2022 is the year we made a comeback! We organized our annual championship in conjunction with the National Capital Regatta mid-July at the Britannia Yacht Club in Ottawa. We managed to attract 14 people - 4 Konas and 10 raceboards. The race committee, led by our favorite race officer Irene McNeill, was able to run only 4 races in two days. But the main thing is that we got to sail together and have fun on and off the water.

On the Friday before the racing started, we organized a demo day with Vincent Gauthier of Windforce Sports. Vincent and his wife came from Montréal with regular gear and also foiling gear, including boards and wings, for people to admire! I tried a wing on land and I'm not sure I would try it on the water. Ah to be younger!! We thank Vincent for agreeing to come to our event and hope to see him again!



Our oldest member, John Darling, made the trip from Toronto just for the social.



These are only two of the pictures taken by Donald Ferguson and that you can find at <http://windsurf.ca/photos/>

Comment from Stephanie Todd: Volunteers like my young grand-daughter found it a really great learning experience and want to return. She loved doing the scoring and how wonderful all the competitors included her as part of the masters group. Irene McNeill is really the best race director to work with. We will be back as a team.

## 2022 Division 2 Crusade in Europe

By Éric Bouillet

Dorval (P.E. Trudeau) Thursday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 p.m., I'm set on TS 324 small Airbus A321 Neo, en route to Amsterdam Schiphol International Airport... I'm joining friends in Heeg. They have their Netherland National D2.

Got the rental car, drove two hours northbound. In my suitcase are summer clothes, harness and wetsuit. I will borrow equipment from friends on site for the race. Again, amazing country for sailing... Weather, that Friday morning, was nice, sails up between polder.

Got a beautiful Beluga D2 geared with a (brand new!) Tonnerre 6.3 A sail (never used).



Two days and 8 races were completed in light to medium conditions. Won 3 races. I was close to winning the competition if I hadn't dropped my sail twice in front of the finish the line and had participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> race (board locked in hangar = DNS). I finished 1<sup>st</sup> light, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>... I'm driving back to Schiphol to catch my KLM flight to Munich... I'm heading to Salzburg, Austria. We are having our 2022 D2EC held in Seekirchen Am Wallersee, 10 km further north from Mozart's city, from Sept. 7 to 11<sup>th</sup> ... There is an accident on the highway, total chaos at the airport, took 5 hours to pass security. Conclusion, I missed my flight and the next flight is also canceled for crew not showing up. I'm sleeping with many in the main lobby at the airport. I was able to fly out the morning after... I'm on my way, Austria! Two hours' drive to Salzburg... So cool to meet again that the D2 gang, coming

from everywhere: Belgium, Slovenia, Greece, Austria, Germany... 17 competitors ultimately, 9 is C class... Again I used a friend's equipment, a Lechner A390 with a 9.5 Luka sail. We managed to race 3 days out of 4 as one day was canceled due to heavy rain. Weather conditions went from being nice, warm temperature, light wind 1<sup>st</sup> day to cold and windy, up to 20-22 gusting to 24 knots the last 2 days. I finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall despite a good start and quite good races at the beginning (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) but had to pay cash for my lack of training as soon as the wind significantly picked up...

And it is already the end... We must separate, everyone going back home again... An outstanding organization, outstanding friendship spirit from that club... We'll come back!

Catching my next flight to Nice now where I'm stopping for two or three days to kiss my old dad before heading to Halkidiki, Greece for Diaporos 2 day regatta. My flight to Athens is cancelled the day before (thanks French controllers) so I had to reroute the day after via Roma, finally arriving in Halkidiki, by midnight, so missing day one of racing... Just the last

day left with friends again, warm, sunny, but windy conditions, over 20 knots. I got a Lechner with type A 6.3 Sillage sail.

Too short. I have to leave again. I could have kept going this way for a week or two again but every good thing has an end and it was already time for me to return to Montreal... Slept at Thessaloniki airport, flying Air Serbia at 5:00 a.m. to Paris via Zagreb, got stuck at the French customs in Paris and it took 2 hours to cross. I missed my connection again to Montreal... I had to sleep at the hotel next door, before jumping on another TS to Montreal the day after...

Planning my next summer D2 ride already 😊 I'll be back soon!



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## Upcoming Events 2023

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We will post news of 2023 events on [windsurf.ca](http://windsurf.ca) when we find out more about the upcoming season.



The next newsletter should be published in the Spring/Summer 2023. We welcome all contributions. Please e-mail your articles and pertinent pictures to [roberge811@sympatico.ca](mailto:roberge811@sympatico.ca).



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