

MASTERS MATTERS

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President's Message

Happy New Year Canadian Masters,

I hope that everyone is having a good winter, days are getting longer and I would say that we will soon be back on the water. However, Saturday afternoon (Jan 6th) I went down to the Toronto Windsurfing Club to find about 20 wingers and 4 windsurfers hanging out, shivering. This diehard group was out in 20-30 knots and about 2 degrees celsius aged 27 to nearly 70 and everyone had a smile on their faces. It seems that new water-sports have lengthened the season, wings and small sails (when foiling) have made it easier on the hands to stay out on those cold days. It was great to see so many faces out in the first week of the new year.

Just a few months earlier, members were in Cape Hatteras for an event which had 150 people registered to windsurf for the long distance race and at least another 100 around for the festivities. It appears that the sport is healthy as we embrace new ways to get on the water and beginner equipment has people hitting the water in record numbers. This type of fun race was seen in Canada as well when the Mammoth had a great showing with 70 people windsurfing (mostly), windfoiling and wingfoiling in under 8 knots and all three fleets battling it out. I feel that these three ways to get on the water compliment each other and are working together to build strong communities around water-sports in Canada.

This coming year I hope that we find ways to get together socially and on the racecourse on a number of different types of boards. I would urge members to form local social groups for updates and company for colder sessions.

Ian Matthews

Fall Windsurfing Weekend 2023

By Stephanie Todd

We had a very successful fall get-together even though the winds didn't really cooperate. Friday was the best wind day, then Saturday was light but sailable. Sunday was offshore and light winds and no one sailed but some went for a swim or paddle board.

The best part about our new site was that it was spacious inside and out. Plenty of rigging space and parking. Entry to the water was fairly easy, including the 60 foot dock. The views were amazing from Clifton House.

We filled all rooms in the main house and 2 of the outbuildings. With a total of 12 participants we had plenty of food for our potluck dinners and lunches. We will need to possibly coordinate the food part better next year. We ate more than we exercised I'm sure!

We have plans in the works already for a spring and fall event at Clifton House. It is currently booked for June 14-16, 2024 and then again September 13-15, 2024. Do mark your calendars if you want to attend as the spots will fill up quickly. There is only room for 16 people.

Comment from participant Artem Lavrynenko

So glad we are back to our get-together events. I was missing that white/green cottage time. But this new location is even better despite the driving distance which I don't mind. Awesome spot, good for all purposes - rigging, launching, windsurfing and drinking. The only difference is now we were able to enjoy sunrise instead of sunset. I believe it is a good thing. More room in the cottage for our potluck and to fit more people in the same house. We also found a ping pong table on the lower level which is a great addition, specially when there is no wind. Very nice place for breakfast in Picton, little cozy town. Looking forward our Spring get-together event.



2023 Championships at the Toronto Windsurfing Club

By Stephanie Todd

The Championships were a resounding success due to the hard work of the organizing committee, Ian Matthews and myself (Co-Chairs), Michael Keltz (prizes), Artem Lavrynenko TWC (Volunteers) and many volunteers. Thanks to Jane Tindall, Betty and Jerry Caplan along with Kathryn Quan and Adison Byblow for helping with registration on Friday and Saturday as well as their help with the social Friday evening.

A big kudos to the ladies and gentleman on lunches (Betty and Jerry Caplan, Kathryn Quan and Natalya Lavrynenko. I could not have done it without your help. The food was a big hit especially the homemade soup that I managed to make in my spare time.

Mike Tindal deserves all the credit for organizing the boats and the excellent crews on board, Ian Black and Brian, Adison and I. Shout out to Adison Byblow for volunteering as our recorder on board. She travelled all the way from Calgary. Thanks to Reet Mae for being our photographer for the event.

Racing was fun for the competitors (26 in total for all 3 days). We had light winds on Saturday but better winds on Sunday (for a total of 9 races) and reasonable winds again on Monday for the long distance race. So all in all a lot of racing. There were lots of smiling faces and to me that means a "Successful Event"!

Dinners were arranged by Ian Matthews at Cherry Street BarBQ and Keating Channel Pub. Both meals were a delight. We did carry out from the Cherry Street BarBQ since construction didn't allow any space for parking. So dinner was held at the club. Improvising was easy. The AGM was well attended and the meeting accomplished quite a bit including selecting sites for the next three CMWA Championships: Montreal 2024 (Eric Bouillet QC), Deep River 2025 (Nick Cox, ON) and Kingston 2026, (Ian Matthews, Chair). Of course our Social Director will assist in all three events (Stephanie Todd).

At the AGM it was decided that the money given to John Darling for the closing of Windsurfing Canada would be disbursed by the CMWA by lottery to pay the registration fees for youth athletes wishing to attend our Championships.

A big shout out to all our sponsors: Silent Sports, NorthLine, Windforce Sports, Mae Productions Inc. and not to forget the generosity of TWC for the use of their facilities and mark boat.

We look forward to seeing many of these participants at our next event to be held maybe in Quebec near Montreal. Dates to be announced.

Windsurfing Weekends are Back!

Spring Get-Together - June 14-16, 2024

Fall Wrap-Up - September 13-15, 2024

Last year's Fall Wrap-Up at Clifton House in Waupoos, Prince Edward County, was such a success that the participants asked if we could do both spring and fall this year.

Thanks to Steve and his cousin we were able to secure the two dates for our events.

Come and join us for a fun weekend of sailing. Spread the word to everyone, bring families with you, and anyone interested in learning windsurfing, winging, foiling or kiting.

Clifton House and its bunkies are located on the shores of Lake Ontario near Picton and 1/2 an hour from Sandbanks. The bunkies don't have any washroom facilities but they all have electricity. The property has plenty of parking and a large grassy rigging area with a wide open beach and a 60' long dock. There is room for about 20 guests comfortably.

Some great meals are in store with homemade soup for lunch on Saturday and a potluck dinner on Saturday night.

Book early to secure your spot. I am again asking for a non-refundable deposit of \$100 by April 10 to secure your spot(s) for the Spring Get-Together. We need to do an e-transfer to the owner in cash.

Visit our website for the registration form and if you choose to pay by PayPal you will need to pay the entire amount. <http://windsurf.ca/events/spring-windsurfing-weekend/>

Looking forward to seeing our regular crew and some new faces too.

Any questions be sure to contact me: stephanietodd2@gmail.com

Artem Travels to Florida

In November, there was a great comeback Kona event in the Florida Keys. I really missed that time. Over 100 competitors and 5 days of great wind. This time it was just around 30 racers but still lots of fun, wind and sun as well as perfectly organized social events. Very convenient place for rigging and launching. Wind was great, we were moving around the course quickly. We were able to complete 10 races in three days with much time left for free riding afterwards.

Great place to stay. It's a bit far from main attractions, but we found places within driving distance for shopping, dining, etc.

There were two fleets (Kona and Windsurfer one design). Both fleets were very competitive despite the size. Looking forward to next year and hoping for greater numbers of participants. Would be nice to see more Canadians there.

2023 Division 2 in Europe

Our D2 expert, Éric Bouillet, shares this link towards an article about D2 racing in Europe in 2023. Looks like they had a busy year!!

<https://internationalwindsurfing.com/2023/12/07/a-seasonal-recap-of-the-id2ca-windsurfing-class/>



Lots of people on the course. Follow the blue arrow to find Éric!



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Upcoming Events 2024

Spring Windsurfing Weekend - June 14-16

Annual Championships - To be determined

Fall Windsurfing Weekend - September 13-15

See page 4 above for information about the Weekends.

Visit windsurf.ca for updated news on upcoming events.

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