

West Hawk Lake Yacht Club – Summer 2017

What a beautiful summer, bug free and warm but sadly not a lot of wind for sailing.....hard to believe that we've put away the boats for the winter already. For the twelfth summer the club ran one of the largest Learn-to-Sail programs in the province, using exclusively our club sail boats for only the second time in our recent history. Three courses were offered; CANSail 1-3 introductory programs for youth and adults plus an intermediate class. Unfortunately the windsurfing program had to be cancelled due to no certified instructors being available.

The LTS program was again a success with thirty one students taking part. We also welcomed back ten Girl Guides from Caddy Lake who had an incredible week of wind. There were some hard core girls in this group who thrived in the crazy wind they had their week! Hopefully we'll see them back next summer. We also had excellent instructors come from across Manitoba to teach this year, Graham Moll, Kayden Polachek and Laura Hrichishen.

Congratulations to our youth & adult racers!

Brennan Agar represented us very well again in her Laser Radial: Homecoming Regatta – Gimli YC (6th), Prairie Wind Regatta – Gimli YC (4th), Fish Fly Cup – Falcon YC (6th).

Tom Saunders and crew Derek Hayden in their Albacore KC6614 "Stealth Pig" took the 2017 Season Series & WHLYC Open championship. This was Tom's 5th time putting his name on the Cup, the last time in 1976! Brennan Agar, last year's winner, in her Laser L198367 finished 2nd in a tight race with 3rd place going to Paul Krestanowich in his Laser L4867 "Rainbow Warrior". Thanks to the seven boats that took part in this year's races, hopefully we can build upon this year's success with even more boats participating.

WHLYC Opti Championships AM - 1st – Lucas Hendrikson, 2nd – Moira Sie, 3rd – Theo Sie

WHLYC Opti Championships PM - 1st – Cole Anseeuw, 2nd – Aaron Krestanowich, 3rd – Noah Hayden

Paul Krestanowich (Major Official) and Brennan Agar (Social Media) represented our club and were selected as officials for the Canada Games at the Gimli YC in August.

On a sad note we were told of the recent passing of Dr. Jim Mitchell at the age of 97 by his daughter Susan. He was one of the founding members of the original West Hawk Yacht Club in 1959 and served a term as commodore. He raced a Fireball in the weekly series and built one of the original wood Cadet sailboats the club used for their Learn to Sail programs. We used his Cadet for our LTS programs for our first 5 years after we resurrected the club in 2006, now that's well built! Our sincerest condolences to the family.

As many of you have noticed this year we have not been emailing out for bingo volunteers. Sport Manitoba has changed the way they hand out bingo dollars and volunteers are no longer required as the bingos have been changed to electronic only. With our capital campaign in full swing and the building of our new docks & storage garage this winter Sailing Manitoba has been very generous in giving us two bingo grants totaling \$1,500 towards our capital campaign.

The new storage site beside Big Island Landing has now been cleared of the brush and a few trees thanks to Paul Krestanowich & Kevin Anseeuw. We finally received our building permits from Parks & the Office of the Fire Commissioner in late August. The nine concrete pads were set and leveled in September thanks to Kevin Harbottle, Adam Krestanowich & Aeden Loschiavo. The floating dock & ramp will be installed in January/February, they are built but will be easier to install on the frozen lake. The storage garage will be built when the weather warms slightly in March and the lake is still frozen for us to get the lumber delivered. Carrying it through the bush from the road would not be fun! When we are ready to build and dates are set we will email the full membership to see who can help our local carpenters. Thank you again for those that have donated generously towards our capital campaign, we could not complete this legacy without your help! We are still a few thousand dollars away from the goal for those that would still like to donate please contact Paul Krestanowich at info@whlyc.ca or 204-479-7100.

Going forward we promise to give you updates on the building, dock, site, etc., please check our website for regularly.

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Have a great winter and we'll see you on the water soon!