

Erieau Yacht Club



Dear EYC Members,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and ready for a great season in Erieau and at the EYC. I am really looking forward to this season and I'm thrilled to be part of it. As we get closer to warmer weather here in Southern Ontario the final touches are in place for a terrific sailing and social season at the club. The board of directors have been working all winter long to ensure we have another successful summer.

The EYC Board of Directors and I would like to invite you and your family to officially kick off the season at the Opening BBQ on Saturday, June 27th at 5pm at the club. For those with strong backs or with great organizational skills I ask you to please join us on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00am for the unofficial kick-off helping with the docks and boats.

As we ease into a summer-time frame of mind, I'd like to share some of the planning that is going on; here are some highlights...

Junior Sailing

Over the last few years we have been very successful updating and broadening our fleet of boats for the Junior Sailing Program with new lasers, the Brig coach boat and the 29er purchased as a result of back-to-back seasons of successful fundraising. Under this year's Rear Commodore Meghan Roulston's guidance, Ali Rankin Nash will be working as our Program Coordinator. Over the past two years Ali has shown exceptional strength in her organizational, planning and problem solving skills. Under Ali's leadership, attendance has increased and many improvements have been implemented into the program.

Meghan is working through the last round of hires for sailing and swimming instructors and tells us that judging by the competition we will have a very solid team this season. More details will be made available on our website as they are finalized.

We are also excited to announce that we were once again able to support and host the Boom Access program for disabled sailors for the week of August 4th. This has been a great way for us to build goodwill within the community and further brand the EYC as a provider of value outside of our membership.

EYC Web Site

The EYC web site continues to evolve to provide value to our members. The site is updated often and is a great place to find our schedule of events and other information about the club. If you have not visited the site, please accept this invitation to do so. We are always looking for feedback and please send your pictures for publication. Once again, thank you to Tim and Meghan Roulston and Doug Kerry for working so diligently on this project over the last few years www.erieauyachtclub.com

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Social

In addition to our expanding sailing fleet and very competitive (fun) racing schedule, we've made a few changes to our social calendar. In our never ending efforts to keep things fresh, we've decided to resurrect some old favorites this season. Thanks to prudent planning in past years we are financially sound coming into the 2009 season so we will be taking a break from the popular Auction and Dinner evening and instead will bring back the old favorite "Mystery Night". An incredible committee has been brought together to ensure its success and that everyone has fun.

Continuing down the nostalgic road, we are introducing a spin-off of another old favorite, the Moonlight Race, with the new "Sunset Sail". Again we have assembled high-energy and creative volunteers for this event, so I have every confidence of their success and possible dynasty status for years to come.

Other News

We are also in the midst of building a database to help better manage our membership records. I hope to be able to improve our outward communications and provide the ability for members to keep in touch in the non-sailing seasons. I will be contacting you individually to confirm contact information and to get your "official" permission to be contacted via email and to publish your information within the membership.

Schedule

Enclosed you will find the summer schedule and a membership form. Please register and pay in full, prior to or at the opening BBQ to ensure a smooth start to the season. The registration form is attached and includes the fee structures.

Eleisha and I are looking forward to a tremendous summer with our EYC friends and we'd like to thank all those that have committed to volunteering this year, which will ensure a successful and fun year! See you at the Eau....

John Graham
Commodore EYC 2009