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Crowsnest: the Saltspring Island Sailing Club bi-weekly newsletter



**Dear Todd & Connie Brett,**

We have a fantastic start to spring, and this issue captures much of the great work undertaken by our volunteers over March and April. There's our opening day and Sail Past, races, and information about cruising. Pub Night is returning, which might be a great way to reconnect with colleagues before the Work Party. Our sailing school will also soon be accepting membership and then public registrations. Read on to learn about these and other interesting topics!

- Todd C. Brett, Editor | [crowsnest@saltspringsailing.ca](mailto:crowsnest@saltspringsailing.ca)

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**Welcome New Members!**





Shane and Natasha Kilpatrick and their family  
Joined February 2023

## Events

<p>COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY CLOSING APRIL 6 <a href="#">Calendar</a></p>	<p>Today is the last day for filling in the Communications Survey. The link can be found in the March 20 and April 3 Crowsnest and in recent email blasts. We thank you for your participation.</p>
<p>"CATCH-UP" PUB NIGHT 5 PM APRIL 14 @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <a href="#">Calendar</a></p>	<p>Finally, a Pub Night returns! Join Pete and Debbie Brouwer and Kim and Karen Laidlaw for drinks and hot dogs at 5 pm at the Clubhouse. <a href="#">Details here.</a></p>
<p>SUMMER SAILING SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENS FOR MEMBERS APRIL 15 <a href="#">Calendar</a></p>	<p>Sailing School registration opens for club members. Details have been emailed to all members.</p>
<p>SUMMER SAILING SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENS FOR PUBLIC APRIL 22 <a href="#">Calendar</a></p>	<p>Sailing School Registration opens for the public today.</p>
<p>SPRING WORK PARTY APRIL 22 @ 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM <a href="#">Calendar</a></p>	<p>Set aside this date to participate in the annual Spring work party on the House and Grounds and Foreshore and Docks. Members should watch their emails for details of the event.</p>
<p>IOM CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS APRIL 28 - APRIL 30 <a href="#">Calendar</a></p>	<p>SISC is pleased to be hosting the International One Meter Canadian National Championships. Reciprocal moorage will be closed for this event, from April 27-30. For further information, you can contact Martin Herbert through <a href="mailto:communications@saltspringsailing.ca">communications@saltspringsailing.ca</a></p>

OPENING DAY/SAILPAST  
APRIL 30  
[Calendar](#)

Members should watch their email for details of this year's annual Opening Day and Sailpast festivities, which are being revived again after the Covid-driven cancellations of the past couple of years. Information about this key traditional event in the Club year can be found on page 84 of the 2023 yearbook. The Board and Fleet Captain Racing will be informing members by email on the details of this year's plans. (Note that this is a different weekend than has been traditional and there is an IOM National Championship at our Club also on this weekend, so plans may look different this year.)

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## Official Club Calendars

- Events:  
<https://www.saltspringsailing.ca/events/category/public/month/>
- Racing:  
<https://www.saltspringsailing.ca/club-racing/#RaceCalendar>
- Club House:  
<https://www.saltspringsailing.ca/calendar-events/clubhouse-booking-calendar/>

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## Official Club Photo Albums

- Saltspring Sailing Flickr  
Account: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/saltspringsailing/collections>

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## Official Club Portals

- Club Home Page:  
<https://www.saltspringsailing.ca>
- The Elephant:  
<https://www.saltspringsailing.ca/theelephant/>
- Gear Shop:  
<https://www.saltspringsailing.ca/gear-shop/>

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## Notes from the Wharfinger

### Tour of Duty

**The Daily Wharfinger Schedule is now live on the website**, and you can sign up by logging in to the member section and clicking on Calendars. In the next Crowsnest, the last before our opening day sailpast on April 30, I'll go over some of the details of signing up, some of the changes to the process, some of the problems in ensuring

of the changes to the process, some of the problems in securing complete coverage for the season, and some of the possible solutions.

## **Tour of Duty**

Today is your day. You've signed up for daily wharfinger duty, and you arrive at the club in time to start at 1100. In the foyer of the clubhouse you find the binder left by yesterday's volunteer. Check the most recent pages; three boats arrived yesterday, two of which are leaving today, the third is planning to stay a second night.

Before you go down to the docks, check the outside washrooms, and make sure they're stocked with toilet paper and paper towels, and that the facilities are in the kind of condition you'd like if you were using them.

On your way to the docks, stop at the gatehouse and check the slip signouts. The key information for you is to know which slips are vacant, what size they are, and when the member's boat is expected home. One "vacant" slip shows a return date of yesterday, and a glance at that slip confirms it's now occupied by the club boat; scratch that slip off your available list. Another slip is signed out until today. Scratch that one too, you don't want to put a visitor in that slip; I've returned from a cruise to find my slip occupied, and it's a pretty awkward situation.

One of the visitors leaving today has indeed left, so that slip is available. The other hasn't left yet; you may need to visit him, ask his intentions, and perhaps confirm that he'll be checking out by noon.

Head on out to the kiosk, at the junction of C and F docks. Here you find that a reciprocal visitor arrived at 1030 this morning, and they self-registered. Go have a chat with them, welcome them and ask if they want an inside slip, and see if you have one their boat would fit. Ask to see proof of liability, and if they have a galvanic isolator if they want shore power. All the rules that apply to us apply to visitors; they always understand, and usually their clubs have similar rules.

Try to get a picture of who is here, for how long, where they're from, and what slips are available today. Once you have that, leave a note in the kiosk with your name, and where you can be found. With all in order, head to your boat and get to work on that project you've been wanting to get at. I hope it's not too far in the bilge, as you want to hear the call buzzer in case someone arrives when you weren't looking.

An hour later you notice a sailboat tying up to the outside of F dock near the kiosk. Go greet them; welcome them to Salt Spring, ask if they've been to the club before. Point out the visitor rules in the kiosk, and answer any questions. Verify their length and see if you have an inside slip, and if not suggest they tie to BW dock, facing the wake slop.

Before you know it it's 1600 and you're going off duty. Record the day's activity in the binder; previous entries are a guide to the detail expected, but add anything you feel is interesting or important. Think about what was left for you by yesterday's wharfinger, and what tomorrow's will find when they arrive. On your way back to the clubhouse cast an eye around and ensure that the club is in the state you want, as today was your tour of duty.

- Bo Curtis, Wharfinger | [wharfinger@saltspringsailing.ca](mailto:wharfinger@saltspringsailing.ca)

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## **Announcements in Detail**

### **Sailing School Registration Opens Soon!**

SSI Sailing Club members can register early for Summer 2023 Sailing School! Registration will open for club members only on April 15th, and general registration will open the following week, on April 22nd.

The Sailing School offers one and two-week long camps in July and August for youth ages 9-19. The Cansail Optimist Programs focus on youth ages 9-12 who are looking to develop basic (Cansail 1), intermediate (Cansail 2) advanced (Cansail 3), and racing level sailing skills. The Cansail Dinghy Programs are for youth ages 13+, and offer camps at the Cansail I through 6 levels.

This is a great opportunity for youth to develop sailing skills while making friends and having fun on the water. The 2022 Sailing School received very positive feedback from campers, with 97% of the students indicating that they hope to return for more sailing lessons, and many saying how much they enjoyed the experience.

To register for the Sailing School, please go to the Sailing School page on or after April 15th: <https://www.saltspringsailing.ca/sailing-school/>

The 2023 Sailing School season is made possible by the dedication of the Junior Program volunteers, who hire instructors for the different skill levels of the camps, develop a schedule that maintains good learner-to-instructor ratios, maintain the boats, and set up an online registration system. Many thanks for your ongoing work and contribution to the Club!

- John Kyle, Fleet Captain Dinghy | [dinghy@saltspringsailing.ca](mailto:dinghy@saltspringsailing.ca)

- April Faget, Sailing School Coordinator | [school@saltspringsailing.ca](mailto:school@saltspringsailing.ca)

### **Social Media**

April Faget has taken over as our social media coordinator. Thank you so much, April! She has begun with bringing our Club Facebook page to life again, with notifications about the Round Salt Spring

page to me again, with notifications about the Round Salt Spring Race: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064201594029>. Instagram is also part of her plan. She will gradually work in Sailing School and Junior Program information as well, and perhaps other areas of the Club will eventually see fit to include social media in their worlds.

- Wendy Vine, Communications Coordinator |  
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## Bluewater Cruising Association

If anyone is interested in attending an in-person BCA meeting and presentation, there is one at Nanaimo Yacht Club on April 20.

Information at this link: <https://www.saltspringsailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/bluewtr-crsg-apr-20.pdf>

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## Communications Survey Live for One More Week

Members are reminded again about the communications survey that remains live for one more week, until April 6. Thanks so much to those folks who have already taken the 10 minutes to tell us what they think. Link to the survey is here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2W2NSZG>

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## Yearbooks and Membership Cards

Again, a reminder to everyone to pick up your yearbook and membership cards in the Clubhouse foyer. There are still lots of membership cards left. Good reasons to have your membership card are to access reciprocal moorage privileges at other clubs and to get deals on marine supplies at some local stores (such as Mouat's.)

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## Mark Your Calendars for April!

Members are advised to be most aware of these upcoming events in April, and to watch for details in your emails:

a) April 14 is the Pub Night <https://www.saltspringsailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/catch-up-pub-poster.pdf>

b) April 22 is the Spring Work Party. All members should expect to be all-hands-on-deck that morning.

c) April 30 is the Opening Day Sailpast. Again, an event that all members are expected to attend and to give their regrets to the commodore if they can't attend. This is also the weekend of the IOM National Championships at our club, so a busy weekend.

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## Second Countdown Bulletin for Round Salt Spring

Members will have received an email blast giving details on how to participate as a volunteer in the Round SS Race on the long weekend in May. For the second countdown bulletin, click this link:

<https://www.saltspringsailing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/rss-member-bulletin-2-mar2023.pdf>

- John Tulip, Round SS Race Chair | [rs-chair@saltspringsailing.ca](mailto:rs-chair@saltspringsailing.ca)

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