



NOSA NEWS

North Okanagan Sailing Association

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Spring Edition

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From the Commodore:

Dear sailors, NOSA members!

Another sailing season is about to start. Not many of us expected COVID-19 to still play into the mix.

In this NOSA News I will list some of the protocols assigned to sailing clubs and schools by BC-Sailing.

The Board of Directors for NOSA will do what can be done to help us all make the most of yet another sailing summer.

While we will not be able to hold the NOSA Spring-time regatta, and this for the second year in a row, we hope to see a small-scale race on the lake to entertain us instead. This small-scale event I have baptised "The Alternative". Read more in this newsletter.



NOSA Instructors Ella and Jacob taking the Quest out on her maiden sail on a chilly April Saturday afternoon

Though it will be a challenge to navigate restrictions in the early sailing season, I look forward to be able to write in a next NOSA News about lifting many or all protocols, only to remember the pandemic in history books and stories.

Your Commodore,
Marc Reinarz

Keeping COVID-19 at the door

It is not convenient, and it is not easy!

The COVID part of this newsletter does not match my newsletter writing style, in that I must write too much about things we cannot do, rather than of things we can do ;o(

At NOSA we will again post the COVID-19 measures on the buildings and at the gate. Please respect the "keeping distance" to each other. Today that is 3m according to BC Sailing. Let's keep each other safe and free of risk of infection.

We can have a maximum of 10 adults, and/or 50 youth within the NOSA compound. We are not organizing any event where we expect more than 25 youth.

Please use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool, using this link before coming to the club:

<https://ca.thrive.health/covid19/en>

This is a tool recommended to be used when accessing the NOSA facilities.

When at NOSA, please wear a mask when others are present in the compound. Should you not have a mask at hand, there should be some available in the clubhouse on the table if not kept outside.

Wearing a mask while on the water is not recommended.

Sorry, but we must understand that having a medical reason not to wear a mask doesn't make a person less likely to spread the virus. If you, or a guest, cannot wear a mask for whatever reason, we cannot allow them into the compound, no matter how much we'd love to have you there otherwise.

At NOSA we will do our best to maintain club, and individual activities, balancing them out with an eye on the risk involved. Please note that your own judgement is very important here too:

Please respect the following:

- If you don't feel well, don't enter the compound
- If you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19, or you have a house-mate who has or may have, please don't enter the compound

An extensive list of protocols will be posted at the compound in the course of next week.

2020 AGM held this Saturday, 17 April 2021 at 13:00 (1 PM) via Zoom

On Saturday 17 April we will meet on-line in a Zoom AGM meeting. It is the first time we need to meet virtually, as we are restricted to maximum 10 adults gathering in the club compound.

Via individual e-mail all members will receive the link and password to join. Agenda and previous AGM minutes will also be sent with that e-mail.

If you wish to join the NOSA board, let yourself be known to me, Marc, between now and when the AGM "Election of Board members" takes place on Saturday. If you wish to nominate someone, please let me know (marc@vernonsailing.ca).

NOSA Spring clean-up 17 April 09:00

We have a standard list of activities and projects that are repeated every year at start-up.

Due to COVID we will only do the essential items on Saturday so that we have not too many people in the compound.

This Saturday we will take care of the following:

- 1) Clean out sail loft
- 2) Clean clubhouse
- 3) Step the mast on two FJ's and two 420's (10014 and 4747)
- 4) Erect the deck cover by the clubhouse (job for 4 people)

IMPORTANT: please contact me (marc@vernonsailing.com or by txt to 250-306-6272) to report that you will help. That way I can ensure we don't exceed the number of people in the compound and that you are registered toward your NOSA Bucks.

RS Quest: a new boat for NOSA

When you come to NOSA you will find two brand new club boats. The NOSA Directors decided to invest in the RS Quest. This is a sailboat that can carry up to 4 adults and is equipped with full options. Besides a mainsail and jib, it comes with trapeze and asymmetrical spinnaker...



NOSA Instructors Ella and Jacob checking out all features of the RS Quest

The RS Quest brings NOSA into this millennium as far as technology goes. Though the boat is heavier than the 420's and Flying Juniors, it performs better with its flat-head mainsail, a furling jib, quickly hoisted spinnaker and friction centre board.

For now, the boat is reserved for the sailing school and the NOSA racing team only. Upon special request to a board member, the boat may be taken for a test run by boat-share members, but these boats are not part of the boat-share program.

Other than the Quest being a performance boat, it will enable classes to go on in stronger winds as an instructor can join students in the boat, if needed. For youth, more kids can be put in a boat if the winds pick up.



The 2 new Quest sailboats on the last leg of their trip from the UK. Here on a refueling stop in Chilliwack behind Marc's truck

The boat rights easily after a capsize, facilitated by spiffy handles on the bottom side of the hull. The Quest is self-bailing through the transom.

NOSA Spring-time regatta alternative, or simply: "The Alternative"

COVID-19 has again stolen our annual spring-time regatta. Limitations on people in the compound and the required distancing keep us from having too many of our own sailors in the compound at one time, let alone having invitees there as well.

Keep your eyes open for news on "The Alternative" which will be organized for the weekend of 12 and 13 June.

Responsibilities of owners of boats in the compound.

Boat owners, please remember that we need to keep weeds from infesting the compound by regularly clearing weeds from under our own boat.

Volunteering in the compound and earning NOSA Bucks.

In order to keep the NOSA compound attractive and enjoyable for everyone, we must clean up after ourselves. In addition, we need volunteers to do various maintenance jobs, like help with spring and fall clean-up, mow the lawn, keep the clubhouse clean, clean-up the ubiquitous goose poop and help with special projects.

Volunteers register their hours in the log-book by the club-house door, and can earn a maximum of \$100 back from the family membership paid. NOSA Bucks are real dollars!

This spring we already started by completing repair of the fence between our club and our landlord, the Okanagan Landing and District Community Association. Over the last few years that fence was held up by rope and no longer looked so ... pretty.



Don, Glen, Doug, Marc and John, posing with the metal debris pulled up from the beach-front

Also, we are very thankful to Don Wylie, one of our eternal helpers, always ready to jump in (literally). Don did jump into the lake wearing a wet-suit, snorkel and diving goggles to map any debris in the close proximity of the launching area.

Glen Dick has started his Laser Rack project. We now await permission from our landlord to carry on with Glen's plans to help beautify the west beach.

Thursday Evening Races, starting 13 May and held every Thursday until 27 August.

Thursday evening racing will again be on between 13 May and 27 August!

Join us every Thursday evening, or on whichever Thursday you can.

More about this in the next NOSA News.

We are still looking for a NOSA News (co-)editor.

Though I enjoy assembling and writing the NOSA News, I do have a farm to run in the season. I also sit as trustee in two improvement districts, making for some delay in the issue of this newsletter. That sometimes leaves a bit of a lull in the appearance of our essential NOSA News.

I ask any interested person to get in touch with me to help compiling the required information and lay out the paper, or to entirely take on the project and ask people to send in bits for publishing. I can always help, but just don't have the time to keep doing this entirely by myself.

Again: marc@vernonsailing.com

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For your diary:

17 April 2021: First **clean-up day** in the morning at 09:00, and **AGM** at 13:00

13 May 2021: First of the **Thursday evening races**

12 and 13 June 2021: **The Alternative** (a COVID variant to our Spring-time Regatta)

...in the next NOSA News:

The NOSA Sailing School
COVID update
Follow-up on the AGM
Total club project overview