

CALGARY YACHT CLUB WINTER/SPRING 2010 LOG



Welcome to the New Year and the 2010 sailing season.

Surely by now you are getting tired of the same old Commodore's welcome. Well, regardless of my tenure getting long in the tooth I must say it is a pleasure to have the ongoing privilege of being the Commodore and representing the interests of the members of the Calgary Yacht Club. We have some excellent new representation on the Executive and some ambitious prospects for the club this year.

It is important to remember that it is thanks to the effort and foresight of past Commodores, Executive councils and the membership, the club has existed and even prospered since 1933. But the times do change and even with our recent success in Learn to Sail, the Wet Feet program for 4 to 6 year olds, youth development, increased handicapped access and Master's sailing there are always new challenges to be met.

The new clubhouse

As a result of past savings and a recent grant from the Government of Alberta, we are really close to having enough cash in hand to get started on the new clubhouse. We aren't quite there yet so don't be surprised if there is yet another delay but stay tuned for further news.

Casino thanks. Many thanks to all those that assisted with the recent casino fundraiser! These events are especially critical to the financial well being of the club and our ability to offer excellent programming and facilities.

Even as we save diligently for the new clubhouse there are other maintenance expenditures that need to be undertaken. I should point out that none of these improvements would be possible just with membership dues and it is only through constantly applying for relevant grants and matching programs that the facility and programs can be maintained to the standard you have come to enjoy.

I believe that as long as we focus on getting our membership on the water, maintain the club property, provide challenging programs to expand our skills and remain good



neighbours to the community, the chapter we write in the club's history will be one we can all be proud of. Our club is a little jewel on the prairie, let's keep it that way.

If your club is important to you I encourage you to take an interest and consider sitting on the Executive or an operating committee. Volunteering some time will help you gain some insight and experience.

Until we meet; stay safe, stay fit and get ready for a great 2010 season!

Stephen Reichenfeld
Commodore

MANAGERS REPORT



Here we are in the middle of winter, and already our thoughts are turning towards the sailing season! We have just finished up the Boat show, and that alone will get you into the spirit! People are not just looking at boats, but buying...and our booth at the show was a busy one with people booking sailing lessons and buying memberships.

Memberships renewals were mailed out the middle of January, if you did not receive yours, give me a call at 403-272-3300.

On February 19th Stephen Mohan is coming to town to do a presentation on the refurbishing of their beloved boat "Carlotta". Stephen did a presentation about three years ago and has been asked to do it again, and show how far along he is. In this log you will find an article about Carlotta and date and time of the presentation.

We are planning a Social evening the end of March, which will be a beer tasting event at the Wine and Beer store called ZYN, located in Inglewood. This is guaranteed to be a fun night..stay tuned for date and time, but tentatively mark March 26th on your calendar!



YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE FOR 2010

At the Annual General Meeting of the Yacht Club, the following members were elected to guide the Yacht Club through the coming season:

Commodore-	Stephen Reichenfeld
Vice Commodore-	Kevin Morrison
Treasurer-	Bob Petrosenko
Secretary-	Dave Elliott
House and Grounds	Dave Martin
Fleet Captain	Open
Membership-	Jack Herring
House and Grounds-	Dave Martin
Director-	Phil Paxton (Building)
Director-	Thom Stubbs (Youth)

We are still looking for someone to take on the position of Fleet Captain, and the Youth Committee in particular is looking for parents in the racing program to step forward and take on a role in that committee. Thom's children are now aging out and it is high time for parents of the younger kids to take a role in this program. Why not give it a thought and call me if you have questions

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Romancing Carlotta – A 110 year old Pilot Cutter restoration project
Original article by Gary Grieco, Powell River Living
(Reprinted with permission)

Where else but the Salish Sea could two people live on an island named Sevilla overlooking their own ship restoration from the deck of a funky blue cottage?

Stephen and Barbra Mohan are doing just that. Along with 10 year old son Jasper they are following their dream and restoring Carlotta. She is a 110 year old, 55 foot wooden Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter with a 10 foot retractable bowsprit. Carlotta is moored just below their house at the floating government dock in Finn Bay, just north of Lund.

Built in Gloucester, England in 1899 and originally named Solway, she was constructed in six months by a large crew of shipwrights under the direction of master boat builder William H. Halford. Its purpose was to be a police boat or protection cutter for the use of officers to patrol the fisheries in the Cumberland area of the English Channel. She was painted black with a vermilion cove stripe, and with the license number 2.

After six years of service she was sold as a rich mans toy and for the next 104 years has been an active sailing in private hands. The Solways new life began in 1907 when Lady Vivian found the boat in Whitehaven and converted her to a yacht and re-registered her under the name Carlotta. She has mostly lived an adventurous life of racing and glamour. Lord Gort, the 6th Viscount Gort, loved Carlotta so much he preferred to live aboard rather than ashore in the family's East Cowes Norris Castle.

In 1937 Bessie and Alec Bourne of London bought Carlotta and spent the summers sailing around the coasts of Northern Europe. During a stay in Brest in 1939 the radio receiver on board broke down. When they finally returned to civilization they received a telegram from London. "Return Home Immediately. War Imminent". They promptly sailed north to the island of Guernsey to keep Carlotta safe. The Germans landed on Guernsey in June 1940. In exiting fashion, right out of a spy novel, Carlotta and her crew escaped with minutes to spare.

Carlotta's connection to Canada began with Peter Heiberg of Vancouver who found her in 1973 abandoned in the Fowey Estuary, England. She was in complete disrepair: but his search for a Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter was over. He spent the next four years replacing frames and restoring her at Thomas Ponshardens's Yard at Falmouth. Heiberg brought her to Canada by sailing her through the Panama Canal to Hawaii and reached Vancouver after a quick passage averaging 180 miles a day without an auxiliary engine.

The Pilot Cutters were well designed and fast, much like the Bluenose according to Stephen Mohan. Heiberg raced Carlotta to victory many times in the Old Gaffer's races in Vancouver's English Bay. Heiberg tried to have Carlotta earn her keep by chartering, offering sail training to distressed juveniles. He never installed an engine, and Carlotta



was possibly the only vessel towed by rowboat completely around Texada Island other than Captain Vancouver's ship on his voyage of discovery.

Heiberg's love affair with Carlotta would last for over 30 years, and his decision to say goodbye to Carlotta was not an easy one. It was based on a promise that he made to himself. "The time to sell would be when he could no longer make one good voyage a year." That time came in 2004. He knew of Stephen and Barbra's love of his boat and the Mohan's jumped at the chance to be Carlotta's new custodians.

Barbra and Stephen are both accomplished sailors. Originally from the prairies, and proud of it, Barbra claims "Prairie sailors make some of the best sailors because they learn their craft in small boats and treacherous waters like Lake Winnipeg". Barbra has been sailing and teaching sailing since she was 12 years old. Stephen started out with SALTS after high school-the acronym for the Sail and Life Training Society based in Victoria.

"I did everything to stay at work with SALTS," said Stephen. "I sailed summer trips on the 130 foot tall ship, Robertson II to Desolation Sound and acted as night watchman in harbour. I mainly kicked people out of the rigging after the bars emptied, and eventually made bosun. In 1990 I sailed on the Pacific Swift to Spain and back, spending 20 months on board out of a 24 month trip. That's when Barbra and I met".

Barbra picks up the story." We were on board together for 8 months from Spain to the West coast of Africa before traveling through the Panama Canal to the Marquesa Islands, the Galapagos Islands and Hawaii. We became engaged in the Marquesa Islands and I left the boat in Hawaii while Stephen sailed home with the boat."

The Mohan's are happiest in a marine environment. After Barbra graduated from University and Stephen left SALTS they both were involved for six years with one of the first companies in Victoria, which called in sightings and tracked killer whales. "In those days, even though commercial, it was still considered an adventurous expedition," said Barbra.

In 200 the Mohan's moved to Calgary where Barbra received her MBA, but the pull of the sea was strong and they returned to Powell river in 2003 to her present position as Manager of Human Resources for the City. The following year they purchased Carlotta.

Now, six years later, Barbra rows herself and son Jasper each morning from Sevilla Island to mainland Lund, then drives to Powell River while Stephen continues the restoration. Rather than a hardship, Barbra says, "We appreciate our situation on a daily basis. We look out the window at Carlotta and say "Wow"

After 15 years of marriage Barbra agrees that they are a good combination. "I love sailing and the lifestyle. Stephen, though an experienced sailor has a greater passion for the physical boat than I do. He loves the visual stimulation of color and paints-the clean spaciousness and strength of it."



The Mohan's started the restoration of Carlotta in 2005 by first gutting the interior and pulling the mast and spars. 3500 lbs of 40 lbs of pig ballast had to be removed, while several new frames and planks were fitted and installed at Jack's boatyard in Finn Bay, with help and advice from master shipwright Bill McKee.

Over the next four years Stephen and Barbra restored the companionway hatch and skylight to their original condition. They built a new main boom; removed the old deck, and constructed a new aft counter at the stern of Carlotta. New deck beams were shaped and installed and the gimballed table and companionway leading below were restored. When I suggest they have a romantic lifestyle, Stephen laughs, "Not a whole lot of romance in sawing out rotten oak beams !"

In 2008 a new cockpit was finished based on the original, and the forward hatch restored.

The new deck is finally in place, and the original wooden mast has just been raised. Carlotta is now ready to celebrate her restoration and a new life.

There are only 17 Pilot Cutters left in the world. One boat is in the U.S, the Mohan's and the rest mostly in the UK where they get together several times a year for races. Eventually the Mohan's would like to live aboard, and they dream about one day sailing Carlotta back to Europe.



**BARBRA AND STEPHEN WILL BE DOING A SLIDE PRESENTATION OF THE
RESTORATION OF CARLOTTA FOR F.A.C.S.
(Foothills association of Cruising Sailors)
ON**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH AT 7 P.M. AT THE MEWAWA ARMORY
(OFFICERS MESS)**








JUNIOR COMMODORE'S POSITION

It is that time of the year again when we ask for nominations for the position of Junior Commodore at the Club. Have you thought about it, but are not quite sure what is required????

We have set some criteria that will hopefully make it easier for you!

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

-  You need to be a member in good standing of the Calgary Yacht Club.
-  You need to be 23 or under
-  You should be willing to take on a position of leadership
-  You will be responsible for a small budget
-  You should be willing to listen and speak on behalf of all juniors

HOW DOES IT WORK?

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON Saturday may 1st, 2010
... SO DON'T DELAY...**

To put your name forward, call Fie at 272-3300
Or email her at
manager@cyc.ab.ca



NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA SAILING ASSOCIATION PETER MACDOUGAL

RACE MANAGEMENT CLINICS

Peter van Muyden and Alberta Sailing Association are offering the two day CYA **Club Race Officer** clinics in Red Deer April 10th and April 24th. Must attend both days. Each day is about 6 hours of classroom work. Successful candidates are capable of running club and provincial grade regattas. This is a great opportunity for your club to upgrade the quality of race management.

If you are interested or have questions please contact Peter MacDougal at info@albertasailing.com If you are interested but cannot make the proposed dates, please let me know what dates you prefer and we will see what we can accommodate.

An Assistant Race Officer clinic is being considered pending sufficient interest.

INSTRUCTOR COURSES

We will be scheduling dates and locations for CYA Fundamental Coaching Theory and Technical clinics in the next few weeks. Technical clinics include White Sail, Bronze Sail and Learn to Race. (Instructor Evaluations will be addressed in a later email.) If you are interested, please send by email to info@albertasailing.com the following information;

- Name:
- Mailing address:
- Phone number:
- Birth Date: (Must be at least 16 years old. We will consider exceptions of those close to 16.)
- Fundamental preferred location: Edmonton, Calgary, Other???
- Fundamental preferred dates: (What is most convenient for you? Must be at least 21 days before the Technical clinic.)
- Technical Context you are interested in: (White Sail, Bronze Sail, Learn to Race)
- Technical Preferred Dates: (May, June, July, need it before???)
- Technical Preferred location: (Glenmore, WSC, CYC, Other???)

Some more information

- Process of becoming a certified instructor;
 - **Instructor Fundamental** clinic covers coaching theory, safety, ethics and planning. It is two and a half days indoors. (Mid winter is good)
 - **Instructor Technical** clinic is at least 21 days after the Fundamental clinic and also takes two and a half days. Candidates will be practice teaching real students for two full days. You will be required to demonstrate appropriate sailing skills and knowledge at or before the clinic. Practice



and training clinics may be available prior to the clinics depending demand and available resources. Additional fees may apply. Successful candidates can then pay the CYA instructor dues and work as an instructor for two years. Within the two year, candidates need to be evaluated to become Fully Certified.

- **Instructor Evaluation** is at least 21 days after the Technical clinics. You are teaching real students for about half a day with an Instructor Evaluator.
- Course time and cost: Fundamental and Technical clinics are 2.5 day and cost \$175 each. Evaluation is half a day and costs \$75. Sailing skills testing and training clinic charges to be determined.
- Prerequisites to work as an instructor are
 - Strong sailing skills and knowledge in the context you wish to be certified in. (White Sail, Bronze Sail, Learn to Race) Testing may be at the Technical clinic or prior to the clinic depending on location.
 - Pleasure Craft Operators Card is required prior to attending the Technical clinic. It may be challenged at the Fundamental clinic or a variety of other locations.
 - Emergency First Aid or equivalent. (Many schools will require standard)
 - Current LSS Bronze Medallion, Boat Rescue or equivalent,
- Evaluations are at least 21 days after attending a technical clinic. Usually one instructor teaching real students for half a day under the supervision of an Evaluator. By appointment made through ASA or individual Evaluators.

TRAVELING WITH YOUR BOAT...AND YOUR FRIENDS!

The Alberta Sailing Association is putting together travel plans for supporting Alberta sailors traveling to out of province events 2010. What are your plans and dreams for training and competition this year? Some considerations are;

- April 2 – 5 Easter Training Camp in Victoria BC
- July 2 – 4 Waves, Vancouver BC
- August 1 – 4 Youth Nationals Under 19 Ottawa ON
- August 5 – 8 Youth National Under 17 Ottawa ON
- August 16 – 19 CORK Youth Festival Kingston ON
- August 21 – 25 CORK Olympic Classes (and training boats) Kingston ON
- September 23 – 26 CORK National Qualifying Regatta Kingston ON

EASTER TRAINING IN VICTORIA

Planning is underway for the annual Easter training camps at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Four days of early season training Friday April 2nd to Monday April 5th. Coaching costs are \$25 per day. Lunches at cost can be arranged for those who cannot bring their own each day. Boat transportation on the ASA trailer is available at \$125 return on a first come, first serve basis. ASA can assist with billeting and transport to and from the Victoria airport.

To facilitate planning and insure we have appropriate coaches and services in place please register your interest as early as possible with the following information;

- Name:
- Phone number:
- Boat class:
- Do you need a spot on the trailer?

Peter MacDougal
Sail to Win – Sail for Life
ASA – CYA
403-617-9092





THE CRAIG ROMBOUGH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was established in memory of Craig Rombough. Craig was an avid sailor, and together with his skipper and best friend Ryan Hulsker were Provincial Champions in the Laser>>

This scholarship is open to all sailors who have completed their first or second year of competitive sailing and are enrolled in sailing next year. If you meet these conditions we encourage you to complete your application (which may be in essay form) and send it to [**manager@cyc.ab.ca**](mailto:manager@cyc.ab.ca)

We encourage you to make reference to the following in this application:

Talk about your commitment to sailing as well as your love and passion for the sport of sailing

Talk about some of the talents you have acquired during your competitive sailing.

Talk about the year you started sailing and when you got into competitive sailing

Talk about how the scholarship monies would assist you in advancing your sailing.

Talk about any goals you may have in competitive sailing

Talk about any other aspect of sailing you want.

Scholarship applications are due **the beginning of May**, and the scholarship will be awarded at the 2010 Icebreaker Regatta held on the last weekend of May.

The value of the Scholarship is \$300, of which two hundred dollars is provided by the Craig Rombough Scholarship Fund and \$100 is provided by the Calgary Yacht Club

ED LOWNEY LASER ENDOWMENT

Ed Lowney was a long time member of the Calgary Yacht Club. There are many stories about Ed, and most of them have to do with how he got young kids into the sport of sailing. He used to drive around in his pick up truck and drag kids down to the Club to take them for a sail. Ed Lowney taught a whole generation of present sailors.

On Ed Lowney's passing, his Laser was donated to the Club. This boat was made available to a Junior Member free of charge for the entire year. This boat has served us well and has been replaced with a Byte, financed by a grant from The Calgary Community Lottery Board .

If you would like to be considered for the Lowney Byte, please send us a short application with the reasons while you feel you would be a good candidate for this honour. Be creative, we accept essays, poems, posters...videos...! Please get your submissions to the Club Manager by May 15th, 2010

The winner will be announced at the Icebreaker Regatta on the last weekend in May





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SAILING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Wet Feet - Ages 4-6

A gentle introduction to the sailing environment, this was a very successful program last season. The program runs one week, mornings only from 9 to 12 and combines a playful learning environment on the water, with crafts on shore. Specific dates are not available as yet, but please register early!

Puddle Jumpers

A friendly, fun-filled program ideal for 7, 8, 9 and 10 year olds who have limited or no previous experience in boats. The focus of this course is on basic sailing skills using the Optimist sailboat. This very stable boat is excellent for developing basic sailing skills, building confidence and for expanding the skills of the junior sailor. The recommended text is "Optimist Sailing with Puffy and Friends."

*** White Sail I**

Introduction to basic sailing, water safety skills, boat handling skills and rigging. On-water instruction with Instructor supervision.

***White Sail II**

Intermediate level expanding knowledge gained in White Sail I. Focus on crewing and skipping skills and a greater emphasis on terminology, sail theory, upwind sailing and on the water experience.

***White Sail III**

Advanced boat and sail handling skills building on previously taught courses. Emphasis on sail trim, boat speed and boat handling skills. Successful students will be capable of sailing in wind strengths greater than 15-km/per hour without constant Instructor supervision.

*The recommended text for the White Sail I, II and III is "Basic Sailing Manual"

Bronze IV and V

Sailors are introduced to advanced sailing techniques including sail trim, boat tuning, boat maintenance, trapezing and the use of spinnaker. After completing the Bronze standards sailors are competent in winds up to 25-km/hr. The recommended text is the "Advanced Sailing Manual".

ALL TEXTBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE CLUB



**Young William Taylor contemplates life at sea
(One of our young sailors in the WET FEET program)**



CYC PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM 2010

To register, indicate on the Summer Sailing School sheet which program(s) you wish to register for.

Then complete this form and fax (271-5479) or mail **both pages** to the Calgary Yacht Club, P.O. Box 291, Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2H9, with payment. Cheques should be made payable to the Calgary Yacht Club or you can contact the Club at 272-3300 and pay by VISA, Mastercard or American Express

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Surname		First Name	
Address			
City		Postal Code	
E-mail		Date of Birth	
Home Phone		Work Phone	
Cell Phone		Emergency Contact	

Sailing Experience			
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Experienced	<input type="checkbox"/>

Payment Options			
Cheque	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash	<input type="checkbox"/>
VISA	Number	Exp. Date	
American Express	Number	Exp. Date	



SUMMER SAILING SCHOOL (Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Please also complete the Program Registration Form.

Name: _____

**Cost of WET FEET program is \$100 for members and \$125 for non members
Dates will be posted shortly**

Puddle Jumpers Members \$175 Non-Members \$200	
June 28-July 2	
July 5-9	
July 12-16	
July 19-23	
July 26-30	
Aug 2-6	
Aug 9-13	
Aug 16-20	

White Sail I/II Members \$200 Non-Members \$225	
June 28-July 2	Register soon
July 5-9	to avoid
July 12-16	disappointment
July 19-23	
July 26-30	
Aug 2-6	
Aug 9-13	
Aug 16-20	

White Sail III Members \$250 Non-Members \$275	
June 28-July 2	
July 5-9	
July 26-30	
Aug 2-6	

Bronze IV/V -- Two week course Members \$325 Non-Members \$350	
July 12-23	
Aug 9-20	

Courses are
filling up.
Register soon
to avoid
disappointment!

Adult Learn to Sail Members \$250 Non-Members \$275	
Monday/Wednesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	June, July or August

