

BEACH DIRT

The official newsletter of
TORONTO WINDSURFING CLUB
P.O.Box 534, Toronto, ON., M3C 2S2
www.torontowindsurfingclub.ca



FALL 2005



Hustle to the Party!!!!

The Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend TWC's 2005 Annual General Meeting, Dinner & Dance Party!

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005

Annual General Business Meeting (at TWC) - 5:30 p.m.
Including election of 2006 Board of Directors

Cash Bar at Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) - 6:30 p.m.
Dinner (ABYC) - 7:30 p.m. / President's Awards - 9:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker - Dan Thomson *staff writer, Windsurfing magazine*
Dance Music by DJ Smooth B *one of Toronto's hottest DJ's!*

RSVP with cheque by November 5 (we will not offer tickets at the door this year)

*Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club is in Woodbine Beach Park, Lakeshore and Cawell. Enter through the west park entrance.
Dress Code: whatever gets you through the night!

Have you mailed your Dinner Dance registration yet?

Like to run for 2006 Board of Directors?
See Newsy Bits page

INSIDE

- AGM/ Dinner Dance Reminder
- Instruction
- Racing Season WrapUp
- 2005 Cross Continent Windsurfing Summer
- 2006 Trips
- Newsy Bits
- Presidents Message
- 2006 TWC Calendar (still somewhat tentative)

Thanks to Norah Jackson for the AGM
Dinner Dance poster!

Newsy Bits 1

TWC's MISSION STATEMENT

"Toronto Windsurfing Club is a not-for-profit association located in Toronto's Outer Harbour, managed by volunteer members and dedicated to safe, friendly and enjoyable windsurfing for all members. Our focus is to promote and facilitate recreational and competitive windsurfing from beginners to seasoned sailors."



2005 Board of Directors

Ian Caldwell, Jerry Caplan, Paul Carr, John Darling, Barb Fydell, David Hayes (non-voting) Barry Holtzkener, Bill Mackenzie, Janis Matthews, Jon Matthews, Bill Quantock, Bob Shuttleworth, Mike Tindall, Shirin Zehtabfard
Wann run for 2006 Board of Directors? Contact mike Tindall at mike@tindall.ca before the AGM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2005, Growth and Growing Pains...2006?

As Jerry Caplan points out in his membership article, 2005 was a year of significant growth for TWC. On behalf of all members, thanks to the Directors, volunteers and our paid instructor(s) who made TWC such an attractive place to be. Growth brought many pleasant surprises; social opportunities that the club has never had before, (including a refreshing number of new female members), development and unprecedented numbers in our instruction program, absolutely full storage containers, a healthy racing program with many new faces, a 'greener' site, and a healthy recovery of TWC's bank account after the building of the clubhouse.

Growth to our present size brought new challenges in the day to day running of TWC. These cannot continue to be solved by the efforts of a few dozen volunteers. As Jerry points out, we need every member to contribute more than membership fees. TWC's instruction TEAM and the Board of Directors are planning just that.

The Instruction TEAM's plans for 2006 include; the possibility of two paid instructors during peak times, lessons available on weekends and three days a week, use of the NOVICE level test and courses with a clearly set 'curriculum' (sounds very formal!).

The Board of Directors' plans for 2006 include the possibility of hiring a club manager during peak times, the addition of more storage space, an increase in our site size, and policies to improve site security.

Hang on...the best may be yet to come!

Bill

TENTATIVE 2006 WINDSURFING CALENDAR

(TWC and OSA events)

- March 04-06 Calema Mid-Winters
- March 31 – Deadline for TWC Early Bird applications
- April 08-29 – TWC Hatteras Weeks
- April 22- May 06 – Barrie Windsurfing Association Hatteras Weeks
- May 03- Sept 27 – Wednesday Night Racing at TWC
- May 13 (tentative) – Learn to Windsurf lessons begin at TWC
- May 20-22 – OSA's Windsurfing Instructor Clinic at TWC
- June 10-11 – OSA Regatta 1 and Boardfest at TWC
- July 01-04 – OSA Regatta 2 and Canadian Windsurfing Championships in Kingston
- July 10-14, 17-21 – TWC Kids Windsurfing Camps at TWC
- August 04-07 – OSA Regatta 3 with Canadian Masters Windsurfing Association Championships – Orillia ON
- September 09-10 OSA Regatta 4 with 24th Mammoth Marathon at TWC
- September 28-29 – (tentative) Last weekend for Learn to Windsurf program
- November 11 – AGM Dinner Dance (tentative)



Kids Windsurfing Day Camp Coming to TWC?

TWC instructor Andree Gauthier is busy planning Kids Windsurfing Camps at TWC for summer 2006. Tentatively scheduled for two separate week long sessions (July 10-14 and July 17-21, 2006) the program would run from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. for youngsters and teens 12 and up. In order for this idea to materialize, volunteers with great ideas and/or experience in program development are needed. Please email Andree at andree.gauthier@rogers.com ASAP. Watch the spring newsletter for details or talk to Andree.

Could You Pass TWC's Passport to Windsurf Test?

In an effort to better determine which beginning students are ready to use the TWC school boards for supervised practice instead of lessons, the instruction TEAM is developing a Novice (Rental Safe) Level test. Piloted with a small group at the end of 2005, the checklist of skills and knowledge is still evolving and may be used extensively in the 2006 Learn to Windsurf program. Sixteen students managed to complete the Novice program test, weather curtailing teaching and testing until next spring.

The TEAM is also considering configuring the Learn to Windsurf program so that beginners will join a class of students who will progress as a group through a course, instead of the present scheme whereby students attend lessons on a more casual schedule. Three of the first graduating class and some ROF are pictured at right.



Livia, Keira and Joe with instructor Bill on graduation day!



WannaBe (an) Instructor in 2006?

You certainly don't have to be Josephine Shortboarder to be an instructor in TWC's Learn to Windsurf program. You do have to take Canadian Yachting Association's Level 1 Windsurfing Instructor Course and pass the pre-requisites. For the fourth straight year in 2006, TWC will host the Windsurfing Instructor Level 1 course. It will be held the May long weekend. Watch the spring newsletter for details or contact Amy Goman at Ontario Sailing 1-888-672-7245 x.227, OntarioSailing.ca.

Celebrity Instructor Comes to TWC

Hamiltonian Dan Thomson, is a summertime Gorge sailor, writer for Windsurfing magazine, and one of S. Ontario's best windsurfing sailors/instructors. As a result of his coaching at recent Women's and Masters clinics, Dan was hired for a days' small group instruction with a couple of TWCers. Plans were to sail on Lake Erie, but the forecast caused the group to switch to Lake Ontario...TWC. While at TWC, Dan generously held an impromptu clinic, captivating and educating Learn to Windsurf students and veterans alike. Dan will be our after dinner speaker at TWC's Annual Dinner Dance. Book early!



Dan Thomson holds an impromptu clinic for appreciative TWCers.

Newsy Bits 3

Green, green, it's green they say...(Photos and report by Tom Mae)

My sister Reet, a small core group of volunteers, Rolland, Darius, Grace, Jim, Ian and I painted the TWC trailers park green this August, re-establishing the park theme at the TWC.

Using a paintsprayer, rollers and brushes, the job was done over a period of 4 days. On the last day with rain threatening, a number of members waiting for the wind leapt into action to help finish the job in time before the rain that evening.

Thanks to the others that volunteered for the backup days.



2005 Membership: The Good, the Bad...and the Ugly

(by Jerry Caplan membership co-ordinator)

The Good...After many years of having the number of our club memberships hover around 350, this year we have exploded to over 500. To a large degree we need to recognize ; a resurgence in windsurfing brought on by the new and easy to use learner equipment and of course our Learn to Windsurf program under the capable direction of Andree, Simon, Tom, Reet and the many volunteers who have helped make this program so successful. Thank you so very much. Our racing program which continues to draw in new participants eager to improve their skills and our Wednesday evening and weekend BBQ's have also attracted new members to our club. (ed . note TWC's new clubhouse and green grass probably helped too!) It's been a great season!

The Bad...Well, ...how about The Difficult? Our new larger club has resulted in all storage trailers being completely full, with many members still requiring storage. As a result we have needed to start a waiting list. Now, in order to be fair to all our members, we are asking those members wishing to continue with their storage for the 2006 season do so by submitting their application forms early. The new application form will be both mailed out and found online at the TWC website (torontowindsurfingclub.ca) in February.

Please watch for it and take advantage of the '**Early Bird**' rate by getting your application in before March 31st.

To those members who will not be requiring their storage slots for next season, we would appreciate it if you would let us know by e-mailing to mbs@torontowindsurfingclub.ca .

The Ugly ...Having such a large membership has resulted in some real problems that need to be addressed. TWC, open to all, continues to welcome new members to a club, operated by members, for members. Although TWC is on a public beach, the site is leased from the city for the use of TWC members. Members should feel free to bring occasional guests to the club as they are always welcome. Those wishing to make regular use of the TWC are expected to join.

The other issue is care and maintenance of our clubhouse and our property. There have been many times when our clubhouse / property needed to be cleaned up, and yet some members felt that it was not their 'job' to pitch in. We cannot and should not continue to rely on the few who have traditionally taken it upon themselves to keep the club property neat, clean and safe. We all need to make a contribution.

We wish everyone a happy off-season, as we continue once again to look forward to the warm winds of spring.

Masters Matters...Canadian Masters' Championships 2006, Geneva Park, Orillia, Ontario --- On Lake Couchiching! (article by Jerry Caplan)

Our family has been vacationing at Geneva Park each summer since 1983. Most people know Geneva Park as a leadership and conference centre run by the YMCA, but it's so much more. During July and August each year the summer program at Geneva Park attracts families from all across Canada and the United States. It's a place where families gather to renew old friendships and make new ones, a wonderful spot that provides each member of the family with activities to do and people to do them with. Geneva Park is a great location for the Canadian Masters' Championships / OSA Windsurfing event. The dates will be the usual August Long Weekend (Fri. Aug 4 – Mon Aug. 7, 2006)

Many who have not attended the Masters Championships recently, might wonder, what makes coming to Geneva Park for this event in 2006 so appealing. Two reasons – wind and the park itself.

Lake Couchiching, (which by the way, means Lake of Many Winds), is a great place to sail because of its wind. Located just north of Lake Simcoe, Couchiching is an easy 1 ½ hr. drive from Toronto. The mid-summer water is warm and, for a lake of its size, winds can come without the large waves. Winds vary, but any direction is sailable. Often the wind is calm in the morning, building steadily through the day and sometimes the wind blows strongly all day and into the evening. Generally though, the winds will provide good racing conditions. No one can actually predict wind and that leads to Geneva Park itself.

Geneva Park is family friendly. Perhaps one of the reasons for not attending the Masters Championships in the past, has been the inability to take the family. What will they do while you're sailing or what will they do in the evening while the sailors socialize? No problem at "The Park". How about; tennis, waterskiing, canoeing, kayaking, windsurfing or swimming? There's a craft centre, gym activities, jogging and biking trails, supervised programs for children ages 3 – 16 (if they want to participate). There's mountain biking at Hardwood Hills, and golf courses are a short distance away. Geneva Park is also only about a 5 minute drive from Casino Rama. Of course, if members of the family want nothing more than relaxing by the lake in a Muskoka chair, reading, there are lots of quiet places for that too.

Geneva Park is looking forward to hosting the Master's / OSA weekend next summer. They will hold our booking until March, at which point accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Rooms will fill up quickly. So plan on attending, book early to avoid disappointment, and, of course, bring the family and make a vacation out of it.



Winds settle on Lake Couchiching at Geneva Park



Dining hall at Geneva Park

For more information on YMCA Geneva Park, contact Jerry Caplan at jerry_caplan@yahoo.ca

For more information on the Canadian Masters' Windsurfing Championships, contact Jon Matthews at matthews_jon@hotmail.com See you at 'The Park'!

2006 TWC Trips

Hatteras 2006

April 8-29, 2006, TWC has reserved soundfront (launch from the property into Pamlico Sound) or close to soundfront houses on Island Creek, in the village of Avon,. North Carolina. Pamlico Sound is a shallow body of water between the "Outer Banks" islands and the North Carolina mainland and except for the odd hole, is knee to shoulder deep everywhere within a couple of miles of shore. This makes learning to waterstart, jibe, etc. much easier than at Cherry Beach, as it's easy to get your gear organized after a fall when you can stand on the bottom virtually anywhere. Additional bonuses are: the shallow salt water which warms up quickly and makes your board a lot more "floaty" than it is in Lake Ontario and, the steady, fairly reliable April *WIND!* Like anywhere else in the world, you can get skunked here, but shared accommodation brings the cost (typically \$250 or less CDN) down to a level where the pain is minimized (not like the \$1500+ hit a Caribbean skunk will inflict).

Above all, this is an opportunity to learn and consolidate windsurfing skills in a congenial atmosphere with like-minded fun-seekers. Registration forms for the 2006 Hatteras Expedition are already on the website. TWC will make first payments on the 2006 houses in November 2005. If you haven't registered and paid by then, we can't guarantee you a spot...book early! Visit [click Hatteras/Caribbean 2006](#) for registration info.

Caribbean 2006

If you're looking for some kind of cost sharing deal from TWC, read no farther. You can book just as cheaply on your own. If however, you're more interested in shortening the winter by sharing Caribbean winds and warmth with other TWC members, check out the Hatteras/Caribbean pages on the website to see who's going where, when and how!



TWCer Jan Wroblewski jibing. Hatteras 2005.

Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance (Sat. Nov, 12) Details ...New for 2005

Details of the Annual General Meeting/Dinner Dance Event (Nov. 12, 2005) have changed, so read on and don't be disappointed. The Business Meeting (twc AT 5:30 P.M.) will include the election of the 2006 Board of Directors, so if you want to run, contact Mike Tindall . To make sure you have a say in selecting the 2006 Board of Directors, make sure you make it to the business meeting at TWC by 5:30 p.m. Hustle to the meeting as well as the party! Order your Dinner Dance tickets by mail from Joey Schooley early. We expect to sell out (Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club can only seat about 125 for dinner) and tickets will not be available at the door. Joey will phone you back to confirm receipt of your order.



Ontario Sailing Association (OSA) 2005 Windsurfing Regatta Series (Jon Matthews reporting)

Although our racing fleets were smaller than other years, OSA had another very successful regatta series this summer. Five weekend competitions were held, three hosted by TWC.

The long weekend in May found fifteen hardy sailors at TWC battling frigid water conditions (9 degrees Celsius), but beautiful sunshine. The wind, which was often hard to find this summer, ranged from three to six knots. Seven races were run over the course of the weekend under the supervision of our dedicated race committee, Irene McNeill, Chris Hope and Louise Hayes. The overall winner was David Hayes (We hear a lot about this fellow!), with second place going to Dinchar Kocalar and third place to Paul Carr. Many thanks to Mike Tindall for organizing boats, Bill Quantock for planning the Saturday evening social and to Jane Tindall for helping organize lunches.

TWC was once again our host on Boardfest weekend (June 11-12). The wind was light, but warm weather and ample sunshine saw us through the weekend. Fourteen sailors participated with Chris Hope as race director and Louise Hayes as recorder. Unfortunately we were only able to run four races over the two days, but the social part of the regatta was most enjoyable, as we renewed old friendships from Ottawa. David Hayes ran away with first place, followed by Paul Carr and Ian Matthews.

OSA #3 was held in Kingston, with the Kingston Yacht Club as our host. Only nine sailors attended what was to be the best wind of the summer. Wind speed ranged from 7-11 knots on Saturday and 5-7 knots on Sunday. Chris Hope was our acting race director and KYC commodore Brian Hinchey and his volunteers filled out the race committee. Kingston is always a very social time and we thank the KYC for hosting the Saturday evening social and Sunday lunch. Nine races were held and first place went to Mike Keltz. Second and third spots went to Paul Matthews and Nick Cox respectively. Thanks to Jane Tindall for her help with Saturday lunch.

The National Capital Regatta (August 13-14), which is held every year at the Britannia Yacht Club in Ottawa was the venue for our fourth weekend regatta. We saw new faces this weekend, as some of the Ottawa sailors from the BYC joined us. Saturday provided us with good wind with gusts to 20 knots but Sunday the river was like glass. Twelve sailors participated and two newcomers, Lee Scott and Hillary Borner joined us on original Windsurfer One-Designs. This was their first time on the water in approximately 20 years and they were remarkable. Five races were run and the winners were, Nick Cox in first place, Bill Fenton(Ottawa) in second, followed by Jon Matthews in third. Many thanks to the Britannia Yacht Club for inviting us to join their regatta and providing such good hospitality.



Last but not least, was the TWC Mammoth weekend (September 10-11). Fifteen sailors enjoyed course racing on Saturday, followed by an end of season social Saturday evening. Chris Hope, Louise Hayes and Ian Hayes made up our able race committee and five races were run. Paul Carr won the event, with Paul Matthews and Keith Whiston, taking second and third place. The overall winner for the season was TWC's Nick Cox. Special thanks, once again go to Mike and Jane Tindall and Bill Quantock. The racers enjoyed the Mammoth on Sunday, which had 56 racers competing.

Hope to see everyone next year and we encourage anyone interested in racing to join our ranks. The series is friendly, non-intimidating and a great way to meet new people and improve your windsurfing skills!



2005 Brings RS:X and Big Sails to Wed Racing at TWC

Big news for TWC's Wednesday races was the new (2008) Olympic board/rig and really big sails! Three TWC Wednesday nighters bought RS:X's and began to test the board and rig against the regular Wednesday night and OSA longboard fleets. The sail/rig (9.5m²) is a definite improvement over the more traditional 7.5 raceboard sail, regularly competing with or beating the older 7.5's in our generally light wind Wednesday races. (traditional 7.5 raceboards took the first three places in another light wind Mammoth) In Cherry Beach's light winds, the traditional longboard hull often proved quicker than the RS:X, with two of our RS:X owners frequently choosing to put their RS:X sail on their longboards. Only David Hayes stuck with the RS:X hull and rig in a determined effort to master them. 11.0 metre sails regularly made the Wednesday night start line and for the first time, an old F2 Race (290 litres!) joined the fleet. Rumours keep circulating that there may be a small production run of one of the classic raceboards in the near future. Stay tuned!

2005 TWC WED RACING FINAL STANDINGS (top three in each fleet)

PI	Sail	Skipper	Tot	
1	1711	Paul Carr	39	gold fleet
2	34	Dincer Kocalar	53	gold fleet
3	32	Nick Cox	84	gold fleet
5	141	Mike Keltz	112	red fleet
6	45	Jon Matthews	145	red fleet
7	130	John Darling	164	red fleet
10	871	Ivan Dimic	238	blue fleet
11	144	Mike Tindall	242	blue fleet
14	2684	Barry Holtzkenner	301	blue fleet
16	TOM	Tom Mae	366	white fleet
21	GE	George Eastman	462	white fleet
24	771	Mike Chupricove	584	white fleet

RS:X's Available for Experienced Racers to Test at Wednesday Night Races

Racer Mike Keltz is negotiating with UTC (Neil Pryde distributor in Ontario) to bring a couple of RS:X boards and rigs to TWC for 2006. Mike plans to make these available to racers to try at TWC or regional races. Speak to Mike if you're interested.



Hayes (Mike this time) Wins Mammoth in Classic Cherry Beach Summer Winds

Pump or go home! That was the credo for most of the 2005 Mammoth racers. Windspeeds measured at City Centre Airport on Mammoth day were about 11 km/h at race start, but dropped to 6 km/h by about 2:00 p.m. Proving that he still knows a thing or two about pumping, Mike Hayes returned to competition at Cherry Beach to lead the Mammoth fleet by a comfortable margin. Second went to 2005 Wednesday night champion, Paul Carr, third to Dincer Kocalar and in fourth was TWC's longest windsurfer, the tandem sailed by Paul Matthews and board repair guru Igor. (total of 20 m² of sail!) The Inner Harbour Race was won by Masao Abe and the Learn to Windsurf Race by Jacek Jackiewicz. New to Mammoth this year was the emergence of an informal Cool Hat competition. Rumour has it that competitors are planning even more outrageous headwear for 2006! Thanks to organizers Mike Tindall and Bob Shuttleworth and sponsors; Boardsports, iwindsurf, Silent Sports, Tropical North, TWC and Windsport for a great day!



Mike Hayes smiles for the camera after winning the 2005 Mammoth



Igor and Paul finish fourth on the TWC tandem.

Transcontinental Windsurfing Summer Part 1 (Ian Matthews reporting)

(This summer two of TWC's hottest young racers (David Hayes and Ian Matthews) and our most 'experienced' racer (John Darling) headed off on the windsurfing summer of a lifetime. Spanning North America, they began the summer racing in the N.A Championships in Squamish B.C and then headed to the Gorge for the Formula Experience Worlds. Mid-way through the summer, they returned to do laundry and promptly headed off to the Magdalen Islands to compete in the 2005 Canadian Windsurfing Championships. Following is the story, written by Ian of the west coast part of that trip. We'll try to bring you the rest in a later newsletter or put it on the web. ed.)

This summer, 'Papa' John Darling, baby David Hayes and I decided to leave Toronto in search of fun competition and better winds. David and I wanted to test ourselves against the best Formula racers in the world, and while John brought along his Race chair/umpire's cap, everyone knew he'd be blasting around whenever possible. To begin with, the three of us ventured out west, hoping to cram three races into four weeks. First on the bill were the North American Championships in Squamish, British Columbia. When we arrived, we were greeted with frigid glacial water, gusty winds (5-35 knots at times), unsympathetic tides (which often left huge sand bars for us to hunt with our 70cm fins), and floating logs and trees. A great event, the race was put on by locals Sam Ireland and Zac Plavsic.

Ultimately, the racing ended with some disappointment for us, as the many pros who'd shown up were way ahead of us. That said, I placed 16th with David nipping at my heels (on only an 8.5) in 18th position.

From there we loaded up our red Caravan and headed to the Gorge for the US Nationals and Formula Experience Worlds. With the US Nationals starting two days after the Canadians, Darling and I had to put the pedal to the metal, but even with the numerous accidents holding us up, we ultimately made it down just in time: raring to break some bones and return home with a good bundle of stories from the Gorge.



World Champion 'Baby Davy'

The winds were all over the place in Oregon, as each regatta suffered through two days of shuffle board and sitting around. We also experienced the Gorge at its finest, with recorded gusts to 38 knots during both formula and slalom racing.

These events were a lot of fun and very well organized by the people at VMG events.

In the US Nationals, David finished third in the Formula Experience fleet (1st in the 16 and under, 8.5 class). With this result, his fellow Canadian sailors started to tease Lil' Davey, bowing and calling him 'World Champ' around the house. We knew that he was ready to be a huge threat at the Worlds the following week.

The next week of competition was amazing as well, providing thrilling winds and much excitement. In the 8.5 class, David came 2nd in the first two races. It was clear his main competition was a French sailor named Alex Cousin, who had narrowly nipped his hopes in both contests.

Despite the Frenchman's cunning knavery, Dave was not discouraged, managing to claw his way back. The two sailors exchanged bullets throughout the remainder of the regatta. In the end, it came down to a tie breaker, which tipped the scales in David's direction. It was a truly thrilling battle which had the whole beach engrossed. At one point, Sam Ireland, Zac Plavsic and I were all knee deep in the water yelling for him to tack. Later on, we all received dirty looks from the French team, when we cheered the French sailor's fall.

David did a great job and seemed to win the hearts of the non-French people on the beach (especially the American girls from Texas). Other Canadians did very well in this event; Nikola Girke ... 1st woman, Zac Plavsic... 4th overall, Tom Soltysiak and Josh Wood 6th and 12th youths and myself... 13th overall (2nd under 23). Canadian, Alain Bolduc, raced his RSX in the fleet. Improving in every race, he ended up 7th overall, proving the prowess of the new Olympic board (or perhaps simply his unshakeable will to kill everyone who doesn't eat as healthily as

