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WELCOME BACK 2005 I ISSUE

To all Racers and Racer Wannabes;
Ontario Sailing Association will conduct a Level 1-2 Race Management Seminar at Toronto Windsurfing Club on Friday April 1 (no foolin'!) and Saturday, April 2nd.

Seminar - Race Management Level 1 & 2

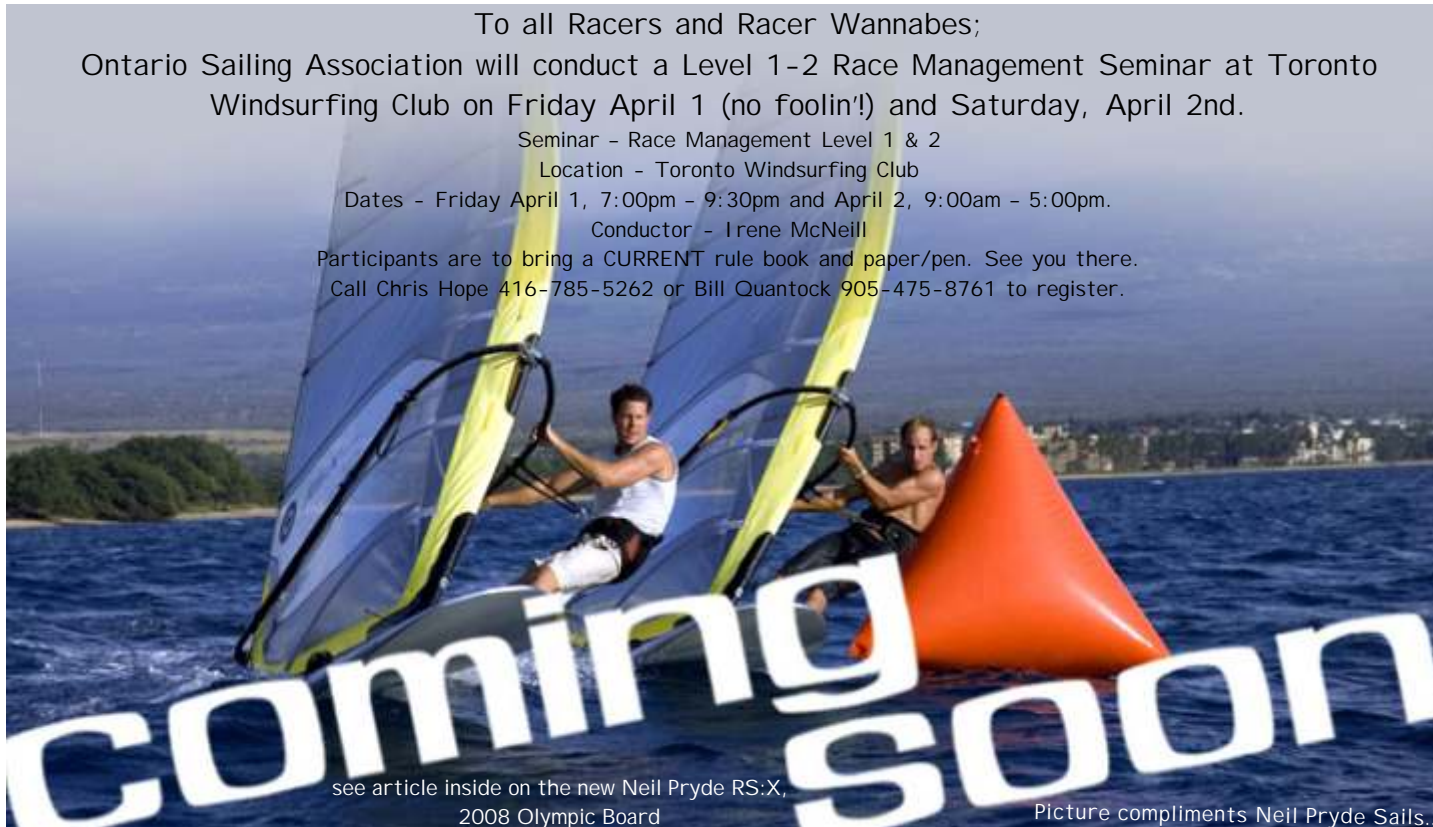
Location - Toronto Windsurfing Club

Dates - Friday April 1, 7:00pm - 9:30pm and April 2, 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Conductor - Irene McNeill

Participants are to bring a CURRENT rule book and paper/pen. See you there.

Call Chris Hope 416-785-5262 or Bill Quantock 905-475-8761 to register.



see article inside on the new Neil Pryde RS:X,
2008 Olympic Board

Picture compliments Neil Pryde Sails..

Don't put away your snowboard, skis, snowfer or winter kite just yet...BUT, there's a new windsurfing season just around the corner! New boards to sail, new friends to sail with, new beaches to explore, new moves to learn, ...GET READY! HAVE A GREAT SEASON! See you at the beach!
TWC Directors

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Complete stained glass mural now in the clubhouse!
Artist Mike Stewart



TWC's yellow sail instruction fleet is now at 14!

LEARN TO WINDSURF (LTW) IMPROVED FOR 2005!

It's hard to believe that this will be the third season since Duke retired, leaving TWC in a temporary dither about whether we could possibly carry on what he so capably started.

Under head instructor Andree Gauthier, LTW has thrived. Extra instructors (particularly Dincer and Simon), added instruction days, weeknight practice sessions, a new fleet of windsurfers all added to the recipe.

New ingredients for 2005 promise an even better season. The instruction fleet is up to 14 Hi Fly Motions (lovingly dubbed the yellow sails by the instructors), all our instructors are back, we have added Thursday afternoon lessons and Thursday evening practices to the Saturday/Sunday lessons and Wednesday night practice schedule.

Want to Learn to Windsurf? There simply is no better place in Ontario! Once again our thanks to the Trillium Foundation whose generous grant in 2004 allowed us to expand our instruction fleet and schedule. See you on the water! (or the simulator!) For details, see the TORONTO WINDSURFING CLUB 2005 brochure or visit and click instruction.



Head instructor Andree Gauthier receives her second straight TWC Sailor of the Year hat for her work in the LTW instruction program.



Not every sailing site in Ontario is like Cherry Beach. This one's not Maui...it's Kingston ON!

SO WHERE DO I GO AFTER CHERRY BEACH?

New members at TWC often ask about other windsurfing sites around Toronto. If you've only sailed at Cherry Beach, you've missed a lot of what S. Ontario offers boardheads. This season, we'll run a series of articles on where to windsurf starting with the closest sites. We've ordered then by distance from TWC. (Hamilton is probably somewhere in the distance range of the sites here, but we've skipped over it as the bayside is not for beginners)

Frenchman's Bay - Pickering (Bill Quantock reporting)

Best wind direction : E through SW, but will also work on W-NW-N in the bay

Take 401 E, S on White's Road, E on Oaklahoma, S on West Shore, E on Spit Road.

Site features - choice of sailing lake, or the bay, limited grass for rigging, sandy easy launch to bay, recently constructed barriers (to protect the dune grasses) on lake side make carrying your kit to water tricky, limited but usually sufficient parking, no washrooms unless you befriend the canoe club. Warm water if you sail in the discharge from Pickering nuclear plant!

Keswick - Claredon Beach Park (BQ reporting)

Best wind direction : all variations of west wind, south through north.

Directions - N on 404 to Green Lane, E to Woodbine, N to Morton Ave., W to Metro Road/Lake Drive, N on Lake Drive and immediately jog left and W to park.

Site features - closest Simcoe site to Toronto, one of the windiest beaches in S. Ontario (iwindsurf), grassy rigging area (Claredon Beach Park) with some shade trees, porta-potties in warm months, limited parking, weeds in warmer months.

Launch is a little tricky for beginners, and although waves are generally smaller than one metre, chop can be confused if wind is due west. Boat traffic as there is a marina just south of



Sibbalds Point Provincial Park (Bill Mackenzie reporting)

Best wind direction: WNW through N

Take Hwy. 48 past Sutton., watch for signs leading to park. Once in the park, drive to the boat ramp and find parking there.

Rigging area north of parking and launch is about 50 meters NE of rigging area, through the trees.

Site Features: Park admission: about \$10 per car for the day (\$70 season pass), grassy rigging area, ample parking, shallow launch with sand/smooth rock, bathrooms nearby, weeds not a problem

If the wind is quite northerly, this is a good site to pick. Waves above one metre in N - WNW conditions. Waterstart skills would be an asset in strong winds.

Beaverton - Centennial Park - (BM reporting)

Best wind direction: NW, WNW (as the wind shifts further north, the wind shadow increases), also decent in S through W conditions

Take Hwy 48 to Hwy 12, North on Hwy 12 to Concession Rd. 9 (about 12KM)

Site features: grassy rigging, shallow launch with muddy bottom, ample parking, porta-potty - during the warmer months, weeds rarely a problem

It can really kick up here on a northwest, with waves building to over a metre high. On a NW blow, it is generally a few knots stronger here than at Keswick. Suitable for sailors of any level in lighter winds, but you need to be able to waterstart if sailing in strong winds.



Finian Maynard goes for the record in 2003.

2008 OLYMPIC BOARD CHOSEN

The ISAF (International Sailing Federation) decided on Neil Pryde's RS:X board/rig combo for the 2008 Olympics. The RS:X board is a combination of new (W-I-D-E) and old (centreboard) features which strives to exploit the low wind potential of the traditional longboard (lower photo) and the planing potential of the wideboard (upper photo). The rig will be somewhere in 8.5-10.5 m² range once finalized and Pryde anticipates supplying a complete board/rig for about \$5000 CAN, competitive pricing with a top of the line formula outfit. (Pryde says a limited number of boards will be available in Canada in 2005) The RS:X will add an exciting new dimension to competitive windsurfing at the highest level. It remains to be seen if the new board can make a dint in TWC's Wednesday night series, which in the past have been ruled by lightwinds and lightweight sailors on traditional longboards.



TWCer Jonathan French pops one at Beaverton.

THINK YOU'RE REALLY FAST ON A WINDSURFER? READ THIS! OR, FAST FINIAN PT. 2

November 13, 2004 at the 'Ditch' (Sainte Marle de la Mer, France). With winds gusting from 40-50 knots, Finian Maynard blasted down the 500m course with an average speed of 46.82 knots, setting a new absolute sailing speed record as well as a new 10.0 sq. metre class record. The previous record (46.52, Yellow Pages Endeavor) has stood since 1993. Maynard came within a hair's breadth last December (46.24) but was just shy of the necessary 1% margin. Speaking by cell phone from the event site in the south of France, Maynard was excited that his three year effort has finally culminated in a record, but also focusing on the future - the GPS readings from the record run showed a sustained speed of 49.2 knots for 2 seconds (50 m) which suddenly puts the 50 knot barrier within reach! And you thought you were fast when you blew by your buddy at 20 knots!



RS:X planing

RS:X planing.



RS:X driving upwind on the centreboard

Windsurfing Sport Associations (Bill Mackenzie reporting)

Windsurfing groups run the organizational spectrum from the vagabond beach bum types who answer only to the wind to the Olympic racers who windsurf in the most highly competitive and organized environment in the sport. Behind every good sport is usually a number of associations dedicated to promoting the sport's growth and development. Overseeing windsurfing, a number of associations serve local, regional and national interests.

TWC is closest to home. Besides being a not-for-profit organization providing facilities and the tools for windsurfing skills development, TWC is involved in various lobbying efforts to maintain and promote windsurfing. For example, TWC has lobbied and will continue to lobby various levels of government to preserve our low-cost, publicly accessible site.

Outer Harbour Sailing Federation (OHSF...TWC is a member), the union of the various small sailing clubs along Regatta Road, Hanlan Boat Club (rowing) and Aquatic Park Sailing Club across on the Leslie St. Spit, has been active in the community, as a provider of inexpensive access to watersports for about 30 years, and more recently, as a lobby group to ensure that these facilities remain available to the people of Toronto.

Canadian Masters Windsurfing Association (CMWA) seeks novice through expert sailors (over age 35) and through its volunteer executive, provides everything from winter snowfaris at Horseshoe Valley to racing events and trips to windsurfing destinations. At the time of writing their website and Windsurfing Canada's are down, but can temporarily be accessed on Windsurf Canada's site.

The Ontario Sailing Association (OSA) is the provincial arm of the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA), which in turn is a member of the International Sailing Federation. They work closely with government agencies at all levels to improve safety and promote sailing & boating opportunities in Ontario. The OSA organizes a series of windsurf racing regattas in SW Ontario. Last year, there were four weekend races, of which, two were held at the TWC.

Windsurfing Canada (WC) is affiliated with Canadian Yachting Association. Chaired by TWC's John Darling, WC works closely with provincial sailing associations and is the organizer of the Canadian National Windsurfing Championships, among other events, and provides training workshops for potential Olympians. Windsurfing Canada maintains the registry for all windsurf sail race numbers and is also dedicated to promoting the recreational side of the sport as well as racing.



It Was Windy and We had Fun! (BO reporting)

"That's the storyline for every windsurfing article you write!" my wife and most honest journalistic critic (I think she should be my editor) stated.

"Yeah...that's what this sport is all about!" I replied.

"So why are you writing it again?"

"Well this time it was REALLY windy and we REALLY had fun!" I replied. And it was and we did.

For the last two years, I've added a fall Hatteras trip to my windsurfing schedule and it's been windy and I've had fun! (I'm all honesty, spring is probably windier, but fall is warmer!)

How does wind for six days out of seven, sun almost every day, great sailing mates, \$105 US for a week's Avon soundfront accommodation, and \$29 US for fabulous dinners (six of them) sound? If you like that, consider the fall Hatteras weeks with TWCers Andre Jubinville and Sue Thomas October 15-22, or the Canadian Masters Windsurfing Association (CMWA) October 22-29, and October 29-November 5, 2005. All three weeks are in a house called Octavue in Hatteras Colony in Avon (close to Island Creek) Get in touch with

Sue and Andre, 416-323-9661

or

David Culliford,
CMWA,
158 Glenview Ave.
Toronto, ON

M4R 1R3...416 482-4915

soon and you too will probably experience Hatteras' famous wind and have fun too!



TWCer Barry Holtzkener enjoys fall 2004 Hatteras winds with the Masters.. (ed. note) Barry was my Hatteras co-pilot and brought a new twist to the "Are we there yet?" game...two GPS units! If you want to know ANYTHING about the trip to Hatteras, ask Barry!

CMWA Hatteras 2004 Week one: Barry Holtzkener Sue Thomas, Andre Jubinville, Duke Duyck (TWC), David Culliford, Clark Hill, Ian Hall (CMWA), Bill Quantock (TWC)

TWC HATTERAS 2005 EXPEDITION - WHERE TO GO AFTER CHERRY BEACH PT. 2

At the time of writing, our 2005 Hatteras Expedition has 49 sailors paid up. April 9-16, 2005 we have four soundfront homes on Island Creek and April 16-23, we have two Island Creek soundfront homes. We have two empty spots in week one and week two is full. Haven't been to Hatteras? You've missed some of the best windsurfing in N. America. For more info, see www.torontowindsurfingclub.ca and click Hatteras 2005.



Hatteras 2003 and 2004

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Members who have been with TWC for sometime have remarked that the club has changed noticeably in the last few years. This has come as a result of the efforts of many members, particularly the TWC Board of Directors (Board).

Grateful thanks to the 2004 Board and in particular retiring members; Alan Backlund, Eric del Junco, Nick LeDonne, Ian Hayes, Bob Lackie, and Simon Rickard. Alan (roughly 20 years a Director) and Nick (roughly ten years a director) in particular made outstanding contributions to TWC and deserve your thanks when you see them at the beach this year.

Welcome to new Directors Ian Caldwell, David Hayes, Barry Holtzkener, and Shirin Zehatabeard !

That being said, the Board shares a concern that more volunteer involvement will be necessary if TWC is to sustain the growth and success of the last couple of years. As TWC has grown (nearly 400 members at the end of 2004), so has the load to maintain status quo, never mind sustain improvement. The wear and tear on some of our key volunteers (six retiring Directors in 2004) is telling and TWC needs more volunteer involvement from members in general.

Although a service component to membership with a resulting fee discount has been discussed and may be down the road, the Board is attempting to better organize the volunteer potential in the club for 2005. Look for a volunteer choice section in your 2005 membership application. We will respond in some way to your interests and will make every effort to get you involved in 2005. Plan to help out with the "spruce-up the club " initiative for 2005 as follows.

Grounds Clean-Up ...first Saturday in May 11:00 a.m. -...

Containers re-paint ... first warm windless Sunday in June

Landscaping (hedge planting) around the building and along the edge of the Martin Goodman Trail

Wear your grubbies and enjoy the day with other TWCers! Have a great season! Bill

MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE/CHANGES FOR 2005

Basic membership is now \$75.00 per season, youth membership is \$50.00 and a family is \$110 per season.

After two meetings of deliberation, the Board of Directors (BoD) finally agreed to raise basic TWC membership fees from \$60.00 per season (where it's been since I joined TWC nearly 10 years ago). Gone too is the first season rate and the student rate.

The BoD approved these changes based on several factors;

1. The recent investment in the Clubhouse has depleted TWC's bank account and the Club needs funds

a.) to allow further improvements to the site such as hedge planting, repairs to the lawn irrigation system and container replacement/repair

b.) to build a cash reserve to use in the event we have to negotiate to stay at our present site

c.) to cover the possibility that the City will demand the taxes it has not charged us (or the other OHSF clubs) for the last ten or so years.

2. First year members are often the ones who get the most benefit from membership as they are the students in our LTW program.

This is still by far the least expensive recreation or sailing club that you can join and offers more for your membership fee than ever before. Discussion at BoD has included the notion of a service component to membership and if this is coupled with a discounted membership fee for those who complete their service hours, we may be able to postpone future hikes.

EASTERN CANADA 2005 WINDSURFING EVENTS CALENDAR

(for Canadian and International events, see Windsurfing Canada:)



- APRIL 1-2 OSA Race Management Clinic at TWC : C. Hope chope@attglobal.net
 9-16 & 16-23 Toronto Windsurfing Club (TWC) Hatteras Expedition
 17 -24 , 24-May 1 Cape Hatteras Clinics with Martin Van Geenhoven
- MAY 4-Sept. 28 TWC Wednesday Night racing begins 6pm sharp 'til sundown, to end Sept.:
 14-Sept 18 Sat., Sun. Learn to Windsurf (LTW) Classes at TWC : 416-461-7078 to book
 14-15 Rondeau Bay Spring Windsurfing Regatta: Open Course (incl. Formula, FE, Raceboards & Open), and Slalom; Rondeau Yacht Club, info: David French, Camping, FE clinic and pig roast
 21-22 OSA (Ontario Sailing Association) #1 TS&CC Audi Icebreaker at TWC, : Open course, lunches, clubhouse changerooms & shelter
 27-29 CMWA Spring Get-together & Clinic, Port Bolster: S.Todd
 28-29 Quebec Windsurfing Tour (QWT) #1 (of 4) - OKA, (Montreal)
- JUNE 4-5 Lake St-Pierre Challenge- QWT #2 Centre Nautique de Francheville; Course & slalom - Dominique Vallee
 4-5 - Toledo (Ohio) Regatta (Prodigy, Open) - Rod Clevenger
 11-12 OSA #2 /Boardfest at TWC matthewsjon@rogers.com &
 15 - Sept 28 Wed./ Thurs. LTW Pracice Nights/Thurs. P.m. Lessons at TWC: 416-461-7078 to book
 18-19 CMWA-BWA-TWC Women's Spring Clinic at Barrie Windsurfing Club:
 A.Gauthier 18-19 (TBC) W.C. Tropical North ONTARIO FORMULA CHAMPI ONSHIPS / Barrie Windsurfing Weekend (Formula & Open course & Slalom) Info: 705-725-8888 or
 25-26(TBC) OSA #3, Location TBA, :
- JULY 9-10 W.C. Kingston Windsurfing Regatta (Formula, FE & Open course & slalom) at CORK;
 Richardson Beach, Kingston. Enjoy Busker's Week, nite clubs & theatre in the old town;
 John Darling 416-928-3086, Register early & save:
 16-17 (TBC) OSA #4 Kingston (location TBA) (Open course racing)
 30-Aug.1 (TBC) Canadian Masters Windsurfing Assn. National Championships, Quebec (Montreal) Suzanne Roberge
- AUGUST 13-15 (TBC)Quebec Windsurfing Tour #3 (of 4) Lac St-Jean or
 29 - Sept. 4 2005 CANADI AN WINDSURFI NG CHAMPI ONSHIPS Magdalen Islands, QUE . (ALSO) Quebec Windsurfing Tour Finals #4 (Overall awards)
- SEPTEMBER 10 -11 MAMMOTH RACE WEEKEND- OSA #5(sat)/ MAMMOTH MARATHON race around Toronto Islands,(sun) :
 16-18 CMWA Women's Fall Clinic, Port Bolster (Lake Simcoe) Info: Stephanie Todd
 Andrée Gauthier



AGM and DINNER DANCE -
November, 2004

Hurray for Joey (hostess) and all those TWCers who made the 2004 AGM/DINNER DANCE another hit! Nearly 100 attended, enjoying wine and cheese at the AGM at TWC and dinner and dancing to the tunes of a professional DJ at Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club. Thanks once again to Masao Abe for the pix! Put the 2005 AGM/Dinner Dance on your calendar...November 12