

Director's Desk - Fired Up

We always enter our summer sailing season fired up, but this year the term took on a new and troubling twist. Wildfires consumed our time, our resources, and very nearly our homes. Thankfully, no deaths or injuries occurred in Shelburne County and no homes were lost among our membership, though sadly that is not the case for some others in our community. Special mention and honour needs to be paid to our SHYC members who are a part of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD), including Commodore, Andy Blackmer and SHYC member and Town of Shelburne CAO, Sherry Doane, who were a part of the SVFD team that fought bravely and tirelessly throughout. The pictures below tell just how much skill, effort and especially courage were required.

Sponsorship Program Update

Funding for SHYC's Sailing Academy comes from many places, including provincial and federal wage subsidies, municipal and town operating grants (see separate story), private contributions to our bursary program and from the members of SHYC. Add to that list this year the local companies depicted below who've generously agreed to sponsor our teaching season. Our grateful thanks.

Shelburne Sailing



-Rob Stork



One of SVFD's Tankers, helmed by SHYC Commodore, Andy Blackmer.



Grants To Organizations

The Sailing Academy at SHYC is pleased to acknowledge the Town of Shelburne's grant of \$500 and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne's grant of \$2,000. These grants represent an important part of our operating budget and help to bridge the gap between registration revenues and what it costs to offer our CANSail certified programs. We are much obliged.

Apocalypse Here - Shelburne County, June 2023



Safe Sport Comes to SHYC, other YC's and PSO's

As a member of Sail Nova Scotia and Sail Canada, SHYC will be instituting SAFE SPORT, a program being developed by Sport Canada to better ensure that Canadian sport organizations



are operating in a safe way, especially with regards to young athletes and other potentially vulnerable members of the organization or staff. At the Spring AGM, the club voted to adopt a comprehensive policy package, which includes guidance on how to promote safe sport and how to further educate our members accordingly. As part of this effort, members of the SHYC Executive Committee and certain other committee members and volunteers will be required to undergo an enhanced security check conducted by the RCMP. Notice of how this wil take place will be provided to the individuals involved. Look also for posters around the campus offering guidance on other practices and procedures that relate to the Safe Sport policy. Thanks in advance to all members for their attention to this important matter and their cooperation in its implementation.

As the SHYC board member whose remit covers those most clearly part of a vulnerable population, the SHYC Director of Sailing has been designated as Safe Sport Lead in instituting this policy. Questions can be directed to: saildirector.shyc.ns@gmail.com.

By The Numbers

Sailing Academy 2023 Registrations



• Wet Feet (age 7-10) • LTS/LTR (Ages 10+) • Adult LTS

Sailing Academy **Operating Committee**

Director Rob Stork Head Coach Tatum Arcon Coaching Mentor Guy Tipton Fleet Maintenance Henry Pedro SHYC Treasurer Chris Arisz* SHYC Commodore Andy Blackmer* *Ex-Officio

The Sailing Academy at SHYC and the good work it does for our community is made possible by the efforts and expertise of many volunteers and financial support from members of the business community as well as all the members of SHYC. We thank you. -Rob Stork

Director / SHYC Sailing Academy

