

# NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION 2008 Annual Report



Paralympic Sailing Champion  
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*To make high performance sailing and recreational boating lifelong activities for  
Nova Scotians through excellence in competition and training*

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# MEMBER YACHT CLUBS, SAILING SCHOOLS & CLASS ASSOCIATIONS - 2008

Armdale Yacht Club  
Aylesford Lake Yacht Club  
Barrachois Harbour Yacht Club  
Bedford Basin Yacht Club  
Bras d'Or Yacht Club  
Chester Bay Yachting Association  
Chester Yacht Club  
Dartmouth Yacht Club  
Dobson Yacht Club  
Grand Lake Yacht Club  
Hubbards Yacht Club  
Isle Madame Boat Club  
LaHave River Yacht Club  
Lunenburg Yacht Club  
Mira Boat Club  
Northern Yacht Club  
Petpeswick Yacht Club  
Pictou Yacht Club  
Queen's Recreational Boating Association  
Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club  
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron  
Royal Western Nova Scotia Yacht Club  
Sail Able Association of Nova Scotia  
Shearwater Yacht Club  
Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club  
St. Margaret Sailing Club  
Spanish Bay Yacht Club  
Waegwoltic Club  
Wallace MacAskill Yacht Club

## Sailing Schools

Canadian Coast Guard College  
Camp Kadimah  
Discovery Sailing  
Double Dutch Sailing School  
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth  
Pictou County Sailing School  
Regional Cadet Sailing School - Atlantic  
Sail Mahone Bay  
Shining Waters Marine  
Sou'Wester Adventures  
St. Mary's Boat Club

## Class Associations

Chester Classic Fleet **\*New\***  
COAST Opti Society  
Dalhousie University Sailing **\*New\***  
Nova Scotia Ice Yacht Club  
Premier Class Association  
SEASTAR **\*New\***

# 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

## Executive

<b>President</b>	Mike Archibald
<b>1st Vice President</b>	Vacant
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bob Chisholm
<b>Secretary</b>	Brian Todd
<b>Past President</b>	Gerry Giffin

## Directors at Large

Sheila Brown  
Chris Connor  
Jane Filbee  
Karen Fowler  
Mike Hoyt  
Arthur McNeil  
Dwayne Primeau  
Paul Tingley

## Staff

<b>Executive Director</b>	Frank Denis
<b>High Performance Director</b>	Lisa Ross
<b>NS Sailing Team Coach</b>	Mike Todd
<b>2008 Summer Student</b>	Lindsay Milne

# SERVICES OF THE NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION

The Nova Scotia Yachting Association (NSYA) is the provincial governing body for the sport and recreation of sailing. NSYA is a member of Sport Nova Scotia, which is supported by Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection. The NSYA actively:

1. Represents the interests of yachtsmen provincially (and nationally through the Canadian Yachting Association), and coordinates the activities of yacht clubs and sailing schools throughout the province.
2. Emphasizes safety, co-operating with the Canadian Coast Guard and other agencies in programmes of education and incident reporting and maintaining accessibility to all Nova Scotian waters by the yachting community.
3. Assists yacht clubs and sailing schools to teach the CYA Learn-To-Sail, Learn-To-Windsurf and Learn-To-Cruise (sail and power) and Pleasure Craft Operator Card programs, by training instructors and coaches to national CYA standards.
4. Provides a Provincial Coach to identify and prepare promising youth sailors for major events, at regional, national and international events.
5. Develops a team for the Canada Games, and assists Nova Scotia members of the National team prepare for the Olympic Games or other international events.
6. Encourages women sailors by holding on and off the water seminars and an annual keelboat championship for women.
7. Coordinates an annual provincial race schedule for all open events.
8. Encourages Yacht Clubs to host regional, national or international events, by providing advice, qualified Race Officers and Judges. Helps to coordinate events sponsored by more than one yacht club.
9. Trains Race Officers and Judges to national CYA standards.
10. Operates a racing-rules Appeals Committee at the provincial level, and provides advice to Club Protest Committees.
11. Administers the (ASPN) Atlantic Speed Potential Number system of keel-boat performance handicapping, as a Fleet within PHRF system.
12. Recommends experts on a wide variety of subjects to yacht clubs or sailing schools seeking speakers for seminars and special courses.
13. Continuously monitors developments in the yachting scene to ensure that Nova Scotia yacht clubs and sailing schools are in a position to maintain their enviable position in the forefront of the sport.

# **AGENDA 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

12 noon  
Saturday, November 22, 2008  
Saraguay House, Halifax

## **AGENDA**

2009 Laser Worlds Presentation

- I APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- II APPROVAL OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
- III BUSINESS ARISING
- IV FINANCIAL REPORT
- V NSYA BY-LAW REVISIONS
- VI CYA UPDATE
- VI PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- VII EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- VIII COMMITTEE REPORTS
- X ASPN - PHRF CONVERSION
- X NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
- X NEW BUSINESS

# Nova Scotia Yachting Association 2007 Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2007 ~ Saraguay House (RNSYS)

**Members Present:** Armdale YC (Ed Bloodworth), Bedford Basin YC (Ross Welsman), Bras d'Or YC (Peter Patterson), Chester YC (Colin Finlay), Dartmouth YC (Jim Thomas), Hubbards YC (Angela Chisholm), LaHave River (Ken Morrison), Northern YC (Blair Clark), RNSYS (Barbara Pike), Sail Able (James Stewart), Shearwater YC (Dave Stewart), St. Margaret SC (Wayne Trowse), Cadets (Marie Bourinot), Nova Ice YC (Warren Nethercote), COAST (Paul Rafuse).

**NSYA Board Members:** Barbara Pike, Gerry Giffin (Meeting Chair), Brian Todd, Karen Fowler, Dwayne Primeau, Jane Filbee, Ed Bloodworth, Mike Archibald.

**Observers:** Frank Denis (Recording Secretary), Steph Serre de St. Jean, Ed Bottrell, David MacDonald, Don McAlpine, Patricia Finlay, Bob Sarty, Arthur McNeil, Lynn Davis, John Dobbs, Mike Todd.

## 1 – Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** To approve the Agenda as circulated.  
Moved: Barbara Pike, Seconded: Warren Nethercote.  
Carried.

## 2 – Approval of the 2006 AGM Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the 2006 AGM Minutes as circulated.  
Moved: Barbara Pike, Seconded: Wayne Trowse.  
Carried.

## 3 – Business Arising

There was no Business Arising.

## 4 – Financial Report

Gerry Giffin presented the 2007 Financial on Treasurer's Bob Chisholm's behalf. A surplus of \$10,500 in 2007 thanks to increased Canada Games Funding.

**Motion:** To accept the 2007 Financial Report as presented.  
Moved: Jane Filbee, Seconded: Ed Bloodworth. Carried.

## 5 – NSYA By-Laws Revisions

President Gerry Giffin stated that much of the by-laws amendments were administrative changes except the former 9.1 which allowed members to appoint a representative to the NSYA Board. This could lead to a 50 members Board of Directors.

**Motion:** To approve the amended NSYA By-laws as presented and circulated in the 2007 AGM Booklet.  
Moved: Warren Nethercote, Seconded: Wayne Trowse.  
Carried.

## 6 – President's Report

Gerry Giffin referenced his report on page 35 of the Report booklet.

**Motion:** To approve the President's Report.  
Moved: Barbara Pike, Seconded: Paul Rafuse. Carried.

## 7 – Executive Director's Report

Frank referenced his report on page 37 of the booklet.

**Motion:** To accept the Executive Director's Report.  
Moved: Jane Filbee, Seconded: James Stewart. Carried.

## 8 – Committee Reports

**Motion:** To accept all Committee Reports as presented.  
Moved: Brian Todd, Seconded: Warren Nethercote.  
Carried.

## 9 – Nominating Committee Report

Barbara Pike called for any further nominations for NSYA President. There were none.

**Motion:** To elect Mike Archibald as President of NSYA.  
Moved: Paul Rafuse, Seconded: Jane Filbee. Carried.

Barbara Pike called for any further nominations for the NSYA Board of Directors.  
There were none.

**Motion:** To elect the following to the NSYA Board of Directors; Sheila Brown, Bob Chisholm, Chris Connor, Jane Filbee, Karen Fowler, Mike Hoyt, Arthur McNeil, Dwayne Primeau, Paul Tingley, Brian Todd.  
Moved: Warren Nethercote, Seconded: Wayne Trowse.  
Carried.

Gerry thanked the Board members who were leaving NSYA for their dedication and support and presented them with a token of appreciation.



Bob Sibley, Ed Bloodworth and Richard Mitchele were recognized.

Mike Archibald then took over as Chair of the meeting. He thanked Gerry Giffin for all his dedication to NSYA over the years.

#### **10 – New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **11 – Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Barbara Pike, Seconded: James Stewart.

Carried.



## **2008 FINANCIAL REPORT**

# NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION

## Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements

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For the year ended October 31, 2008

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1) DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

The Nova Scotia Yachting Association (NSYA) is a non-profit organization established to encourage Nova Scotians to become more proficient in managing, handling, cruising and racing sailing or power boats through training in safety, sailing, navigation and seamanship.

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2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for non-profit organizations and include the following policies:

*Inventory*

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

*Deferred Revenue*

Amounts received which relate to future periods are presented as deferred revenue on the balance sheet.

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3) SPORT NOVA SCOTIA TRUST ACCOUNT

Sport Nova Scotia maintains a bank account into which funds for salaries are deposited and through which salaries are paid.

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4) LEGACY FUND

The NSYA maintains a restricted investment account with National Bank Financial whose interest is used to fund eligible athletes.

# NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION

## Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements

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For the year ended October 31, 2008

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5) EQUIPMENT

The NSYA owns various equipment used to promote sailing in the province. This equipment includes the following:

**Items subject to depreciation**

	<b>Cost</b>
Coach Boat	\$23,000
Race Marks	\$1499
Laptop Computer	\$1582
NSST Race Marks	<u>\$539</u>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$26,620</b>

In 1998, the Association adopted the accounting recommendations of the CICA Handbook for Non-Profit organizations.

In prior years, the Association expensed its assets in the year of purchase. The Association changed its policy in 1998 to record assets acquired in 1998 and subsequent years at cost, and amortised these new capital assets over their useful lives.

6) FUND

The fund balance represents amounts set aside to enable the NSYA to maintain and replace its equipment as required and to cover other unforeseen requirements.

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**Nova Scotia Yachting Association**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Membership Dues	\$ 26,454	26,681
Merchandise	15,535	14,986
Programs	40,066	34,376
Provincial Funding	67,987	52,987
Directed Funding	106,310	60,683
Advertising / Fundraising	3,799	12,177
Miscellaneous	2,009	1,533
	<b>262,160</b>	<b>203,423</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Salaries - Staff	119,972	102,947
Salaries - Contract Staff	32,824	11,275
Programs	42,775	27,504
Operating	32,339	35,127
Depreciation	5,503	5,620
Merchandise	11,247	10,374
Miscellaneous	1,000	0
	<b>245,660</b>	<b>192,847</b>
<b>Surplus of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>10,576</b>

**Nova Scotia Yachting Association**  
**Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2008**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

BMO Chequing Account	34,966.95	
BMO GIC 1	54,151.14	
BMO GIC 2	40,000.00	
Total Cash and Term Deposits		129,118.09
Sport Nova Scotia Trust Account		6,677.25
Accounts Receivable	11,855.19	
Accounts Receivable (Advanced)	997.32	
Interest Receivable	911.57	
Total Accounts Receivable		13,764.08
Inventory		2,443.60
Prepaid Expenses		<u>3,818.79</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>155,821.81</b>

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

Legacy Fund Balance	21,867.22	
Equipment	33,908.59	
Accumulated Depreciation: Equipment	(21,280.74)	
Net Value: Equipment		<u>12,627.85</u>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS</b>		<b>12,627.85</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **168,449.66**

**LIABILITIES**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	10,195.00	
Total Acc Payable & Acc Liabilities		10,195.00
Deferred Revenue		27,408.93
Coaching Fund		6,817.44
Speed Centre fund		<u>7,758.51</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>52,179.88</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **52,179.88**

**EQUITY**

**EARNINGS**

Fund Balance		99,770.49
Restricted Funds - Legacy Fund	21,867.22	
Current Earnings		<u>16,499.29</u>
<b>TOTAL EARNINGS</b>		<b>116,269.78</b>

**TOTAL EQUITY** **116,269.78**

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** **168,449.66**





# NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION

## Vision, Mission, & Pursuits

Approved by the NSYA Board of Directors, January 10, 2006

### NSYA Vision

To make high performance sailing and recreational boating lifelong activities for Nova Scotians through excellence in competition and training.

### NSYA Mission

To provide leadership, governance and standards to meet the needs of all our members by:

- Promote high performance sailing success at regional, national, and international levels.
- Being the authority and voice of Nova Scotian competitive sailing and recreational boating.
- Providing guidance, leadership, support and services to our membership.
- Supporting national standards and policies for excellence in training, competition, and safety for sailing and recreational boating in Nova Scotia.
- Expanding participation in sailing and recreational boating in Nova Scotia.

### Pursuits

*Note: In determining NSYA Pursuits it is important to keep in mind the four goals of the Canadian Sport Policy (CSP).*

### CSP Goal: Enhanced Participation

**NSYA Pursuit:** To have a significant portion of Nova Scotians enjoy and support competitive sailing and recreational boating activities by;

- Developing participation activities in collaboration with our stakeholders and other organizations.
- Maintaining and strengthening NSYA's delivery of education programs.
- Communicating the values of healthy active living through accessible boating for all Nova Scotians.
- Supporting our member clubs in their pursuit of enhance participation and growth.
- Tracking participation and the demographics

### CSP Goal: Enhanced Excellence

**NSYA Pursuit:** To support athletic achievement leading towards world class results in competitive sailing by:

- Strengthening team and administrative support to athlete development.
- Promoting top quality coaching, equipment and resources at both the provincial and club level.
- Supporting and implementing the CYA long term athlete development program.
- Identifying high performance athletes as they develop from the local level up to the national and international level of competition.

### CSP Goal: Enhanced Capacity

**NSYA Pursuit:** To have a capable and efficient organization developing and supporting quality competitive sailing and recreational boating related activities by:

- Developing, implementing, and supporting programs to ensure that coaches, officials, instructors, and administrators are capable of delivering a quality sport experience to all participants.
- Assisting all areas of the province develop competitive sailing and recreational boating programs.
- Working with members and partners to develop a provincial infrastructure of facilities and programs that make the best use of all resources.

### CSP Goal: Enhanced Interaction

**NSYA Pursuit:** To have strong and active collaboration and communication among partners by:

- Developing a clear understanding and ownership in roles and responsibilities for each part of the organization.
- Actively collaborating and communicating with stakeholders and partners to increase excellence, participation and capacity.
- Actively seek new partnerships to promote our sport.

## **NSYA VISION & PURSUITS PLAN ~ 2008 Update**

### **Enhanced Participation Goal**

- 1 Develop & implement a NS workshop to help LTS Instructors with racing skills transitioning to coaching maintain their racing skills.**  
*Discussion with a yacht club regarding a Spring and Fall Regatta for Instructors*
- 2 Declare a provincial policy for using the Club 420 for training and youth competition**
- 3 Redesign the NSYA website from the outside (Client POV) in**  
*New website maintained*
- 4 Develop packages for new boat owners to be distributed by dealers**  
*Positive feedback received. To be repeated in 2009*
- 5 Define the data definition requirements for NSYA participation database**  
*NSYA continues to work with funding partners to define data requirements. To be implemented in 09.*
- 6 Develop a local racing circuit for the Club 420 with participation of the Cadets**  
*Circuit held in July and August including a stop in Cape Breton. 420 camps held in advance. More than 60 boats participated.*
- 7 Develop an information package to encourage Clubs to develop a Women's program**  
*Package developed by co-op student.*

### **Enhanced Excellence Goal**

- 1 Secure a national training centre for HRM**  
*National Speed Training Centre going strong.*
- 2 Develop a long term Plan for the National Training Centre (develop a strategy for the politics & involvement)**
- 3 Provide LTS Instructors with skill development guides and a workshop**  
*Guide and workshop delivered.*
- 4 Build on the COAST model for 420, Opti, Bytes (partnership)**
- 5 Establish Canada Games Plan for 2009**  
*Canada Games Trials set for June 2009.*
- 6 Develop a youth fitness program for the Provincial Sailing team**  
*New program developed and implemented with help from the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic.*

## **Enhanced Capacity Goal**

- 1 Increase training opportunities for LTP, Offshore Safety, Race, Officials, LTC**  
*Race Management seminar held in April 2008.*
- 2 Support & increase national and international sailing and cruising events in NS**  
*Hosted 4 National Championships in 2008. Hosting Laser Worlds in 2009.*
- 3 Promote disabled sailing programs at Clubs and High Schools**
- 4 Enhanced distribution of e-mails and newsletter**  
*E-newsletter developed and now being distributed.*
- 5 Encourage, support increased capacity of LTS programs at Clubs**  
*New Support 4 Sport lottery means significant increase in funding.*

## **Enhanced Interaction Goal**

- 1 Develop non-traditional funding sources in addition to maintaining current funding relationships**  
*Secured sponsorship from Garrison, Bishop's Cellar, HKMB Insurance, Hamachi House and Appleton in 2008*
- 2 Develop and promote and NSYA Brand**  
*New NSYA logo and tag line (Sailing Through Life) adopted in 2008.*

# MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Society is the Nova Scotia Yachting Association. of the Society shall be used solely for the purposes of the Society and the promotion of its objects.
2. The objectives of the Society are:
  - (a) To encourage Nova Scotians to become more proficient in managing, handling, cruising and racing any type of sailing or power yacht, through training in safety, sailing, navigation and seamanship. Provided, further, that if for any reasons the operations of the Society are terminated and there remains, at that time, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to some other charitable organization in Canada, having objects similar to those of the Society.
  - (b) To serve as the Provincial authority for advancing the interests common to all Nova Scotia yachting organizations, and to act in their mutual behalf as occasion may require. 3. The activities of the Society are to be carried on in the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada, and adjacent waters.
  - (c) To coordinate Provincial competition, and to select representative teams for national and international yachting events. 4. The registered office of the Society is at 5516 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 1G6.
  - (d) To coordinate annual programs of regattas and training in areas of Nova Scotia where several yachting organizations may be involved. Registration Number - 1284312
  - (e) To acquire, borrow, lend and sell real and personal property as may be desirable to further the objects of the Society. Provided that nothing herein shall permit the Society to carry on any trade, industry, or business and the Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain to any of the members and that any surplus or any accretions

# BY-LAWS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION

## DEFINITIONS

1. In these by-laws:
  - (a) "Association" means the Nova Scotia Yachting Association.
  - (b) "Registrar" means the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies appointed under the Nova Scotia Companies Act.
  - (c) "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed by not less than three-fourths of such members entitled to vote as are present at a general meeting of which notice specifying intention to propose the resolution has been duly given.
  - (d) "Yacht" means a pleasure craft driven by wind or power.
  - (e) "Member" means a recognized Nova Scotia Club, Sailing School, or Class association.

## PRECEDENCE

2. If a conflict arises between these by-laws and the current rules of the International Sailing Federation, as adopted and modified by the Canadian Yachting Association, the latter rules shall prevail.

## MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The number of members of the Association is unlimited.
- 3.2 Every member of the Association shall be entitled to send a representative to any meeting of the Association and, if a voting member, to vote at any meeting of the Association and to hold any office, but there shall be no proxy voting.
- 3.3 Membership in the Association shall not be transferable.
- 3.4 The following shall be admitted to membership in the Association:
  - (a) Any Yacht Club or Class Association which has the promotion of yachting as a primary object, and which has a membership of at least ten persons.

- (b) Any Sailing School or business providing boating training with one or more employed or contracted instructors currently certified by the Canadian Yachting Association.

- 3.5 Membership in the Association shall cease if the member ceases to qualify for membership in accordance with these by-laws.

#### FISCAL YEAR, FEES AND DUES

- 4.1 The fiscal year of the Association shall be the period from November 1<sup>st</sup> in any year to October 31<sup>st</sup> in the year following.
- 4.2 Changes in annual dues and fees shall be recommended by the Board of Directors, and voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.3 Yacht Clubs, Class Associations and Sailing Schools shall pay not less than one-half of the previous year's dues by June 1<sup>st</sup> to be in good standing for the current year, and shall pay the balance by September 1<sup>st</sup>, based on the current number of their members.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

- 5.1 The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held within one month after the end of each fiscal year of the Association.
- 5.2 A special general meeting of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors or by the President at any time, and shall be called if at least one-fourth of the voting members so request in writing.
- 5.3 Ten days notice of a general meeting, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting, and in the case of special business, the nature of such business, shall be given to members in writing, via either e-mail or regular mail to their last known addresses. Notice shall be deemed to be given at the time when the e-mail has not been returned or normal mail delivery would be expected. Non-receipt of a notice by any members shall not invalidate the proceedings at any general meeting.
- 5.4 At the annual general meeting of the Association, the following items of business shall be dealt with as ordinary business:
  - (a) Minutes of the preceding general meeting.
  - (b) Consideration of annual reports of Officers and Directors.
  - (c) Consideration of financial statements,
  - (d) Election of President & Directors at Large, Officers and Committee Chairs for the new year.

- (e) Any other business not requiring a Special Resolution.
- 5.5 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting of the Association unless a quorum of at least five members is present.
- 5.6 If a quorum is not present one-half hour after the time specified for the meeting, a meeting convened at the request of members shall be dissolved. Any other general meeting shall stand adjourned to such date, time and place as a majority of the members then present shall direct it and, if a quorum is not present at such adjourned meeting, it shall be adjourned indefinitely.
- 5.7 The President of the Association shall take the Chair at every general meeting of the Association. If the President is absent, the First Vice President present shall take the Chair and, in his/her absence, the Second Vice President. If both Vice Presidents are absent, the members present shall choose a member to take the Chair.
- 5.8 The Chair shall have no vote except in the case of equality of votes when (s)he shall have a casting vote.
- 5.9 The Chair may, with consent of the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at the adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished, unless notice of such new business is given to the members.
- 5.10 At any general meeting, unless a poll is demanded by at least three members, a declaration from the Chair that a resolution has been carried or defeated and an entry to that effect in the minutes shall suffice, without proof of the numbers of votes for or against the resolution. If a poll is required, it shall be taken in such manner as the Chair may prescribe and the results shall be recorded in the minutes.

#### **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

- 6. Every Yacht Club, Class Association and Sailing School which is a member of the Association in good standing shall have one vote for each one-hundred of its paid membership, but with a minimum of one vote. Paid membership means that for which dues have been paid to the Association. In addition, the Officers of the Association shall each have one vote.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 7.1 The management of the activities of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall exercise all control not required by these

by-laws or by statute to be exercised at a general meeting. In particular, the Board of Directors shall have power to engage an Executive Director and other staff and to determine their duties and remuneration.

- 7.2 The Board of Directors shall not exceed seventeen (17) people and consist of the following:
- (a) The Officers of the Association.
  - (b) Directors at Large,
  - (c) The Executive Director, ex officio
- 7.3 The Board of Directors may delegate certain duties that it specifies to an Executive Committee, which shall consist of:
- (a) The Officers of the Association,
  - (b) The Executive Director, ex officio,
  - (c) Any other Director(s) temporarily assigned for specific tasks.
- 7.4.1 Any member of a member Yacht Club, Class Association or Sailing School in good standing shall be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors.
- 7.5 The Executive Committee will assign programme portfolios to Directors at Large

## OFFICERS

- 8.1 The Officers of the Association shall be the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and, if willing and able, the immediate Past President.
- 8.2 The President shall have general supervision of the activities of the Association and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- The President shall be the Chair of the Executive Committee and shall be an ex officio member of all committees.
- 8.3 The Vice Presidents shall assume the duties of the President, in the absence of the President, or during such periods as the President may request, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 8.4 The Treasurer shall oversee all financial affairs of the Association, including preparation of the annual budget, monthly financial reports, and the annual balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditures. The Treasurer shall keep all books and shall ensure that expenditures are within the budget approved by the Board of Directors.



- 8.5 The Secretary shall keep all records of the Association and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee from time to time. The Secretary shall record the minutes of general meetings of the Association, and of meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

#### **NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 9.1 At least two months before the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint members of the Nominating Committee to nominate the candidates for the Board of Directors in the following year. No member of the nominating committee can be part of the slate of nominees.
- 9.2 All nominations for President and Directors at Large shall be received at least one month before the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall ascertain that the nominees are eligible and prepared to stand as candidates. The list of candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee shall be distributed with the notice calling the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.3 Nominations may be made at any time up to, or from the floor, at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.4 A candidate for President shall have served on the Board of Directors for at least one year or otherwise be approved as a candidate by a 2/3 (two thirds) majority vote of the current Board of Directors at any Board meeting having a quorum.

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as often as the business of the Association may require and shall be called by the Secretary. Notice, specifying the date, time and place, shall be given either orally or in writing including e-mail, to Directors within a reasonable time, but non-receipt of a notice by any Director shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 10.2 No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless at least five of the Directors are present at the commencement of such business.

- 10.3 Any Board Member who is absent from three consecutive meetings without just cause may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any person so removed may appeal the decision at a general meeting of the Association.
- 10.4 The President shall take the Chair at every meeting of the Board of Directors. If the President is absent, the First Vice President present shall take the Chair and in his/her absence, the Second Vice President. If both Vice Presidents are absent, the Directors present shall choose a Director to take the Chair.
- 10.5 At meetings of the Board of Directors, the Chair shall be entitled to vote as a Director and, in the case of a tie, (s)he shall have an additional casting vote.

#### **ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE**

- 11.1 The open positions on the Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of association members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting. Board members may serve for up to two (2) consecutive years without standing for election. Board members are encouraged to serve for two-year terms in order to provide some overlap with other Directors from year-to-year.
- 11.2 The election at the Annual General Meeting shall take place in two parts. The first part shall elect the President for the Association from the qualified candidates who have been nominated. The second part shall elect the Directors to the open positions on the Board of Directors from the qualified candidates including any candidates, if they desire, who were not elected in the first part. The Board will select the Executive Committee and Programme Chairs from the newly elected Board members.
- 11.3 Officers and Directors shall be eligible to serve only two (2) consecutive, two-year terms unless recommended by a 2/3 majority vote of the current Board of Directors at any Board meeting having a quorum.
- 11.4 Any member of the Board may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors at any Board meeting having a quorum. A notice of intent to introduce a motion of removal shall be sent to all Directors at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the Board meeting.

- 11.5 A vacant position on the Board occurring during the year may be filled by a qualified Association member appointed by the President or his/her designate, subject to approval of the Board.

## PROGRAMMES

- 12.1 The Board of Directors shall establish programmes, which may or may not be supported by a committee. The number and structure of committees may vary from time to time, but the organization shall cater to the following programmes and activities, as a minimum.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (1) Learn to Sail            | (2) Learn to Cruise & Learn to Power |
| (3) Women's Sailing          | (4) Officials Development            |
| (5) Racing Rules & Appeals   | (6) Safety                           |
| (7) Handicap Assignment      | (8) Public Relations/Fundraising     |
| (9) Disabled Sailing         | (10) Racing & Teams                  |
| (11) Athletes Representative | (12) Speed Centre                    |

- 12.2 Each Committee Chair shall be a director of the Association or report to the Board and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors from time to time and shall report regularly to the Board of Directors.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 13 The Board of Directors shall present to the annual general meeting a balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditures for the preceding year. The Directors shall state whether, in their opinion, these record a true and correct view of the Association's affairs. A copy of these financial statements shall be filed with the Registrar within sixty days after the annual general meeting.

## AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

14. The Association has the power to repeal or amend any of these by-laws by Special Resolution.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- 15.1 The Association shall file with its annual statement a list of its directors, with their addresses, occupations and dates of appointment or election, and shall within fourteen days of a change of directors notify the Registrar of the change. ~~the Registrar with its annual statement a list of its Directors with their addresses, occupations and dates of appointment or election, and shall within fourteen days of a change of directors notify the Registrar of the change.~~

- 15.2 The Association shall file with the Registrar a copy ~~in duplicate~~ of every Special Resolution, within ~~sixty- fourteen~~ days after the resolution is passed.
- 15.3 The Association does not have an official seal.
- 15.4 The books and records of the Association may be inspected by any member at any reasonable time at the registered office of the Association.
- 15.5 Contracts, bills and exchange and other documents shall be executed on behalf of the Association as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- 15.6 The borrowing powers of the Association may be exercised by Special Resolution of the members.

Certified to be a true copy of the complete by-laws of the Nova Scotia Yachting Association as amended to date.

Amended at Halifax, this ~~17th-22nd~~ day of November, 200~~8~~7

## 2008 CLUB MEMBERSHIP REPORT Number of declared members as of Oct. 31/08

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Armdale Yacht Club	250	250
Aylesford Lake Yacht Club	30	30
Barrachois Harbour Yacht Club	21	22
Bedford Basin Yacht Club	204	185
Bras d'Or Yacht Club	35	35
Chester Bay Yachting Association	31	43
Chester Yacht Club	234	232
Dartmouth Yacht Club	309	309
Dobson Yacht Club	4	8
Grand Lake Yacht Club	10	10
Hubbards Yacht Club	10	20
Isle Madame Boat Club	0	5
LaHave River Yacht Club	124	119
Lunenburg Yacht Club	98	84
Mira Boat Club	5	10
Northern Yacht Club	28	28
Petpeswick Yacht Club	25	25
Pictou Yacht Club	20	20
Queens Recreational Boating Association	12	12
Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club	16	32
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron	608	619
Royal Western Nova Scotia Yacht Club	17	16
Sail Able Association of Nova Scotia	9	4
Shearwater Yacht Club	154	148
Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club	60	60
Spanish Bay Yacht Club	4	8
St. Margaret Sailing Club	142	132
Waegwoltic Club	60	60
Wallace MacAskill Yacht Club	26	21
Yarmouth Ocean Racing Association	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>2546</b>	<b>2557</b>

**Note: Fee per declared member = \$20.00. Breakdown: \$10.00 to NSYA, \$10.00 to CYA**



# REPORTS





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was another busy year for sailing and boating in Nova Scotia. We had sailors from far and wide starting with the Clipper Around the World Race that arrived in Halifax in early June. Nova Scotia welcomed sailors from across Canada by hosting four National Championships – ING CYA Youth National Sailing Championships, the Laser Class Open Canadian and Masters Laser Championships, and the Optimist Dinghy Canadian Championships. My congratulations and appreciation goes out to the clubs that hosted these very successful events!

On behalf of the NSYA congratulations to Paul Tingley from the Royal NS Yacht Squadron for winning Gold at the 2008 Paralympic Games in the 2.4 metre class. Congratulations to Team Canada - Head Coach Brian Todd and Paul's Coach Craig Guthrie both proud Nova Scotians.

We are equally proud of Nova Scotians Lisa Ross and Oliver Bone from the Royal NS Yacht Squadron who also represented Canada at the 2008 Olympic Games in the Radial and 470 classes.

We had another successful Halifax-St. Pierre Ocean Race which we hope to build upon in future.

On the future regatta front we are excited that St. Margaret Sailing Club has been awarded the 2009 Laser World Championships and the Masters World Championships. We expect to see over 500 sailors at these two events!

Finally on the competitive sailing agenda for next year we are developing members of our Provincial Sailing Team for the 2009 Canada Games in Prince Edward Island. Team selection trials are scheduled for June of 2009.

Last but not least, I should mention the success of our Double-Handed program (420's & 29ers). Our NSYA 420 race circuit consisted of four stops including one in Cape Breton with more than 60 boats (120 sailors) competing. We also had an active core of youth sailors in the 29er class (girls & boys teams) with an eye on Canada Games medals next year!

## Training

On the training front the NSYA hosted four Instructor Clinics including one in Cape Breton. We introduced clubs to the Wet Feet Program for children 5-8 years old, the Program Manager Module and began in-field evaluations of sailing instructors.

The Ontario Sailing Access Boom program was re-introduced to Nova Scotia with one week programs in Mabou and Guysborough. We also hosted a Race Management Training Seminar and certified twelve new Race Officials.

## Womens Programs

NSYA has partnered with WOW! Women on Water to encourage more women to enjoy the benefits of sailing, and we employed a co-op student to develop a Women's Sailing Curriculum last Spring. Women's programs are growing at NS clubs.

## Other Initiatives

The NSYA continues to advocate on behalf of all Nova Scotia recreational boats including active participation on the Halifax Marine Advisory Committee. The NSYA Handicapping Committee (after much consultation with the clubs) has voted to convert from the ASPN system to the PHRF time on time handicapping system. This was approved at our October Board meeting and will begin implementation in 2009. NSYA adopted this year a new logo and tag line – "Sailing Through Life".

## What's Ahead in 2009?

We are in the process of securing funding to re-launch our Mobile Sailing School in 2009, funding partners and communities have been enthusiastic supporters. The 2009 Laser World Championships will increase the profile of sailing and we look forward to the support of the sailing community as we welcome the world to St. Margarets Bay.

We will be working more closely with the disabled community as we start to discover talent for the able sail class at the 2013 Canada Summer Games.

Finally I would like to thank our board members and staff of the NSYA for their efforts in helping make the 2008 year a success and we look forward to a great year in 2009!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Archibald  
President

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

**The practice of sport is a human right. Every individual must have the possibility of practicing sport in accordance with his or her needs.**

*Olympic Charter, Fundamental Principles.*

In June I attended the 2008 Canadian Olympic Academy in Vancouver. The COA is a week-long forum where 50 selected delegates from across Canada discuss and debate issues facing the Olympic movement and sport. It was one of the most engaging forums I have been to.

One of the most interesting discussions focused on using the Olympic Games or World Championships to increase sport participation in the host community and country.

A 2008 position paper by the Centre for Sport Policy Studies (University of Toronto) *Opportunity Knocks!: Increasing Sport Participation in Canada as a Result of the Vancouver Olympics* states "Despite numerous claims, there is not empirical support for the view that hosting major sports events or winning gold medals increases participation in sport".

The only thorough study on the subject the authors found noted that following the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games "The only measurable effect on participation (in Australia) that could be attributed to hosting the Games was an increase in sport spectatorship and television viewing."

The paper argues that the "inspirational and trickle-down effects of success are best realized in a sport system that is prepared to accept new participants".

Nova Scotia is home to arguably some of the best sailing conditions in the world and as such Nova Scotia yacht clubs have hosted many national and international championships and even some world championships. This continues in 2009 when St. Margaret Sailing Club hosts the Laser World and Laser Masters World Championships.

But are yacht clubs and sailing schools prepared to welcome new participants?

While these championship regattas leave a lasting legacy of improved facilities and equipment, more certified and experienced race officials, and the all important tourism dollars, do they lead to an increase in participation? Data collected by NSYA shows increases

have been minimal at best.

True many Learn to Sail programs are at capacity during the summer months and to expand programs (ie. purchase more boats) is an expensive endeavour. However, strategies to increase participation is not limited to purchasing new boats.

Methods include;

- 1 - to extend the sailing schedule into the shoulder seasons.
- and
- 2 - to create new programs to attract new participants.

Examples of Clubs doing just this come to mind.

Coach Craig Guthrie ran a very popular and successful 420 program in the spring and fall which concluded on November 8 and saw more than 30 participate in the weekend program.

Three years ago the St. Margaret Sailing Club developed a Ready, Set, Sail program. This program introduces non-sailors to keelboat sailing at no charge in the hopes they become interested in the sport.

The Pictou Yacht Club every summer encourages tourists, with or without sailing experience to join them in their evening club races.

I believe there is demand among Nova Scotians to get out on the water and enjoy the benefits of recreational boating whether it be power or sail.

Increasing participation should be an important part of all yacht clubs and sailing schools. In fact it is the number 1 priority of our funding partners Nova Scotia Health Promotion & Protection and Sport Nova Scotia and therefore funding is available.

I challenge all clubs and sailing schools to increase participation in their programs and welcome meeting with you to discuss just that.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Denis  
Executive Director

# ABLE SAIL REPORT

Sail Able NS had a good year and below are some of the highlights

-The annual Dartmouth Yacht Club/Sail Able barbeque in June was a huge hit. The great weather helped. The demand was so big, that we weren't able to accommodate everyone for a short sailboat ride, but we did sign up many new members.

-It was announced that there will be a Paralympic boat at the 2013 Canada Games (likely the 2,4 mR). This should help to raise interest in a racing program for NS, and develop more sailors.

-Mobility Cup 2008 was held at Pointe-Claire YC, Quebec, and Sail Able contributed money to one NS sailor to help offset costs.

-The Martin 16 was sailed a lot by our Sip n Puff sailors.

-Sail Able hired a student (the first time in 13 years), to help run the learn to sail program.

-Sail Able is using a new web based boat booking application on their website, Sailable.ca

-St. Peters, Cape Breton hired a student for the summer for their learn to sail program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Tingley  
Able Sail Chair

# RACE MANAGEMENT REPORT

The focus of Race Management this year has been the continued implementation of the NSYA policy, adopted in March 2006, on the use of certified race officials at regattas. The Policy lays out the standards of preparation and experience required for the conduct of races at the individual club and provincial levels.

To provide clubs with time to take the necessary steps to implement the policy for their own regattas a three year transition period was established. 2008 was the second year of this transition. As in 2007, the implementation was facilitated by the NSYA which sponsored and supported race officer development through both a formal seminar and the encouragement of members to act as race officers at regattas in order to gain further race management experience. To achieve certification at levels 2 and above and to maintain certification, playing an active role in at least two regattas per year is required under CYA and NSYA policy.

Seminars for race officers must, in accordance with CYA Policy, be offered by certified course conductors. We are fortunate to have two individuals working on regattas in Nova Scotia, Rob Williams and Jay Hooper, who have completed the CYA Race Official Instructor Course and who have been certified as Instructors. Rob Williams taught a Race Management seminar at the St. Margaret's Sailing Club in late April. On the basis of their successful completion of the course nine people were certified at Level 1 (Assistant Race Officer). On the basis of their course completion plus their involvement in regatta management, a further seven people were certified at Level 2 (Club Race Officer). These certifications considerably increase the numbers of certified race officers in Nova Scotia and, as well, a couple of individuals were accorded more senior status by CYA based on their track record of race management to date (see Table below).

	2006	2007	2008
<b>Assistant Race Officer</b>	32	63	70
<b>Club Race Officer</b>	13	40	46
<b>Canadian Race Officer</b>	2	3	3
<b>Senior Can. Race Officer</b>	1	1	2
<b>Club Judge</b>		4	5
<b>Provincial Judge</b>	3	4	4
<b>National Judge</b>	1	1	1
<b>Senior National Judge</b>	1	1	1

The NSYA maintains an up-to-date roster of these certified officials and will assist any club seeking appropriate levels of race management for regattas. NSYA also has available a booklet "Join the Race Committee Team: An entry level training manual for race committees" published by the CYA, which gives an overview of the role of the Race Committee and the functions of the different individuals who make up the RC.

It is planned to offer a further one or two seminars in 2009 at different locales in the province, in this the third and last year of the implementation period for the new policy. It is also hoped to offer a scoring workshop and a rules seminar. As well, the NSYA Board members responsible for Race Management and Safety will be combining their efforts in order to enhance understanding of Safety Management as a key component of running a regatta.

The Regatta season unfolded in accordance with dates previously agreed by the Rear Commodores and, to all accounts, a full competitive sailing season was enjoyed. Nova Scotia hosted several major regattas this past season including the Laser Canadian Championships at SMSC, the Canadian Youth Championships at RNSYS and the Opti Nationals at LYC. A number of these regattas saw volunteers from several Clubs participate on the RC, demonstrating the level of commitment and expertise available in the Province. All major regattas held in Nova Scotia this past season were overseen by a Senior Canadian Race Officer as Principal Race Officer and also involved several certified Club and Assistant Race Officers aboard Committee and Finish boats.

On a special note, congratulations are extended to the Lunenburg Yacht Club which captured the CYA Award for Excellence in Race Management for the Opti Nationals. The PRO of the event was Colin Mann, ably assisted by a team from LYC.

The success of all regattas is testament to the commitment of clubs, competitors, volunteers, race officers and judges to a high standard of racing, ensuring fairness, consistency and enjoyment for all participants.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila A. Brown  
Race Management Chair

## **CRUISING & POWER REPORT**

Unfortunately the Cruising & Power portfolio was vacant in 2008.

It is expected to be filled in 2009.

# YOUTH COACH REPORT

Another great season of sailing in Nova Scotia is almost to an end. We have had an amazing year with many highlights and great training with athletes going all over the world to compete. With Nova Scotia sending three sailors to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, we had a lot to be proud of and everyone used the energy of this to become better and work harder throughout the year.

This season started with a combination of athletes in the gym and heading down south for training and regattas throughout the winter. We had some good training in Sarasota and some great results out of Clearwater, Sarasota and Jensen Beach for the MidWinter championships in laser, radial, 29er and 420. The athletes worked endlessly in the gym and set themselves up to be physically prepared for the upcoming season.

In the spring we had a very strong training group taking advantage of the unusually high wind of the spring. Every day we were hitting the water, which was almost every day of the week, we had 18 plus knots of breeze. At times we were hoping for lighter air, just so we could get some practice in it. The athletes worked very hard in difficult conditions and they put in so much time it was great to see how dedicated these sailors were.

As the summer progressed we got into regatta season and it was a blur as usual. The regattas were well run and strong events, and our NS sailors dominated all the local regattas. ARK was a warm-up for the Canadians down in St Margarets Bay, and then the older athletes headed to the west coast for the North Americans and PCC's, while others trained at home in preparation for Youth Champs.

August was a busy month with Canadian Youth Champs being held right here in NS. We had a great showing at this regatta and it was nice to see that our youth can compete with the best in the country. Congrats to Joss Warren and Jacob Chaplin Saunders for winning the 420 fleet, and Dana Archibald and her crew for winning the 29er fleet. From here we went directly up to Kingston for the annual CORK regatta. We had most of our sailors in the Gold fleet and had a great showing. A very difficult series, but our sailors came out showing all the training they have done and getting some top results.

Congrats to Karen Filbee-Dexter and Dana Archibald for coming Top female and 5th overall at the North American 29er Champs!

The last regatta of the year was NQR, again another top end regatta at SMSC. This regatta was a very heavy air regatta and it had all the best sailors in the country vying for top spot. Congrats to Brendan Wilton for achieving his goal of getting a spot on the Canadian Sailing Team by placing 7th overall.

The season may be ending, but we are still all a go. In October we had 14 420's out on the water sailing and we have been in the gym working hard. Next season's plan is set up and we are continuing on with a strong program that will hopefully see many more of our athletes reach their goals, whatever they may be.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Todd  
Nova Scotia Sailing Team Coach

# SAFETY REPORT

NSYA continues to work very closely with various departments and agencies throughout the province to ensure that the "Safe Boating Message" is being heard. NSYA attended various ongoing committees and ad hoc meetings that resulted from incidents.

## **Halifax Marine Advisory Committee**

The Halifax Marine Advisory Committee (HMAC) meets every second month and is composed of port users and stakeholders from all levels of government, various federal agencies and private industry. The NSYA was represented at all meetings this past year using it as a forum for the exchange of information with other stakeholders including police forces, the Navy, Coast Guard, Transport Canada, the Atlantic Pilotage Authority and others.

It was proposed and accepted that early in 2009, management of the local yacht clubs would be invited to attend a meeting of HMAC to discuss safety issues relating to the use of Halifax Harbour.

Additionally, although the purpose of the HMAC is to discuss issues directly related to Halifax Harbour, it does offer NSYA the opportunity to establish relationships with organizations having province wide jurisdictions including the organizations listed above.

## **Conflicts with Commercial Shipping**

There were two incidents during the year that resulted in conflicts between commercial vessels departing Halifax and races being conducted by local clubs.

The NSYA was proactive in coordinating and attending meetings between the Harbour Authority, Atlantic Pilotage Association, coast guard and others to resolve the problem.

Corrective actions were taken by the clubs in question without hesitation and it is anticipated that the frequency of this type of conflict will diminish in the future.

The NSYA continues to promulgate safety related information to its members via the clubs and associations in the province.

## **Collision - During Youth Nationals Regatta**

It was reported to NSYA that a collision occurred between a non-member sailing yacht and a dinghy participating in the Youth National Sailing Regatta that resulted in a member being ejected from the dinghy. NSYA collected and analysed information concerning the incident with the goal of making recommendations to prevent a re-occurrence.

In this case, the participants were contacted and encouraged to review the incident and NSYA offered to recommend suitable training for the personnel involved. Nova Scotia will be hosting several regattas in 2009 and NSYA places high importance on maintaining a positive environment for these types of activities.

## **Safety Seminar - 2009**

Preliminary planning is underway to conduct a safety seminar for all members early in 2009 to discuss safety related issues.

Various government agencies have already expressed an interest in participating, suggesting that NSYA be a single point of contact so as to prevent duplication of effort by their organizations. Further information will be communicated in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher Connor  
Safety Chair

# LEARN TO SAIL REPORT

Two thousand and eight was another great year for sail training in Nova Scotia! Over 40 new instructors were certified to deliver Canadian Yachting Association training this year maintaining a strong number of instructors for coming years. Training took place at three NSYA organized instructor clinics; two in Metro and one in Cape Breton. We would like to thank the Northern Yacht Club in Cape Breton, the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, and St. Margaret Sailing Club for hosting these learning events.

Change is on everyones mind after the recent US elections, and change is also happening with sail training in Nova Scotia. Our change has come in the form of new programs. In the early months of spring the CYA Wet Feet program was introduced to our instructors and clubs by Jenn Grierson of BC Sailing. There is a lot of excitement around getting our sailors out in Optimist dinghies as early as age 5!

The new CYA Learn to Sail Curriculum has changed to eliminate the single, linear progression from White Sail instructor to Head instructor. This is a very significant and positive change to the CYA instructor program. If you're talented at opti coaching or race coaching, you can focus and progress in that area. The first new modules; Wet Feet and Program Manager were both successfully launched in 2008. In-field evaluations of new instructors was performed by Lindsay Milne of NSYA this summer to ensure the instructors are applying their new skills and provide an opportunity to coach our instructors in real life situations.

We were very pleased to have the Ontario Sailing Access Boom program travel to rural areas of Nova Scotia. The Access Boom program is a mobile sailing school providing sailing instruction to people with physical and cognitive disabilities. Both Mabou and Guysborough hosted this exciting program.

All in all, a very exciting summer in Nova Scotia. So what's new for next year? More progression with the new CYA Learn to Sail Curriculum, hopefully a Nova Scotia mobile sailing school, and new programs to increase participation in this great sport!

See you on the water,

Respectfully submitted,  
Dwayne Primeau  
Learn to Sail Chair



## RACING & TEAMS REPORT

This has certainly been a busy and very exciting year for competitive sailing in Nova Scotia. Local, national and international successes all continue to keep Nova Scotia on the map for competitive dinghy sailing.

This year we proudly sent three athletes to the Olympic & Paralympic Games in China. **Oliver Bone** represented Canada in the 470 class along with teammate Stephane Locas from Quebec placing 28th overall. **Lisa Ross** competed in the Laser Radial class finishing 17<sup>th</sup> overall. And lastly, bringing home GOLD for Canada in the 2.4 metre class at the Paralympic Games was **Paul Tingley**. Head Coach of Team Canada at the Paralympic Games was Brian Todd and Craig Guthrie was Paul's coach.

The competitive sailing opportunities within Nova Scotia were also abundant this year. In addition to our local annual regattas, we were host to many major national events - the Laser Canadian Championships, Canadian Masters Championships, and the National Team Qualifying Regatta all hosted by St Margaret Sailing Club; the Optimist Canadian Championships hosted by Lunenburg Yacht Club and the Canadian Youth Championships hosted by the RNSYS. Many of our athletes had strong personal accomplishments in these various events. Please refer to Mike Todd's Nova Scotia Sailing Team report for details of the team's results.

This year's national qualifying regatta, qualified three of our provincial athletes for the 2009 National Team. Lisa Ross and Danielle Dube in Laser Radial and Brendan Wilton in Laser. Oliver Bone also secured a spot on the CST. NS athletes also expect to be invited to join the Canadian Youth Sailing Team.

2008 was our second year of focused effort on improving our competitiveness in double-handed sailing. In addition to continued growth in participation rates over last year, Nova Scotia athletes placed first at the Canadian Youth Championships in both double handed classes (Dana Archibald in 29er and Jacob Chaplin-Saunders and Josh Warren in 420).

While we can look back on 2008 as a very successful year for the Nova Scotia Sailing Team, we now look forward to 2009 which promises to be an equally busy and exciting year. Nova Scotia has been selected to host the 2009 Laser World Championships and the 2009 Laser Masters World Championships. The event will be held in late August at the St Margaret Sailing Club and provides an excellent opportunity for our organization to

showcase our sport. In addition, the 2009 Canada Summer Games will be held in August in Summerside PEI and will have Nova Scotia athletes competing in 29er Male, 29er Female, Laser Male and Laser Radial Female classes.

Many thanks to Lisa Ross our High Performance Director and Mike Todd our Provincial Team Coach for all their hard work this year. Thanks also to the many guest coaches for their invaluable contributions including Jonothan Underwood, Craig Guthrie, Rob Fox and Bruce Beveridge.

Respectively submitted,  
Jane Filbee  
Racing and Teams Chair

# **SPEED CENTRE REPORT**

The Sailing Speed Training Centre is a registered Society created in 2005 with three equal partners; NSYA, Canadian Yachting Association, and the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic.

The purpose of the Centre is to provide training support and services to Canadian Sailing Team members when they wish to train in Halifax.

The Centre currently owns 5 Lasers that we charter out to visiting athletes for use during competition. In 2008 the Laser Charters generated close to \$10,000 in revenue for the Centre.

Looking forward to 2009 the Speed Centre is excited to see that both sites of Speed Centre activity, St. Margaret Sailing Club and the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, are building new Learn to Sail facilities which will include some space for the Speed Centre.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Denis  
NSYA Executive Director

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

**President** Mike Archibald

**Directors at Large** Peter Astephen  
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Chris Connor  
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Dwayne Primeau  
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**Past President** Gerry Giffin

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Chisholm  
Chair, NSYA Nominating Committee



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