

West Hawk Lake Yacht Club - Fall 2019

With a cool dry spring the club was able to complete the new stairs and deck attaching our floating dock to our storage garage. A huge thanks to Jessie Lord for his incredible carpentry! This completed the 2 year capital project to have our new West Hawk Lake Sailing Centre ready for the summer of 2019. Plans are in the works for proper signage and some finishing touches on the building including donor sign and railings. All West Hawkers and surrounding lakes are welcome to come check us out, watch for the announcement of the grand opening party in 2020!

The Learn to Sail lessons ran July 22-26 and were fully booked online in June with 35 participants so plans for expanded weeks of lessons are in the works for next summer. This marked the 14th year of the lessons and we used our club boats along with the Sail Manitoba mobile program so we could accommodate all the sailors. We had excellent certified instructors teaching this year, Anthony Clark, Becca Brown along with local sailor Evan Owen. They were assisted by Kendra Penner (Falcon), Sydney Odowichuk (Pelican) and Madeline Krestanowich.

For 2020 the club is also looking at adding yoga, boot camp, paddle boarding and kayaking to the fitness schedule to fully utilize our new facility and dock.

On a sad note we learned of the passing of local cottager Paul Albrechtsen, Paul has always been a generous supporter of local community projects. He was one of our Platinum sponsors last year helping us cross the finish line with the fundraising to make our new sailing centre a reality. Our sincere condolences to Mary Lou and children.

The 2020 Manitoba Games qualifiers for sailing were July 20-21 at the Falcon Yacht Club and four of our local sailors took part in the double handed boats. Madeline Krestanowich & Sydney Odowichuk (Pelican Lake) finished second and Cole Anseeuw & Aaron Krestanowich finished third.

The WHLYC Opti Championships were run July 25-26 at Big Island Landing with 21 kids participating. Willem Cuthbert finished in 1st place in the U13 category and 2nd place in the U10 category went to Leander Vatsndal. Unfortunately our full results were not available as a rain storm came through near the end of the day and completely washed out our coach's results sheet....if your child won a medal please let us know so we can cobble together the results.

The Canadian Laser Masters Championships were Aug.16-18 at the Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club in Kenora, local sailors Cam McCulloch and Paul Krestanowich participated (Paul with the help of Brennan Agar's race ready Laser). Cam finished 25th overall and Paul 31st against some insanely good competition including a former Pan Am Games gold medalist, former World Laser champion, a couple of Olympic sailors and quite a few former national champions and national team members. Congrats guys!

Congratulations to Evan Owen (Laser) on his 1st place at the Rising Star Regatta at the Victoria Beach Yacht Club Aug.24-25 and 2nd place in the District 4 Laser Championships July 20-21 at the Falcon Yacht Club! Excellent results considering Evan spends most of his time teaching sailing the last two summers. We are hoping to land him as our full time instructor for next summer.

Our local West Hawk Lake Yacht Club Annual Race Series only had good enough wind this year for one day of races in July. Unfortunately our other two scheduled race days had zero wind..... Cole Anseeuw took 1st (Laser), 2nd place Aaron Krestanowich (Laser Radial), 3rd place Owen Ryan (Laser), 4th place Declan Ryan & Colin Krestanowich (Invitation). In the Opti races Susanna Weatherill 1st place, Rachel Anseeuw & Linnea Booth 2nd place.

Thank you again for those that have donated generously towards our capital campaign. We could not have completed this legacy without your help! For those that would still like to donate please contact us at info@whlyc.ca or 204-479-7100. Check our website for regular updates on sailing, boot camp and yoga for next summer and all the recently downloaded 2019 pictures. www.whlyc.ca

Have a great winter and we'll see you on the water soon!