

2016 Ottawa New Edinburgh Club Annual General Meeting

Sailing Director Report Summary 26 October 2016

Membership

Unfortunately, this year the sailing program had a difficult time with a drop in membership. While there is a general trend in Ontario sailing club, I am at a loss to explain any specific reason as to why we suffered such a drop. We lost both adults and youth members.

Sailing Equipment

Keeping the fleets in good working order this season has been a challenge. The CLs have started to show their age as major structural failure happened. Our main boat for day camp (Pico) are no longer being manufactured and finding spare parts is complicated. Stop gap repairs have been done but it is not miracle work... new boats must be purchased.

Docks

We built a new Laser dock (16 ft x 16 ft). With the return of the docks (currently used by floating egress), we should be in a good position next season.

Moorings

We still have some issues regarding our moorings for private boats and have yet to come up with an acceptable solution. The reduction of keelboats moored at the club this season has been a blessing.

Racing

Again we have suffered a most difficult racing season due to lack of wind and participation. Better efforts have to be made to bring new members to participate in racing events.

Replacement of equipment

Based on my calculation, to replace the moorings, engines, CL-16, Laser and Pico would cost approx. \$250,000. This amount of funding is not available through ONEC finances or fundraising. Fundraising through private donation or government grant is required.

Day Camp

The sailing day camp spots were filled to 80%, less than previous years.

Social

Both Tuesday and Thursday pub nights have been greatly appreciated especially as members can enjoy the Boathouse.

Health & Safety

In the world of sailing, concussion prevention is a hot topic... as well as in Ontario. In June 2016, the Ontario legislature passed Rowan's Law, the first in Canada aimed at not only preventing and diagnosing head injuries in youth sport, but managing return to play.

Ottawa Rowing Club – Canada Day celebrations

The sailing program had been invited by ORC. Event went well with over 30 participants from 1000 to late afternoon.

For 2017

Increase fundraising effort to obtain private donations or government grants.
Increase and better target publicity efforts to attract the right members, such as participation in Meet's up and social medias