

Treasurer
Submitted by Phil Paxton

On behalf of all members of ASA I would like to thank Stephen Connelly and Michael Wuetherick. They both agreed to be our readers in 2025 and came through in “spades”. Their thoughtful questions and advice were appreciated greatly. We are better for that oversight.

Some key points to highlight for the year:

1. We had a major write off on some long-standing receivables. These have been listed as bad debts and try as we may, we have been unable to collect. Kathy Speck spent untold hours and in the end the board decided to cut its losses. It is a sad testament to some poor practices in the past. The result of which is that we are now taking deposits, and this has added a lot of frustration to parents and board members. It has increased our workload considerably taking and reimbursing deposits.
2. We have now established a saving account, and we are earning some passive income. The BOD is being very conservative in this approach but as we feel more comfortable with cash flow this may change.
3. We have now been authorized for an ASA credit card. This has helped in many ways.
4. There is reason to be concerned about grants in the future with Canada Summer games currently on hold for sailing. This will have an impact on our revenue picture moving forward. We are hopeful that will change.
5. I do not believe all our expenses are realistically tracked. John Cormack is like an ASA godfather. Not that he has contracts out on people. But more than that he looks after our equipment as if he owns it himself. He is tireless in the work he does and the care he shows. If we had to have this work done on the open market I would guess very quickly, we would be showing a very different set of financials. Let us hope John remains engaged for years to come.
6. Our casinos are the life blood in many ways. Not only does it help ASA with discretionary authorized spending, it also supports our member clubs. Please sign up for our January Casino. We are very grateful to the immense load that Sarah Foscarini shoulders on behalf of all ASA members.
7. Some ledger accounts may confuse you as they have a zero Balance. This is an attempt in 2025 to clean up some accounts. It was noted in 2024 that some expenses were expensed in a way that confused some readers. This now has been aligned, and I hope it reads with more clarity.
8. I would like to thank Sophie Heldman and Kathy Speck specifically for making life easier. Our contract coaches and instructors have also contributed in so many ways. It's a joy to see so many youths involved in sailing in Alberta. Having said that, our vibrant community flourishes with all ages. They make us all so proud.

Secretary

Submitted by Paula Patterson

I became the secretary part way through our season this year. It was a bit of a learning curve, but I have it figured out now!

I took notes at board meetings, transcribed them and sent the minutes out to the board members. Once they are approved, they are added to the website by our admin, Kathy. The goal for the winter is for me to learn to post them to the website, so I'm looking forward to some website training.

It was a great sailing season, even though the wind didn't fully cooperate at all of the regattas this year!

Hope to see everyone on the water next season.

Equipment Director

Submitted by John Cormack

- Purchased a new coach boat from AutoMarine.
- Picked up the boat from Stryker in Vancouver.
- Purchased and picked up a 40 hp Yamaha engine in Vancouver.
- Dropped the boat and engine off at AutoMarine for installation.
- Picked up the finished boat and set it up on a trailer with safety equipment.
- The name on the new boat is **Snuffy**.
- Took Elmo to AutoMarine to be certified for use on Glenmore Reservoir and delivered Elmo to Glenmore Sailing School.
- Purchased a new 60 hp Yamaha engine and installed it on Grover.
- Drove the Canada Summer Games boats to St. Johns, Newfoundland.
- Made multiple trips to Calgary with coach boats and equipment.
- Made any needed repairs to coach boats and trailers.

We now have three good coach boats and a good truck. Trailers need to be sorted out for Snuffy and Elmo. All equipment is now stored under cover on my property.

Youth Director
Submitted by Stephen Glendinning

2025 was a busy season for youth sailors in Alberta, with over 200 youth entries at Alberta regattas. Youth sailors were found in multiple fleets, including: Opti, ILCA (4, 6 and 7), club 420 and 29er. Many of Alberta's youth sailors traveled out of province, sailing in British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador and internationally.

On our home waters, our youth sailors were found competing at, and just as importantly, having a fun time while developing friendships at regattas including: CYC's Icebreaker, WSC's Founders, GSC's Driftwood, NSC's Prairie Winds and WSC/ASA's Provincials. They were also seen at additional club-level events hosted by many of these clubs, attending coaching clinics, participating in and/or teaching at numerous sailing camps. The passion and exuberance Alberta's youth sailors show, both on and off the water, is impressive. Our youth sailors 'work' hard and play hard! Credit to all the clubs, sailing schools and individuals who support youth sailing, your efforts to provide our youth with a positive experience is appreciated!

Competitions:

The early season youth participation in the ILCA6 and 29er fleets held increased importance as Alberta's youth sailors attempted to qualify for the quadrennial Canada Summer Games, to be held in St. John's, NL. Team Alberta's sailing team was represented by Calgary Yacht Club and Glenmore Sailing Club athletes.

Canada Summer Games – Team Alberta Sailing Representatives

ILCA 6 – female Claire Wooldridge
ILCA 6 – male Weston Fremont
29er - female Bernice Cao / Jillian Glendinning
29er – male Samuel Mierau / Barrett Duff
Head Coach Sophie Heldman
Manager / coach Cameron Hay
Logistics coordinator John Cormack

The Canada Summer Games athletes faced a unique sailing challenge — forest fires! Hot, dry conditions in Newfoundland and Labrador over the summer of 2025 led to widespread forest fires around Conception Bay, home waters of the Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club, the host of the Canada Summer Games sailing event. Between evacuation threats that restricted spectator attendance and poor air quality conditions, the regatta lost otherwise suitable sailing days to forest fire. Once on the water, Alberta's sailors faced stiff competition from our provincial rivals and some wind/waves/current rarely seen on our home waters. Once the ash settled, besides fantastic life-experiences and many new friends from across the country, our female

athletes took 5th place in their fleets, while the guys took 6th in theirs (CSG results). Our CSG athletes returned home with freshly honed skills and confidence, demonstrated by their subsequent domination at the 2025 Provincial Regatta & ILCA District 5 series, hosted by the Wabamun Sailing Club (Provincial results).

Not to be overlooked, in 2025 Alberta's Opti sailors also demonstrated their skills across Canada and beyond. Concurrent with the CSG, the Opti Nationals were held at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron where Alberta youth sailors Ebrahim Sheikh, Scarlett Harris and Finlay Hoffmann finishing 5th, 62nd and 6th, respectively (results). While not on the water with his CSG 29er partner, Samuel Mireau was also a busy Opti sailor, representing Canada at international events in Newport, Belgium (placed 16th) and Salinas, Ecuador (placed 96th). Ebrahim Sheikh is currently (Dec 10-17) representing Canada at the Opti Panamerican event in Argentina, good luck Ebrahim!

2026 Outlook:

We have seen an increase in Opti sailors in Alberta, and look forward to seeing the fleet grow even more in 2026. As our Opti sailors graduate from that boat, we often see them transition into other single-handed (ILCA) or double-handed (C420, 29er) fleets, sailing anywhere from recreationally at the club-level, to competitively at regional, national and international competitions. We encourage our sailing community to look for ways to introduce more youth to the sport we love, and look forward to dedicating ASA coaching resources to our youth fleets.

Special shout-out to Sarah Douglas, two-time Canadian Olympian, who recently announced her retirement from ILCA6 Olympic Sailing (press release). Sarah has been an inspiration to Canadian youth (and older) sailors, a former Opti champion (2007), who demonstrates that many of Canada's best sailors start in Optis. Best of luck Sarah on your next adventures!