



## President's 2024 Report

We are continually rebuilding our infrastructure, exploring new ideas and making progress. Braedyn Denney was the Provincial Coach and we were extremely fortunate to have an abundance of sailing expertise in a second Provincial Coach, Sophie Heldman, plus additional coaching from Cameron Hay. Kathy Speck, Administrative Assistant, continued in her role and worked very well with our coaches, the sailing clubs/schools, the Board and other ASA volunteers. Meaghan Sullivan, Communications Coordinator and computer wizard, continues to manage our website, which is undergoing an update, and social media as a *volunteer*. We have an outstanding group of individuals pushing sailing throughout the province and beyond.

We supported three young individuals in their coaching development through the CANSail Development Coach Program: Cameron Hay, Andrew Leitch and Sophie Heldman.

The 'Alberta Series', a Long Series event that was started in 2017, continued to flourish this year. The regattas that counted were held at the CYC: Calgary Yacht Club Ice Breaker Regatta; WSC: Wabamun Sailing Club Founders' Regatta; GSC: Glenmore Sailing Club Driftwood Regatta; NSC: Newell Sailing Club Prairie Winds Regatta; and Provincials which were sailed at the CYC. Provincials saw the return of the Sea Cadets and what an awesome group of sailors in the 420's – hoping to see more of the Cadets and their coaches at future Alberta regattas.

Year	CYC		WSC		GSC		NSC		Provincials	
	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets
2024	38	5	32	4	16	4	63	7	88	7
2023	37	4	36	5	9	3	57	8	54	7
2022	49	7	41	8	n/a	n/a	46	6	58	7
2020 & 2021	COVID									
2019	46	6	44	5	24	5	70	7	50	5
2018	51	7	37	6	n/a	n/a	60	5	48	5
2017	44	6	26	5	28	7	51	8	38	5

Our Youth program, thanks to athletes, parents, volunteers, clubs and club coaches, has continued to grow. We had 29'ers, C420's, Optis and ILCA 4, 6 & 7's participating in events across Canada and into the US and Mexico. The Youth, Masters and coaches are all very focused and driven, wanting more training and regattas.

We continue to be in a strong position with renewed enthusiasm, passion, hard work, determination, drive and commitment from our coaches, athletes and clubs/schools. We had great collaboration with Saskatchewan and Manitoba – they travelled to two of the regattas in Alberta and then travelled with Alberta to CORK – power of the Prairies! Athletes also travelled to the west coast for training and regattas.

The ASA is still on track for the 2025 season and beyond, plus we are loving the strong relationship with our Prairie provinces and Sail Canada.

I would like to thank the Board: Phil Paxton, Treasurer; John Cormack, Equipment Director (Who goes above and beyond with the maintenance and storage of the large assets – therefore no storage fees!); Paula Patterson, Youth Director; Heidi Veluw, Director; and Stephen Glendinning, Director. In addition, great thanks, in no order: Kathy Speck, Meaghan Sullivan, Cameron Hay, Sophie Heldman and Braedyn Denney – everyone helped to make the 2024 sailing season a success!

With much appreciation,  
Stacey Gibb (Wabamun Sailing Club)  
President