

President's 2025 Report



The Alberta Sailing Association is moving forward under the great leadership of our Provincial Coach, Sophie Heldman, with the administrative strengths of Kathy Speck, Administrative Assistant, plus the amazing contributions from contract coaches, the sailing clubs/schools, the Board and other ASA volunteers. We have an outstanding group of individuals promoting sailing throughout the province and beyond.

The 'Alberta Series', a Long Series event that was started in 2017, continues to evolve. 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 WSC.

Year	CYC		WSC		GSC		NSC		Provincials	
	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets	# Boats	# Fleets
2025	49	5	45	6	33	8	59	7	73	5
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, Optimists and ILCA 4, 6 & 7's participating in events across Canada and into the US and Mexico. Several ILCA Master sailors are travelling the world – training, competing and hitting the podium. The Youth, Masters and coaches are all very focused and driven, wanting more training and regattas.

The Canada Summer Games Team had an awesome time racing in Newfoundland – really hoping sailing can get back into this outstanding event!

We also had an abundant number of sailors participating in the Can Sail Instructor training courses – so enthusiasm is high in almost all areas of sailing.

The Alberta Sailing Association continues to be in a strong position with renewed enthusiasm, passion, hard work, determination, drive and commitment from our coaches, athletes, parents and clubs/schools. I want to take this moment to thank: Phil Paxton (CYC), Treasurer; Paula Patterson (GSC), Secretary; John Cormack (NSC), Equipment Director; Stephen Glendinning (CYC), Youth Director; Tawny Freemont (GSC), Director-at-Large; and outgoing Director-at-Large, newly minted Vice Commodore at the WSC, Heidi Veluw – for all of your outstanding work and commitment to the sport of sailing – thank you! And our faithful employees, Sophie & Kathy – thank you!

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