



Annual General Meeting

Of the Canadian 29er Class Association

August 7th, 2023

In-Person @ Portsmouth Olympic Harbour *and* on ZOOM

Meeting called by R Patrickson (President) | S Waldie

The presence of seven (7) members shall constitute a Quorum at the AGM.

In order to vote, a participant at the AGM shall be a member of the Class.

Agenda

Per Article VII of Association By-Laws

- The order of Business at the Annual General Meeting shall proceed as follows:
 - Welcome
 - Quorum
 - a. Minutes of the previous general meeting *(per Article VII By-Laws)*
 - b. Business arising from the minutes *(per Article VII By-Laws)*
 - c. Reports of the Officers *(per Article VII By-Laws)*
 - d. Reports of the Regional Representatives *(per Article VII By-Laws)*
 - e. Receive any bids for location of the next 29er Canadian Championship *(per Article VII By-Laws)*
 - f. Nomination of Executive *(per Article VII By-Laws)*
 - g. Election of the Executive *(per Article VII By-Laws)*
 - h. New business *(per Article VII By-Laws)*
 - Membership dues for 2024
 - i. Other Business
 - Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws
 - j. Adjournment *(per Article VII By-Laws)*



Welcome

Our Mission & Purpose

- Per Article 2 of Constitution | Article 1 By-Laws of the Association

The Association provides a structure for class management and for the exchange of information among Canadian 29er sailors to enhance the enjoyment of these sailboats.

Its mission is to promote, foster, encourage and sponsor 29er class racing in Canada

- The Association sponsors the 29er Canadian National Championships, and Youth Championships, as well as the 29er Grand Prix Series.
- The Association works with the affiliate Class Associations to support the master 29er calendar, that includes the North American Championship, as well as regional events, and opportunities for education and clinics for class members across Canada.

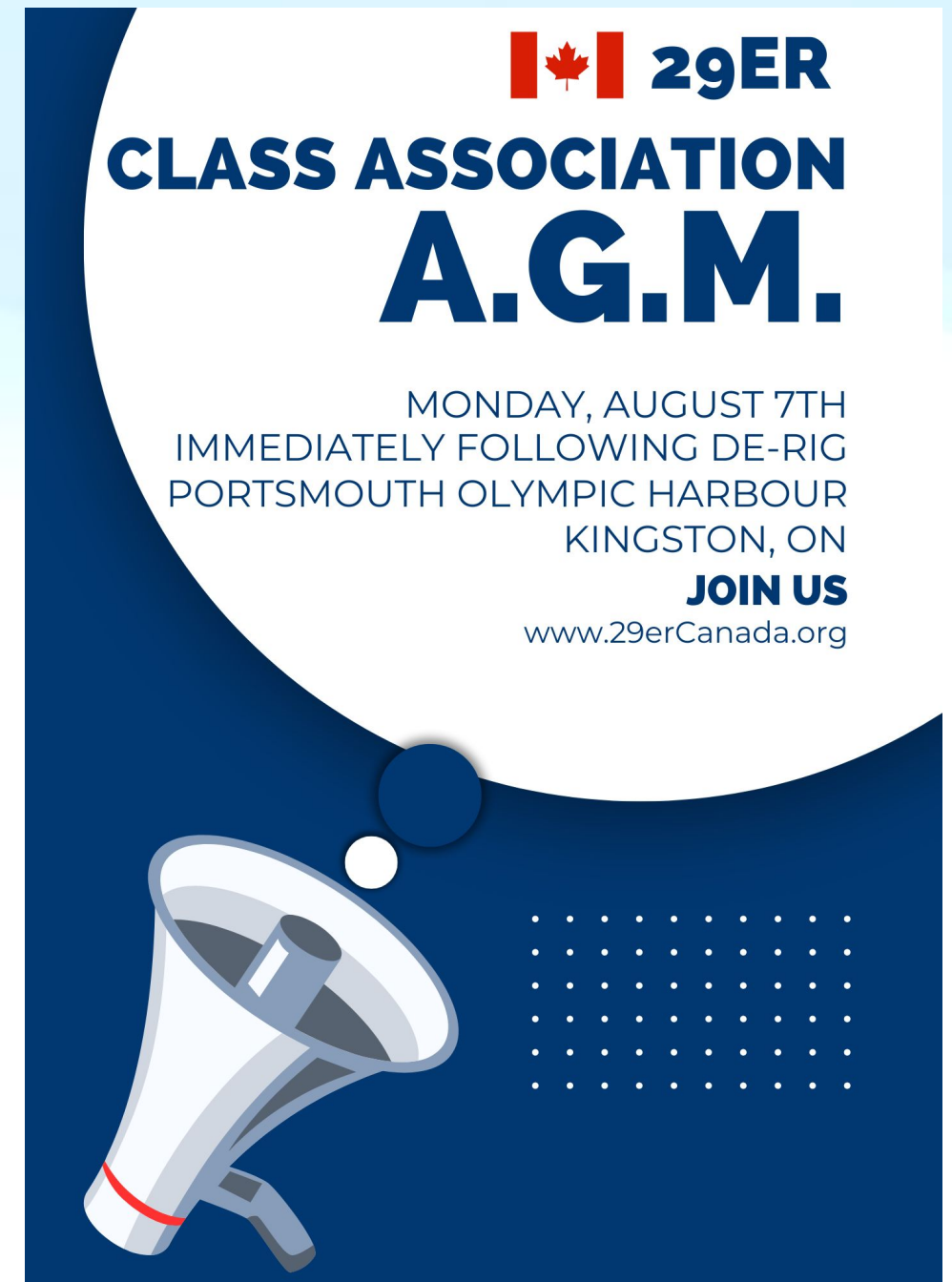
The association is a volunteer run, unincorporated association, affiliated with the International 29er Class Association (29er.org) and Wind Athletes Canada.



Quorum

Notice given April 16, 2023

- Per Article 2, Section VII of the By-Laws - Notice of time, place and agenda of a general meeting shall be given twenty (20) days in advance and may be given by email or Canada Post.
- Per Article 2, Section VII of the By-Laws - The presence of seven (7) voting members of the Association shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting.
- In order to vote, a participant at the AGM shall be a member of the Class.
- Motion to the Secretary to ***Confirm Quorum achieved***



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a. Minutes of Previous General Meeting

b. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Unable to locate

- Through recent memory, the Canadian 29er Class Association was pretty much single-handedly run by Kevin Frost (last Class President) until 2018 (roughly). With COVID, the gap didn't get filled, and the association has been essentially inactive until 2023
- Stephen Waldie, NS Skiff Squad Coach, was custodian of 1 bin of dated and at capacity trophies, some membership logins, and with a hunt through the internet's "Wayback" machine we resurrected and updated our Constitution and By-Laws
- Trevor Parekh of 49er.ca has also provided guidance and organizational memory through the rebuild
- However, we haven't been successful in locating 2019 or 2018's AGM minutes
- The Executive Tables the following motion: ***That the membership approve an "Exemption on Approval of Previous Minutes" for 2023***



d. Reports from the Officers

(Interim) President: Ruby Patrickson

Year in Review

- Recovery from the dent left by Covid... finally taking hold
- Membership up from last year; not yet @ 2019 levels, but improving
- CORK and Youth Champs held with (updated) trophies: Success!
- Record 5 Canadian 29er teams participated @ 29er World's
- North Americans: to be held @ Year End @ Orange Bowl FL
- Sail Canada re-engaging with the Class - recognition of our place in the HP Pipeline
 - “Identified Athlete Program” including 29ers
 - Support to World's teams and Skiff Coaches
- Provincial/ Regional Sailing authorities are lending support
 - “Skiff Squads” getting support, clubs investing in the Class
 - Cork preparing to review calendar for 2024



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Goals Set for this Year

Q1 Establish governance & banking

- Establish interim executive
- Finalize 2023 Calendar
- Work on Website/Social
- Kick start Membership drive

- AGM (Cork 2023)
- Prepare grant submissions
- Represent Class Association at events

Q3

- Establish Donation Site

- Secure Sponsorships

- Run Info Session (@ Opti Cork)

- Work on Website/Social

- Prepare Trophies/Awards

- Prepare 2024 Calendar

- Re-Establish Grand Prix Regional Circuits

- Plan 2024 Clinics/ Seminars

- Run 2nd info session (tbd)

- Liaise with Provincial/Ntl Ass.

Q2

Q4



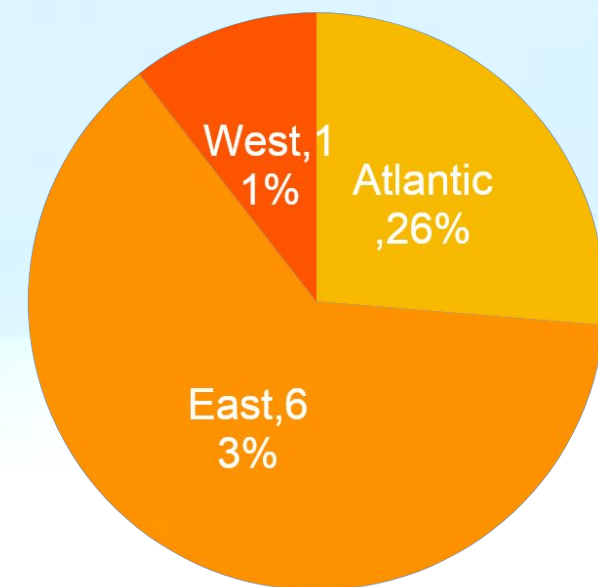
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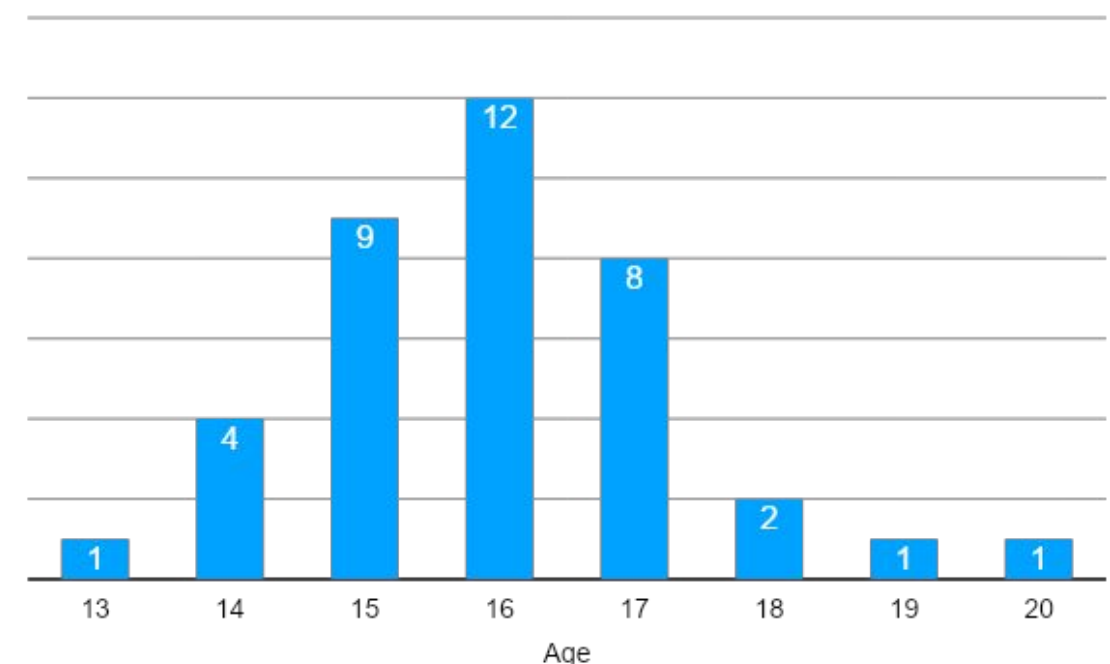
Membership Report

- Happy to report! As @ July 22, we had 38 members, surpassing our target of 30 **UPDATE: @ 50 today!**
- Good mix across Canada
- Average age: 16 years old
- Vast majority are new to the Class (Yr1 29er sailors)
- Fun fact: Majority are Female (21 v 17) - an anomaly compared to the typical Fleet breakdown globally...

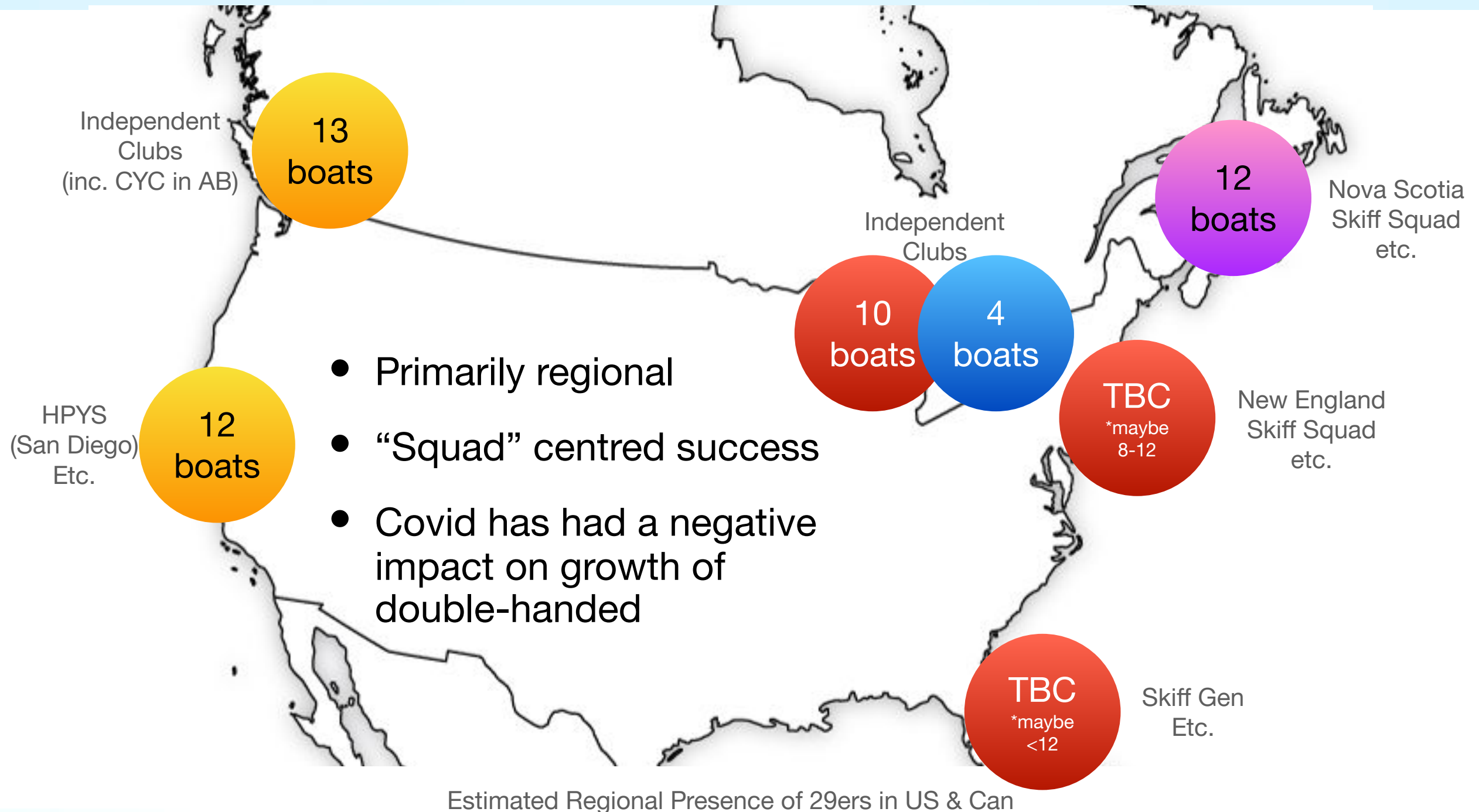
Membership: Representation By Region



Membership: Distribution By Age



29ers in Canada: We're Back on the Map



The Canadian 29er Class is estimated to have > 30 active racing teams this year



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Class Development Initiatives

- Reconnecting with the regions
 - Coaches & Parents
 - Reinstate Grand Prix Series
 - Re-engage with our sponsors (49er.ca) and local clubs
- Re-establishing our place at the table with the Sailing community
 - Re-connecting with Sail Canada, with Provincial Bodies, and with Int'l Class Associations
 - Promoting & advocating 29er interests and membership
 - “Intro to 29er Seminar” held @ Opti Cork; 2nd via Zoom coming this fall



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Promotion, Communications & New Logo



INTRO TO THE 29ER Seminar

 **Audrey Staples**
Skiff Sailor

 **Federico Donzino**
Coach

 **1 Brave Soul**
29er Parent

Discover Everything You Want To Know About The 29er Skiff Class

 **Saturday, 5th of August**  **Immediately Following De-Rig**  **Opti Cork @ Kingston**

  **Join Us!**
 **29er Class Association** **@29erCanada.org**
@Cork.org



 **Canadian 29er Class Association**

ATLANTIC GRAND PRIX SERIES 2023

SPRING DINGHY REGATTA
RNSYS, MAY 27-28

BAY WIND REGATTA
SMSC, JULY 15-16

FALL DINGHY
RNSYS, OCT 21-22

WWW.29ERCANADA.ORG **@29ERCANADA**





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 **Canadian 29er Class Association**

G.T.A. 29ER'S PARENT MIXER

 **MAY 20TH**



Saturday May 20th
SAVE THE DATE
location TBD
1-4 pm

WWW.29ERCANADA.ORG



'Cause its harder on your own

 **Canadian 29er Class Association**





Help Canada's 29er sailors reach their goals.
Donate today @
<https://www.windathletes.ca/athletes/29er>

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29er Awards... 35% of our YTD Revenue



- In Canada, the 29er Class gives out awards at 2 events
- Awards: The Canadian 29er trophies are handcrafted by artist Robert Aucoin of Iron Art in Kingston, ON

Nationals

1 Belt

- Winner name added yearly
- Issue: belt is full
Last updated 2018

Youth Champs

1 Trophy Top Team Overall

- Take Home: 2 cuffs
- 1 Trophy Top Female Team
Issue: both trophies are full
Last updated 2018



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d. Reports from the Officers

(Interim) President: Ruby Patrickson

29er Awards... 89% of our YTD Expenses

- In Feb 2023, the Interim Executive moved that the 29er Association awards would be updated to 2022, room made as necessary, and would stay within a budget (\$700-\$2k, depending on available funds).
 - “Keepers” would be made depending on availability of funds
- 2023’s total spend on updating awards was \$985.90
 - Included update of both awards
 - Repairs to the trophies
 - 2 “Keeper” cuffs for Top Athletes @ Nationals
- 2024’s Budget should be 1/2 of 2023’s with the updates complete



d. Reports from the Officers

(Interim) Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Amery

- This year the focus has been to re-establish the Association
 - Executive motion to set up new bank account
 - “Unincorporated Association”
 - An account was set up @ RBC
 - Collaboration established with ‘Wind Athletes’ Canada
 - Share their physical address
 - Not for profit status (possible future grant application options)



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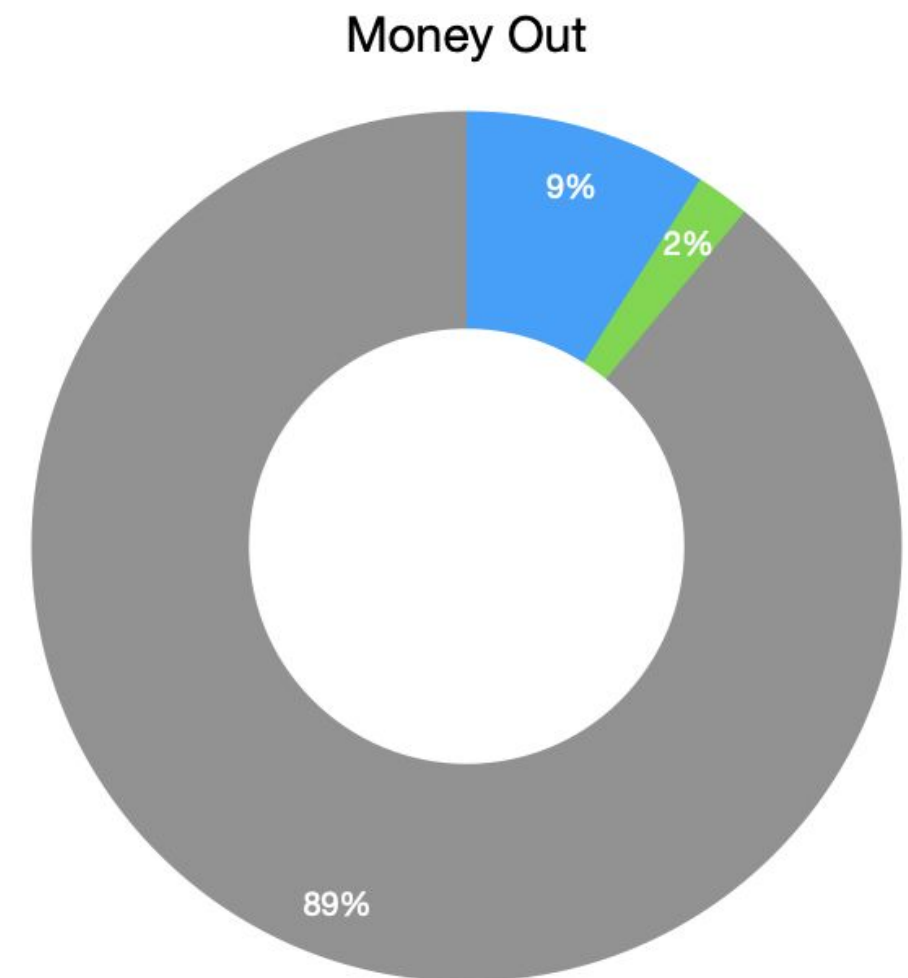
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Canadian 29er Class Association 2023 Budget

Money In	
Membership Dues	\$2,781
Donations	\$0
Regatta Fees	\$0
Sponsorship	\$0
Grants	\$0
Total income	\$2,781

Money Out	
Website	\$100
Bank Fees	\$22
Trophy Update & 2023 Awards	\$986
Miscellaneous	\$0
Total expenses	\$1,108

Money Left Over	
Income minus expenses	\$1,673



- Website
- Bank Fees
- Trophy Update & 2023 Awards
- Miscellaneous



d. Reports from the Officers

(Interim) Regional Rep West/Central: Brianna Brand

- Region consists of mostly BC and AB boats.
- Majority of BC boats are in the Victoria/Vancouver Area spanning 3 clubs making approximately 10 boats
- Majority of AB boats are in the Calgary Area in one club having approximately 2 boats
- Mostly new teams to the 29er class with a couple of established teams.
- Grand Prix series in place - collaboration between BC and Prairies to determine the series - with hope for '24 to have at more traction from Prairie 29ers at BC events - billets offered to help defer costs for travelling boats



d. Reports from the Officers

(Interim) Regional Rep East: Jillian Ruch

- Region consists of ON and QC boats
- Majority of ON boats are in the Toronto Area spanning 3 clubs making approximately 10 boats
- Majority of QC boats are in the Montreal Area in one club having approximately 4 boats
- Held a mixer for GTA parents in May, as many are new to the class. Was great to get to know people!
- Grand Prix series in place - collaboration between ON and QC to determine the series - with hope for '24 to have at least one of the regattas being a QC location - billets offered to help defer costs for travelling boats
- Looking for opportunities to partner ON and QC boats (this was had in Kingston for week of July 31-August 5th) - this is something arranged through the coaches and Sail Canada with a YOTs camp
- 3 boats from ON attended 29er World Championships - 2 making the Gold fleet and 1 making Silver fleet



d. Reports from the Officers

(Interim) Regional Rep Atlantic: Kate Therien

- Region consists of the 4 Atlantic provinces (NS, NB, PE, NL)
- This year, all activity (training/racing) is in Nova Scotia, spanning 4 clubs (approximately 9 boats)
- NS Skiff Squad started on-water training on Easter weekend!
- Sail Nova Scotia invited teams from away to join the NS Skiff Squad during a 2-week training camp in July at St. Margaret's Bay - teams came from BC and QC (billeted by host families) and most stayed for the Sail East regatta (total of 12 boats)
- Atlantic teams took 1-2-3 at Nationals in July; first ever female team to win the Canadian 29er belts!
- NS female team represented Canada at Worlds in England in August (along with NS head coach); they took 1st place in the Emerald fleet!
- Looking for opportunities to grow interest in the other Atlantic provinces....!



e. Bids for the Canadian 29er Championship 2024

None submitted at this time

- In past years, the Association received applications for the Canadian 29er Championships
- Practice in recent history, and with the Class re-building its numbers, has been to host the Canadian 29er Championships in consultation with the Organizing Authority of CORK in Kingston.
- The Executive Tables the following motion: **That, failing any other applications are received prior to September 1st 2023, that the Class Association work with the Organizing Authority @ CORK to set the dates for the 2024 Canadian Championships in Kingston, ON.**
- Per our mandate, the Association will also consult on setting optimal dates for Canada's Youth Champs (with Sail Canada), North Americans (with US 29er Class Association), and set the Canadian Grand Prix Series (with Regional Rep input)



f. Nomination of Executive

Article VI of the By-Laws

- Section 1. Make up and term of office for the Executive
The Executive of the Association shall be the President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the four Regional Representatives.
- All members of the Executive shall be elected for two (2) years.
- No member of the executive shall hold the same position for more than four (4) consecutive years.
- Section 2. Regional Representatives
There may be one Representative on the Executive, elected from each of the four regions described as: Western (BC), Central (Alberta Saskatchewan and Manitoba), Eastern (Ontario and Quebec), Atlantic (New Brunswick, PEI, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland).
- Section 3. Coach Representatives and Builder Representative
Each region may appoint a Coach Representative to attend at meetings.
- The Coach Representative may hold a proxy for their Regional Representative and vote in the event that representative is unable to attend.
- The Builder Representative attends all meetings but does not have a vote.



f. Nomination of Executive

Article VII of the By-Laws

	Pre-AGM	Post AGM			
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2. Secretary / Treasurer	Jill Amery	Jill Amery	Exec Voting Member		
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4. Regional Rep Central (AB,MB,SK)	Brianna Brand*	Brianna Brand	Exec Voting Member	Charles Peddlesden	Executive Non Voting
5. Regional Rep East (ON,QC)	Jillian Ruch	Jillian Ruch	Exec Voting Member	Federico Donzino	Executive Non Voting
6. Regional Rep Atlantic (NB,NS,PEI,NFL)	Kate Therien	Kate Therien	Exec Voting Member	Stephen Waldie	Executive Non Voting
Builder Representative	Trevor Parek	Trevor Parek	Executive Non Voting		

- The Executive Tables the following motion: ***That the Secretary receive nominations from the floor. All positions are open and therefore each need a nominator and a seconder.***



g. Election of the Executive

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- Simple majority vote is required for Election of the Executive @ the AGM
- The Executive Tables the following motion: ***That the membership approve the slate as voted in tonight's meeting***



New Business: Membership Dues 2024

Motion to maintain dues @ \$75/pp for 2024

- In Feb 2023, the Executive benchmarked Comparable Class Fees and resolved to increase our fees to \$75 CAD per sailor (50% increase)

Class	Annual Fee Per Sailor
C420	\$35 USD
i420	\$65 USD
29er	\$50 \$75
49er/49erFX	€15
Opti	\$50 (43% increase)
ILCA	\$45

By-Laws Article IV: DUES
Membership dues shall be set at each Annual General Meeting (AGM). Both skipper and crew shall be individual members of the Association
Membership dues in 2023 shall be as follows:
a. Individual Membership - \$75.00.
b. Two members per family \$120.00
c. Three members per family \$165.00
Dues are payable on January 1 annually.

- The Executive Tables the following motion: ***That the membership approve Class fees will remain @ \$75 CAD per sailor (no change)***
- Motion to be carried by majority vote



Other Business

Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the By-Laws

- Resurrected and updated the 2010 Canadian 29er Class Association Constitution & By-Laws. Updates are posted online
- Changes to the Constitution & By-Laws require a 2/3 majority vote at the AGM
- The Executive Tables the following motion: ***That the membership approve changes to the 2010 Canadian 29er Class Association Constitution as presented.***
- The Executive Tables the following motion: ***That the membership approve changes to the 2010 Canadian 29er Class Association By-Laws as presented.***



Looking Ahead...

Goals for 2024

- The next executive will meet this fall to set our goals for 2024 and work through the upcoming season's calendar
- We have some ideas...
 - Priority one is the 2024 Calendar
 - For membership: We'd love to get to 40 boats, with 30 boats at Nationals
 - For our own team: benchmark regional set-ups for skiff squads to identify some best practices and lend support to the development of the Class in those areas
 - Look for and apply for capital grants
 - Look to recruit and develop skiff coaches
 - Look for some additional sponsors
 - Work with clubs, provincial and national authorities to support the interests and growth of the Class
 - Development pathways: begin the dialogue with the 'next step' Class associations for the days beyond 29er
 - Look at options to offer "29er" Merchandise to membership



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Thank You

**For your participation
Motion to Adjourn**

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2023 EVENT CALENDAR NOW POSTED