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Annual General Meeting

Of the Canadian 29er Class Association

August 20th, 2025

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

Special Guest: Sail Canada President Ryan Kelly

Meeting called by R Patrickson (President)

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.

Before we get down to “Business”

A high performance tech tee for you & a thank you to our sponsors...



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Make sure you check in!

- Get your Canadian 29er Nationals Tee
- Get your SWAG Bag
- Pizza and drinks will hit around 4pm
- Random prizes for trivia from our East Region Rep!



Canadian 29er Class Association

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.



The 29er's Place in Sailing

The 29er fleet is >3,000 strong. We're global. We're growing.

In 2025, there were > 26 Countries competing at World's; regularly seeing registrations of 250 boats

The 29er is an "open class" with no age limit and no gender constraints

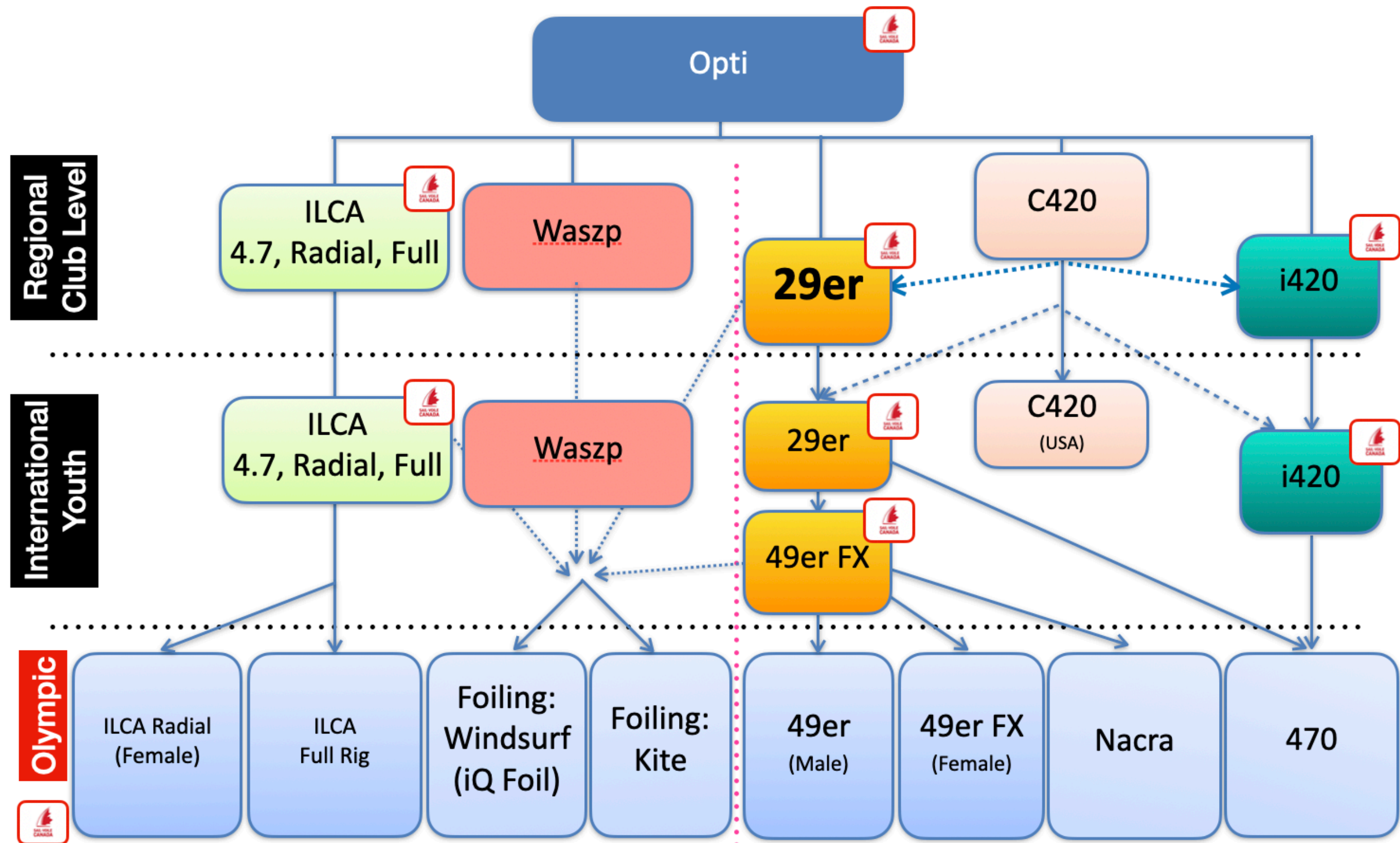
In 2019, the World's were won by an all female team

For Opti & c420 Sailors, the 29er stepping stone offers the most options and flexibility in racing pathways

The 29er is a precursor for four Olympic level double-handed sailing fleets.

Your class association is hosting 2 "Intro to 29er Sessions" / year (spring & fall). & "Try 29er" days in each of our regions across Canada

Competitive Racing Pathways in Canada

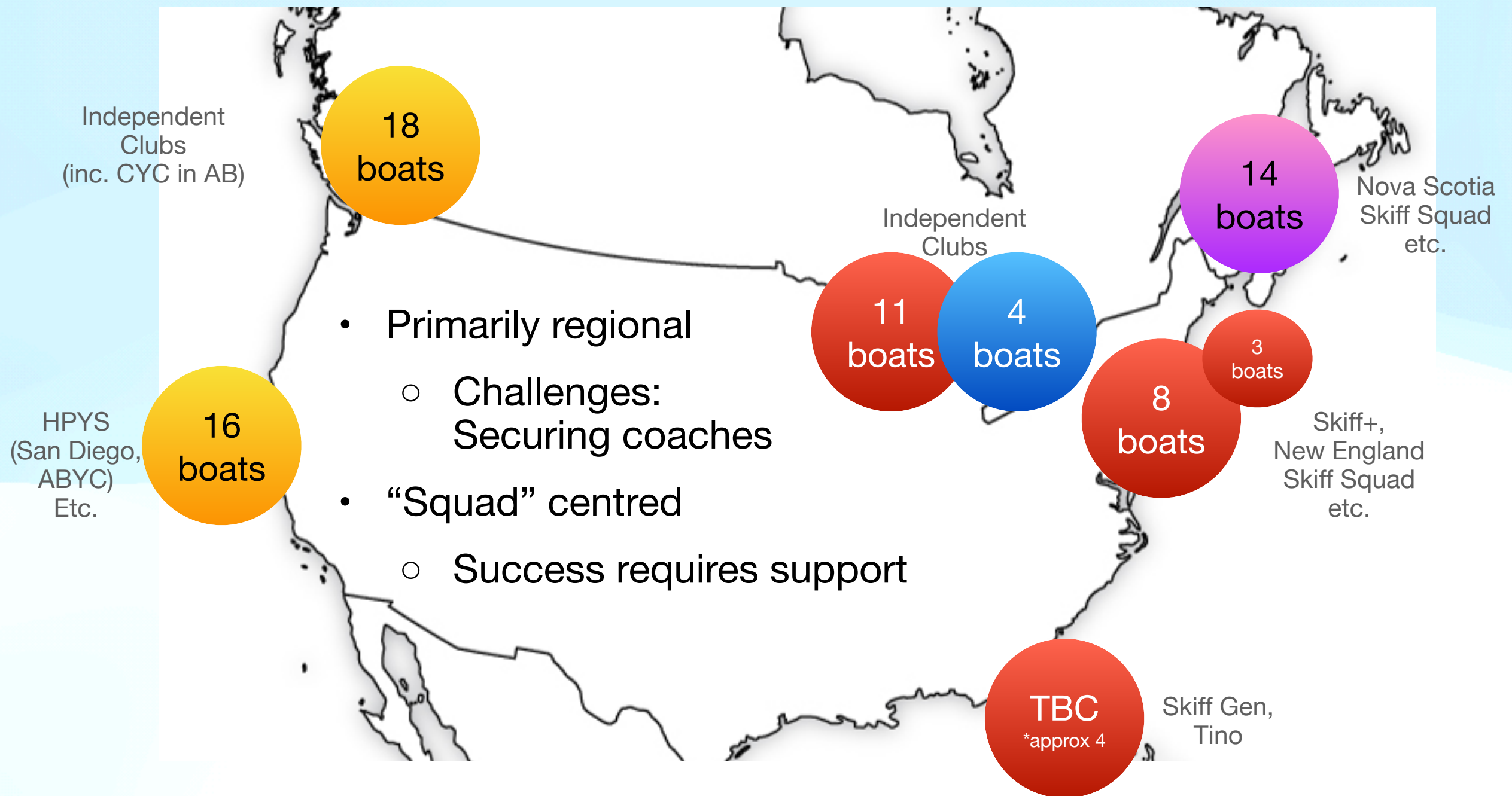


Single Handed : Double Handed



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29ers: Marking the N. American Map



- ***In Canada, there are > 30 actively competing 29ers***
- ***In N.A., there are approx 80 boats in the fleet***



Agenda

Per Article VII of Association By-Laws

- The order of Business at the Annual General Meeting shall proceed as follows:
 - Welcome
 - Quorum
 - Business
 - 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 2025
 - Other Business
 - i. Adjournment *(per Article VII By-Laws)*



Quorum

Notice given July 21, 2025

- 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***



a. Minutes of Previous General Meeting
Published Jan 2025 on website for member review

b. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
Age limits of Canada Games - clarification was provided

- Last year, the Class ran its 2nd AGM after a previous 5 year hiatus
 - New Rep for Atlantic Mike Smith voted in
 - New Rep for Newfoundland Derek McDonald
 - Solid financials, awards, “try 29er” clinics and “Intro Seminar”
- The Executive Tables the following motion:
That the membership approve minutes of 2024's AGM



c. Reports from the Officers

President: Ruby Patrickson

2024/2025 Highlights

- Membership stable | Financials: SOLID
- 3 Grand Prix Series running - West/Central | East | Atlantic
- Hosted a national “Intro to 29er” Presentation this past spring - lower attendance but VIDEO now available
- Provincial/ Regional Sailing authorities are lending support sporadically; Sail Canada re-engaging with the Class
- Winter training & competition continued: USA (Fl)/ Europe (Sp) for a few squads
- First SK.O.T.S. happened today!
- 2nd place Midwinter’s West RVicYC: Kai/William
- North Americans in Maine - 9 Canadian teams, 60%!, and a 2nd Place for Harper/Maggie!
- Internationally: 1.5 Canadian Teams @ World’s this year (congrats on a 47th Silver Fleet finish); and @ 2 teams @ Euros
- 11 teams @ Cork Youthfest, congrats to Sarah/Nicole
- Canada Games: 29ers fielded 17 teams from 10 provinces; improved from 14 and 7 provinces in 2022.

Canadian Nationals: Already bigger than ALL start lines in 2024 or 2025 @ 28 BOATS! We’re in line with the US Class goal of “50 in 5” on the line



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- The Canadian 29er Class gives out awards at 2 events.
 - 29er Awards... this year down to $\frac{1}{3}$ of our budgeted expenses
- Our trophies are handcrafted by artist Robert Acoin of Iron Art

Congratulations to 2024 Champions Callum Ruch and Nicole Otton



Nationals

The Coveted Belt

Youth Champs

- 1 Trophy Top Team Overall
- Take Home: 2 items
1 Trophy Top Female Team



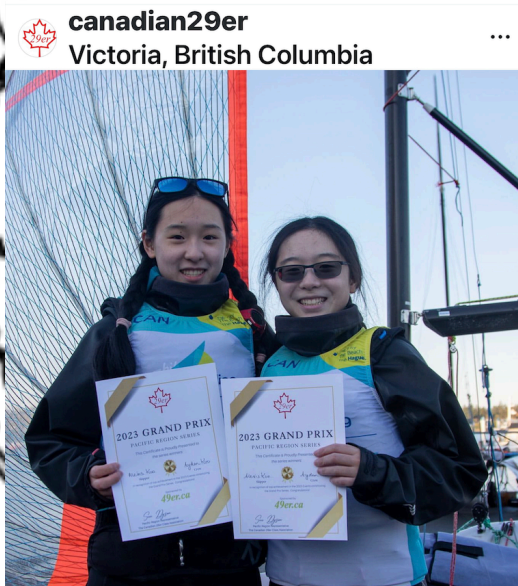
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2024 Highlights - Grand Prix Series Winners

West/
Central



East



Atlantic



Ayden Kuo | Alexis Kuo

Sterling Ott | Jack Gillis

Jaxson Davis | Owen Nicoll

Thank you to 49er.ca Trevor Parekh for his sponsorship of the series!



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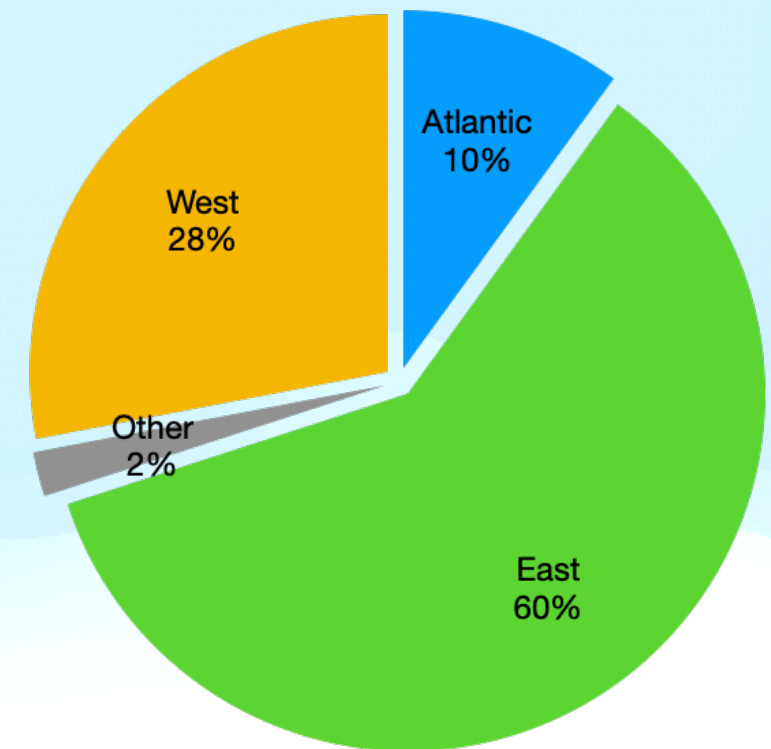
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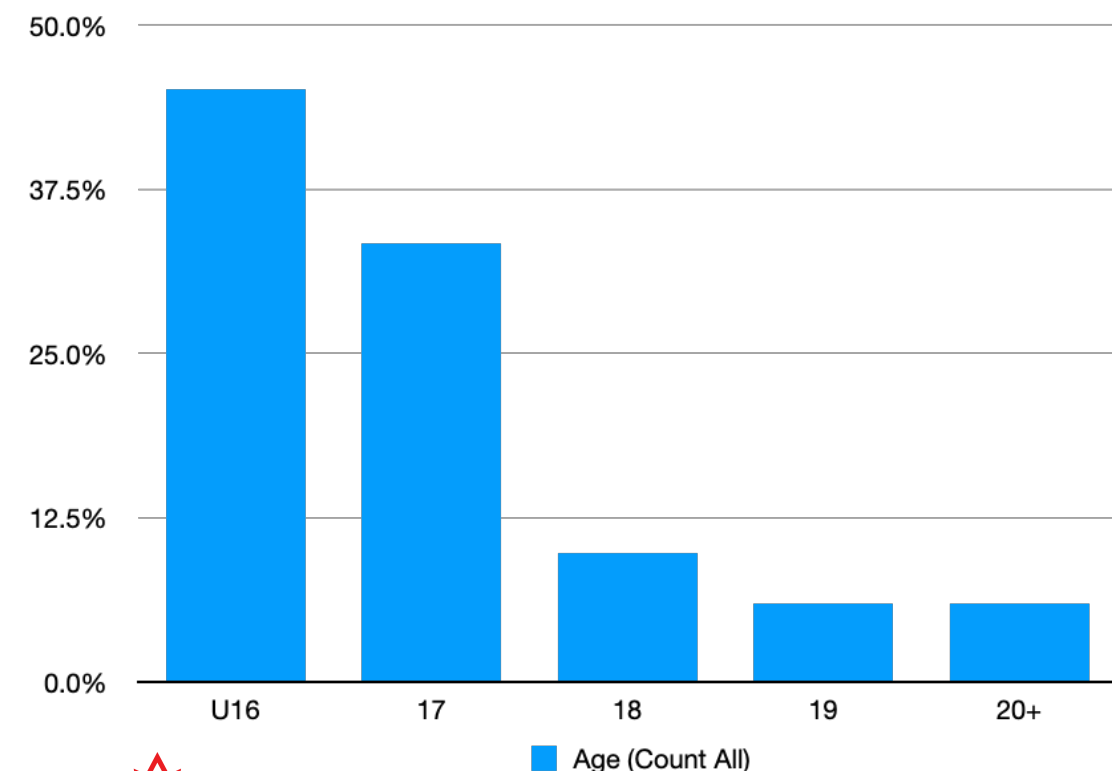
Membership Report: 18%↓

- As @ Aug 19, we have 52 members, 9 less than this time last year;
- Erosion mostly in Atlantic region
- Average age: 17.5 years old, ranging from 13 to 49 years old
 - Almost 1/2 now in U16 category
- Signifying growth taking hold and good renewal with Yr 1 sailors
- EVEN mix of Male & Female (50:50)

Membership by Region



AGE OF CANADIAN 29ER MEMBERS



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Update: The International Class

Fielding 12 submissions; they're in support of 4

- **The International 29er Class Association has roughly €500k**
 - > This has triggered some spending motions by Country Classes

1. Funding support of teams from outside a continent.

- > Funding of 50% of entry fee if event is inside Europe

2. Entry fees for Championships may not exceed €500

- > (World's, Europeans, Continental)

3. Protective cover around forestay stemhead fitting @ the bow

- > to protect rigging attachment points and prevent sail damage

4. Delete Class Rule C1.1 (a) and amend

- > to allow sculling in pre-start maneuvers & brings the 29er class rules in line with the 49er class rules

Consultation phase is underway; strategic plan within 90 days of World's

Update: The US Class

Identified 5 Obstacles to Growth they are Tackling-

1. Boats, Sails and Transport

-> 20 new boats have been purchased for sale and charter

2. Coaches and Training

-> Funding for and sponsorship of foreign coach visas as well as domestic coach training clinics

3. Schedule/ Circuits

-> Yearly calendar to be set and communicated before year's end

4. Pipeline/ Development

-> Pipeline/ Development - running clinics and Intro Sessions

5. Credibility

-> Have new leadership and are restructuring

GOAL: "50 in 5" (50 boats on the start line at all major regattas within 5yrs)
Achievable: Grow by 5 boats / year

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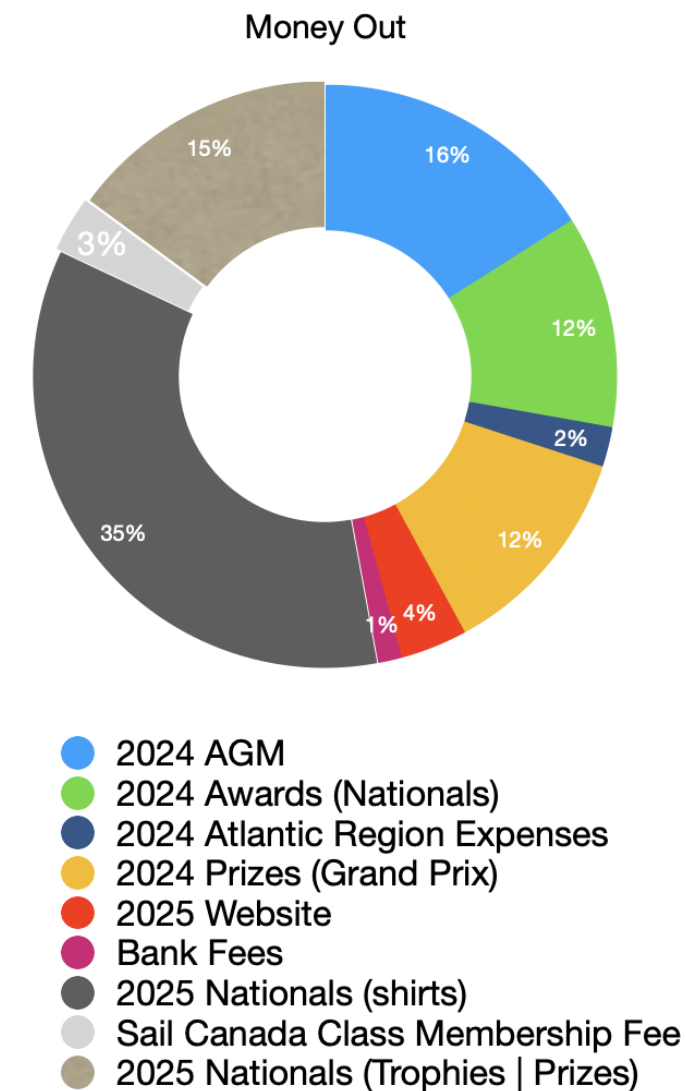
Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Amery

- Currently projecting around \$3.2k in the bank after expenses
(last year we had \$668)
- Comfortable balance
- Largest expenses are awards (35%) & our new shirts (32 %)
- With the remaining funds this year, we will be able to fund clinics and initiatives in the regions and some Grand Prix prizes as well

Opening Balance (as at Aug 5, 2024)	\$5,197
Money In (Aug 6, 2024 - Aug 12 2025)	
Membership Dues YTD 2025	\$2,364
Membership Dues Aug 6 - Dec 31 2024	\$1,043
Donations/Sponsorships/Regatta Fees/ Grants	\$0
Sponsorship	\$0
Grants	\$0
Total income	\$8,603

Money Out (as @ Aug 6, 2024)		%
2024 AGM	\$780	15%
2024 Awards (Nationals)	\$575	11%
2024 Atlantic Region Expenses	\$108	2%
2024 Prizes (Grand Prix)	\$587	11%
2025 Website	\$181	3%
Bank Fees	\$65	1%
2025 Nationals (shirts)	\$1,701	32%
Sail Canada Class Membership Fee	\$150	3%
2025 Nationals (Trophies Prizes)	\$727	14%
2025 AGM (estimate)	\$500	9%
Total expenses	\$5,373	

Money Left Over	
Income minus expenses	\$3,230



c. Reports from the Officers

President: Ruby Patrickson

Goals Set for this Year

Q1

- Finalize 2025 Calendar
- Run “Intro 29er” Session
- Work on Website/Social
- Kick start Membership drive

Q2

- Prepare Trophies/Awards
- Secure Sponsorships
- Run “Intro 29er” Session
- Newsletter/ Promo on Social

Q3

- AGM (Cork 2025)
- SK.O.T.S Clinic!
- Grand Prix Awards
- Represent Class Association at events & “Try” days
- Begin 2026 Calendar work

Q4

- Prepare 2026 calendar & budget
 - Re-Establish Grand Prix Regional Circuits
 - Plan 2026 Clinics/ Seminars
- Liaise with Provincial/Ntl Ass.



d. Regional Report from the West

Steve McBride | Sue Dyson

- Fleet currently at roughly 15 boats based out of BC
- Royal Van and Royal Vic are focused on 29er
 - Coach Martin Kirketerp Ibsen hired on at Royal Van. 29er/49er
- BC teams hit Mids West in California March; 1 team @ Euros; Ladies won gold @ Canada Games
- Majority in the Victoria/Vancouver Area spanning 5 clubs with a few new clubs sending boat to events, which is great to see
- Mix of new and established teams. 2 teams in AB; MB & SK fielded teams for the Canada Games so looking to support further development there
- Grand Prix series underway
- This fall: working on “Try 29er Days” - stay tuned



d. Regional Report from the East

Jillian Ruch | Federico Donzino

- Fleet currently sitting with about 9 in Ontario and about 4 in QC
- This season brought many new partnerships which is exciting!
- 3 clubs in Toronto have 29er teams and coaches which leaves room for growth in Toronto, hoping for more teams and 420s to move into the class from the many clubs in the city
- Speaking with some clubs in Eastern Ontario to try to start some teams and coaching there
- Grand Prix series underway - We have had 2 of the 3 events already. Really hoping to include a QC event next year



d. Regional Report from the Atlantic

Mike Smith | Derek MacDonald | Chris Watters

- Region consists of the 4 Atlantic provinces (NS, NB, PE, NL)
 - Canada Games fielded boats from ALL 4 Atlantic Provinces!
 - Congratulations to Ethan and Henry, Gold @ the Canada Games
- Welcome Chris Watters as our new Regional Coach Rep
- 2 HP clinics: 10 29ers taking up the boat; Spring 29er Clinic with Guest Speaker Andrew Wood
- This year, lots of new teams and most activity (training/racing) is in Nova Scotia, spanning 4 clubs (approximately 12 boats) and multiple provinces on the move to Nova Scotia to make up good training and competition blocks...



e. Bids for CAN 29er Championship 2026

None submitted at this time

- The association's practice in recent history, in consultation with Sail Canada, has been to host the Canadian 29er Championships with the help of the Organizing Authority of CORK alongside other 49er Skiff Champs in Kingston.
- The Executive Tables the following motion: **That, failing any other applications are received prior to September 1st 2025, that the Class Association work with the Organizing Authority @ CORK to set the dates for the 2026 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.



g. Executive Committee - Election

Article VII of the By-Laws

Outgoing	Year(s) Served	Position	Executive	Membership Type	Year Elected	Year(s) Served	Years Allowed to Serve	Regional Coach Delegate	Membership Type	Year Appointed
Ruby	2 of 2	1. President	Mike Smith	Exec Voting Member	2025	0 of 2	Max 4			
Sue	2 of 2	2. Regional Rep West	Alexis Kuo	Exec Voting Member	2025	0 of 2	Max 4	Steve McBride	Exec. Non Voting	2023
Brianna	2 of 2	3. Regional Rep Central (AB,MB,SK)	Nathan Lemke	Exec Voting Member	2025	0 of 2	Max 4	Sophie Heldman	Exec. Non Voting	AB 2025
Jillian	2 of 2	4. Regional Rep East (ON,QC)	Ford Amery	Exec Voting Member	2025	0 of 2	Max 4	Federico Donzino	Exec. Non Voting	2023
Mike	1 of 2	5. Regional Rep Atlantic (NB,NS,PEI,NFL)	Derek McDonald	Exec Voting Member	2024	1 of 2	Max 4	Chris Watters	Exec. Non Voting	Replacing Waldie 2025
Jill	2 of 2	6. Secretary / Treasurer	Peter Kiedrowski	Exec Voting Member	2025	0 of 2	Max 4	Audrey Staples	Exec. Non Voting	2023
		Provincial Rep - Nova Scotia	Incoming	Exec. Non Voting						
		Past President	Ruby Patrickson	Exec. Non Voting						
		Builder Representative	Trevor P	Exec. Non Voting						

- The Executive Tables the following motions:

That the Secretary receive nominations from the floor for the open positions of President, Treasurer, Regional Rep West, Central & Atlantic.

That the Secretary receive nominations from the floor for the open positions of Regional Coach Delegate Central and Atlantic

(need a nominator and a seconder. Simple majority vote is required)



h. Membership Dues 2025

- Fees were adjusted in 2024 based on benchmark fee data prepared in 2023 (presented in the table below)
- 2024: The US 29er Class is now charging \$100USD per sailor
- The Exec has not recommended any change to our fees

Class	Annual Fee Per Sailor
C420	\$35 USD
i420	\$65 USD
Canadian 29er	\$75 CAD (\$100 USD for US 29er)
49er/49erFX	€15
Opti	\$50
Laser	\$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.

No motion is being tabled today.

2026 Class fees will remain @ \$75 CAD per sailor (no change)



h. Other Business

- Investigate unification of “9er” (Skiff) Classes into single association
- Appetite to host a 29er World’s in N. America
- Upcoming 2025 Championship events:
 - Fall Cork coming up for those able to make it!
 - US Sailing is holding their US Youth World’s qualifier
 - October 10-13th in FL (site to be confirmed)
 - Will be a good showing of our N.American fleet
 - Youth World’s
 - Dec 12-20th in Portugal
 - Good luck to all youth hoping to qualify this week!
 - Open Orange Bowl
 - Dec 26-30th in Miami, FL (CGSC)
- If you want to organize a “Try 29er Day” - let us know!



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Thank You

**For your participation
Motion to Adjourn**