



Alaska Sailing Club

THE SHEET

It's time to watch the ice melt and dust off those sail bags. Thank you to all those who have joined already, if you haven't and intend to please do so soon. Let's get ready to sail!



Courtesy of Addy Wright

The Up To Date

Status of the Club Site:

The 2018 sailing season is almost upon us, the lake is thinning and the docks are clear of cover. While most of Anchorage residents are seeing the last remains of snow in the backyard disappear, the Club Site at Big Lake still has a few days to go. Road access is open to the Laser rack and to the lift, but trailer row is still blocked by a snow berm. Conditions are generally muddy so please be mindful to not cause ruts. Access to small boat parking is possible but they may have piles of snow between them and in empty stalls. Room is still short at the site so please hold your boats on station for another week or two.

Election Results:

We just finished our special election and I would like to welcome new and returning board members to this year's board. The results are Dave Verbrugge (Senior Vice-Comm.), Geoffrey Wright (Education Comm.), Terri Stanbro (Treasurer), and Lori Verbrugge (Secretary). More details of the results are available in the April Board Meeting Minutes. Also I want to give thanks

to the members of our election committee; Christopher Cryan, Kevin Frank, and Tom Gage. I had caused a breakdown of communications in the winter, but even so the election committee stepped up on short notice to help wrap things up when we asked. They also had several recommendations to make the voting process easier and we will be implementing those ideas in the next election.

New Moorings:

TL Stanbro ran a crew a few weeks ago and landed new moorings on the ice. Along with thanking TL, George, and Dave V. for making it happen I would also like to give credit to several businesses for donating material to the project. [Arctic Import Repair](#), [Midas on Northern Lights](#), and [Chevrolet of South Anchorage](#) all donated used scrap brake rotors. With the additional moorings we will be able to have a total of 12 keelboats on the lake this year.



Upcoming Events

Spring Work Party:

We have a lot on the agenda, including one new dock to replace a section of 'A dock' and a specialty corner dock to connect 'A Dock' to the hoist. The Work Party is scheduled to go down on Saturday May 19

Ice Breaker Regatta:

Assuming that the ice doesn't make a full on assault to retake Big Lake, we won't be scratching up the hulls this year. The first race weekend of the year is scheduled May 26-27.

Sailing to Learn:

The classes are filling up quick, if you want a spot in this year's class please contact Geoff at: sailingcoach@alaskasailingclub.com.

This year the Dinghy Class is scheduled June 21-24, and the Introductory Keelboat Class is July 14-15.



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2018 Calendar:

The calendar has been updated and posted online at our website. There may be a revision to fit the scout's schedule in once it is determined. Here is a link for your convenience. [ASC 2018](#)

Rumorville

New Keelboat:

Some may have heard rumors of this magnitude, it was discussed at the last board meeting. The RL24 is done, her centerboard cracked over the winter. Tom Gage took efforts to find a replacement. Tom has a friend with a Holder20 in Washington that was ready to donate this winter. We almost had it donated and tied to the back of Bruce's RV, but after conferring with his accountant, the new tax law does not allow the donor to benefit from donating a boat at this time. It's too bad because that would have been a very nice training platform for our program. My appreciation to Tom Gage for his effort and the potential donor for considering us.

To BNAC or Not to B:

Our Racing Commodore, Bruce Lee, is a man of many talents. One thing he's especially good at is jumping into cool things to do. With that said some of you may have overheard some talk of hosting a National Buccaneer 18 event of some type at Big Lake. The talk is just in the 'feeling it out' preliminary stage but if it were to happen it wouldn't happen until 2019 or 2020. If you have any questions please contact me or Bruce. Also of note if you're a Buccaneer 18 sailor, that association would like your support and membership, click [here](#) for their home page.

Lido-es it Again:

There may be a new opportunity to grab some used Lido 14's for our training program, anyone wanting to donate to the cause please contact Racing Commodore Bruce.



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Come join the fun!

Don't forget to follow us on FaceBook.

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