

**A LATE WINTER SIGNAL
TBYC RACING
MARCH 2022**

One warm day and I can't stop thinking about sailing. Our severe winter is going to make this summer that much sweeter. Your racing committee has met and reviewed the upcoming schedule. You will notice a few changes. The spring series is gone, and the fall series has changed. Interest in the harbour loops has waned over the years so we have made changes. We can discuss these at our upcoming race meeting/social planned for March 26 at 7pm at the mission clubhouse.

A new idea being introduced this year is our Mentorship programme. Led by Cam Mcwhirter sailors interested in starting to race or trying out Wednesday evening races now have a resource. Skippers and experienced crew will be available to mentor new boats. Need an experienced fordeck to teach you crew how to launch and fly a spinnaker? Need some starting line tips? We have a wealth of experience in our fleet and we want to use it to expand. Cam will be putting a list together of mentors together and new boats can contact him to request a mentor. If you have some time and talent to give, please also give Cam a call or drop him a note.

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Attached.

1 Race schedule

2 Mentor programme

See you at the boat yard soon

Cheers

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MAY

15 MARINA OPENS

18 FIRST WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE

JUNE

11 SILVER ISLET RACE

18 SHORT HANDED RACE

JULY

1 MAYORS CUP

2 LSYA AROUND THE ISLANDS RACE BAYFIELD

4 TO 9 BAYFIELD RACE WEEK

25 SPAR CHANNEL RACE

AUGUST

6 LSYA BAYFIELD TO THUNDER BAY

9 THUNDER BAY TO GRAND MARAIS

11 LSYA GRAND MARAI TO HAUGHTON

27 SAWYER BAY RACE

SEPTEMBER

10/11 FALL SUPER SERIES

17 THUNDER BAY TRIANGLE

OCTOBER

1 CHILLY BUNS

5 LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE

OVERVIEW

TBYC Wednesday and offshore series have seen a decline in the participation specifically in the B and C fleets while the participation in the Monday, Friday racing B and C fleets seem strong. We believe there is an opportunity to transition some of the fleet from cruising Monday and Friday racing to the Wednesday, Offshore series through an increase in knowledge and crew building. We propose linking experienced crew and skippers to less experienced and growing racing programs to share knowledge, increase skill and confidence on boats that wish to race Wednesday/Offshore. Cam will create a list of experienced crew and skippers that will offer their experience and a list of crew and skippers that wish to tap into that knowledge.

The Objective

- Need #1: Grow the racing fleet
- Need #2: Improve Skipper/crew confidence and ability
- Need #3: Create a support network within TBYC

The Opportunity

- Goal #1: Build a link between experience skippers and crew to help develop less experienced skippers and crew
- Goal #2: Share knowledge and practices related to racing sailboats
- Goal #3: Increase participation from the cruising/Monday Friday racing to the Wednesday/Offshore series

The Solution

- Recommendation #1: Build a data base to log contact info and set of skills needed/offered by TBYC members
- Recommendation #2: Share contact info between interested

parties

OUR PROPOSAL

We propose linking experienced skippers and crew with less experienced skippers and crew to build knowledge and confidence through hands on learning on the specific boat in need. For example Boat "A" wishes to develop a foredeck crew but has limited experience in spinnaker work. Boat "A" will get in contact with Cam and ask for help with a spinnaker Gybe. Cam will look into the data base and find an experienced bow crew that has volunteered from an experienced boat. Cam will link boat "A" to volunteer "B" and they can arrange a practice day to go out on boat "A" to practice what ever skills are needed. The intent is to get boat "A" comfortable in spinnaker work, driving, starts, tacks, trim, or what ever skill they need to begin racing so they will join the offshore or Wednesday series.