



CANADIAN OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE VOILE EN OPTIMIST

**2020 Annual General Meeting**

**September 10, 2020**

**7:30 pm EDT on Zoom**



# 2020 Agenda

- \* Welcome to 2020 AGM (Bylaw #16)
- \* Quorum (Notice given Aug 1/ 10 members is a quorum Bylaw #13)
- \* Minutes from 2019 AGM at Britannia YC, Ottawa
- \* Reports from the Officers/Committees
- \* 2021 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championship
- \* Nominations for 2021 CODA Officers
- \* New/Other Business
- \* Adjournment



# Review of 2019 Minutes

CODA AGM MEETING August 2019

Meeting was called to order by CODA President Fraser Howell

1. 2018 minutes were reviewed and voted on for acceptance. Motion. Seconded.

2. 2019 year was reviewed-IODA teams/performance/coaching selection

3. Presentations for 2020 CODA Nationals were reviewed. Extra information was added by Chester Yacht Club, RNSYS, Lunenburg Yacht Club, and Hubbards Sailing club. Online voting will be open for 48 hours.

4. The slate of CODA members was presented and elected by acclamation.

Tara Macaulay. Secretary CODA



# Welcome

- \* Just to set the stage -- reminder of what is the basic mandate of CODA! (*Article #2 Constitution*)
  - \* Promote sailing and racing of Opti's in Canada
  - \* Relate to IODA/Sail Canada
  - \* Protect the class integrity
  - \* Sanction national, provincial and regional regattas
  - \* Select representatives for International Events
  - \* Ensure the Canadian Championship is held annually and according to IODA standards



# 2020 Review

- \* A challenging year!
- \* Membership numbers declined in these uncertain times
- \* CODA Webinars, on the water in BC
- \* Supporting Coach Development
- \* International Team Disappointment
- \* Cdn Championship & CORK cancelled
- \* Some regattas held across the country



# 2020 Registrar's Report

- \* Decrease in membership in 2020 (-56 %)
  - \* Normal levels of registration in early 2020
  - \* Memberships trickled in post Feb.
    - \* COVID-19 and no Canadian Championships
  - \* Regional proportions stable
  - \* Gender ratio strongly skewed towards males (~3:1)
  - \* >½ members in red fleet, 10% aging-out in 2021
- \* 15 Coaches registered this year (+)

Registrar: Guillaume Godbout



# 2020 Membership by Region

Region	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
West	13	28	43	20	40	35
Ontario	43	95	89	90	86	70
Québec	22	56	54	51	39	31
East	8	18	26	43	35	36
Foreign	0	4	1	5	1	1
Total	86	196	213	210	201	173



# 2020 Gender by Region

Region	Male	Female	Total
West	12	1	13
Ontario	30	13	43
Québec	16	6	22
East	4	4	8
Foreign	0	0	0
Total	61	23	86





# Membership by Gender

Year	Male	Female	Total
2015	125	48	173
2016	148	53	201
2017	150	60	210
2018	154	59	213
2019	134	67	201
2020	72	29	101

Note : Includes coach members



# Age Distribution of Paying Members

Fleet	2020	% 2020	% 2019	% 2018
White (<11 y.o.)	12	14	16	20
Blue (11-12 y.o.)	24	28	26	16
Red (13-15 y.o.)	49	57	58	64
Aged-out (>15 y.o.)*	1	1	-	-
Aging out in 2021	9	10	-	-

\*New member, probable error in date of birth.

**The need to recruit young members remains!**



# 2020 Hull Registrations

- \* 4 new hulls registered
  - \* Sail numbers at 1826
  - \* 2 direct registrations from Binnacle
- \* **Reminder:** numbers associated with hull, not sailors!



# Treasurer's Report

	2020*	2019
Revenue	\$ 2,864	\$ 20,417
Expenses	3,553	19,002
Net Operating Income	\$ -689	\$ 1,415

Cash Balance

\$11,595

\*as of August 30, 2020



# Expenses

	2020*	2019
- Coach Dev. & Sailor Clinics	\$ 0	\$ 10,887
- Promotional Items	\$ 328	\$ 4,057
- Insurance & Prof. Fees	\$ 1,835	\$ 2,585
- Website	\$ 690	\$ 831
- Membership Fees	\$ 600	\$ 626
- Bank Fees & Misc.	\$ 100	\$ 16
	\$ 3,553	\$ 19,002

\*as of August 30, 2020



# Class Development Officer Report

## Class Development Initiatives

### This 2020:

- Continued to increase communication among coaches through the Facebook group “Opti Coaches Canada”.
- **CODA Webinars**: With the enthusiasm and excellent work by coaches across Canada, we launched 3 webinars about rigging, tuning, starts and event preparation. The feedback from our membership about this webinars was very good and a great way to offer value for the CODA membership. It would be our intention to set up more webinars for the future.
- **Coaches Zoom Calls**: CODA facilitated biweekly Zoom meeting to connect coaches across Canada to share best practices and updates on how each club and region was dealing with Covid challenges, guidelines, programs, participation, etc. Great feedback/engagement from coaches. We will continue to facilitate these Zoom calls once a month to help keep coaches connected.
- **CODA Coaches Online Library**: Among the coaches, we have facilitated an online drive where coaches can upload any coaching resources to be available for all coaches. This initiative is in initial steps but will try to evolve.

CDO: Agustin Ferrario



# Class Development Officer Report

## What we will work on for 2021:

- \* Empower **club programs** & continue to **fund clinics and coach development** → those are our **key components** to continue developing our Optimist class in Canada
- \* More webinars during winter and spring, including some for coaches specifically.
- \* Develop Coach driven programs supported by clubs and parents → work here is with the clubs.
  - \***Support club programs to grow sustainable and long term Optimist programs**
  - \***Create opportunities for coaches to continue to learn, grow and work in the country - career progression**
- \* find better ways of giving back to our sponsors: more sponsors → the more we can do to develop our class!



# Provincial Report - Atlantic

## Highlights

- \* Stable and at some clubs increased number of Opti sailors in the region.
- \* Sailing programs in Atlantic Canada took sailing back to basics and became a popular opportunity with limited sports running programs.
- \* Although we were secluded in our Atlantic Bubble and in the absence of travel we had almost no covid restrictions which allowed programs to run smoothly, safely, efficiently and successfully.
- \* We did not host official regattas this summer but participation was booming at all locale clubs and programs excelled. We hope to see the benefits of this in 2021.
- \* A few clubs in NB SBYS and RYC were unable to open and run programs this summer due to COVID-19 and for SBYC they were also rebuilding from hurricane Dorian.
- \* One small local event was hosted in the south shore and was successful in following public health guidelines due to COVID-19.
- \* Due to our Atlantic bubble and low covid numbers our sailors were able to hit the water mid May.
- \* Looking forward to having increased registrants for 2021 CODA membership.





# Provincial Report- Atlantic continued

## Events;

1. Sail Jam CYC/LYC Aug 6-7th
- 2 Kennedy Cup RNSYS Sept 12-13
- 3 Friday night and sunday afternoon dinghy series RNSYS
- 4 Halloween Regatta RNSYS October 31st

- \* **Atlantic coaches engaged in spring coda webinars and coda coaches zoom calls**
- \* **Continued good participation in shoulder seasons (April-November)**
- \* **Clear pathway for Optimist sailors to single- and double- handed classes.**





# Provincial Report - Atlantic

## Winter Sailing/ Training Clinics

- \*Sept.-Nov., Fall sailing season at RNSYS
- \*Dec.-June, Winter sailing TBD





# Provincial Report- Québec

## Highlights

- \* No official regattas this summer
- \* Two clubs of Lac St-Louis held weekly friendly regattas. Other fleets joined in the fun.
- \* Friday friendly racing between the club programs on Deschênes lake, near Ottawa (Ontario and Québec). App. 30 Opti.
- \* Voile Québec training clinic held at RStLYC Aug. 19th-20th (15 Opti).
- \* Programs were run in all regions of the province.



Provincial rep: Natacha Brunet.



# Provincial Report - Ontario

## Highlights

- \* With the Global Pandemic, local sailing clubs put into place safety protocols and guidelines to get our sailing youth back into their boats and on the water in July and August, transitioning from online content.
- \* No local regattas or travelling to other Provinces/ USA
- \* Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club hosted their annual Seahorse Regatta, August 22 and 23, 2020 with 52 sailors (36 Championship and 16 Green Fleet). Event was capped due to Covid-19 restrictions.





# Provincial Report - Ontario

## Training Clinics

- \* **SEPTEMBER:** Fall CORK collaborative learning
- \* **NOVEMBER:** Training in Bermuda with Coach Federico Donzino
- \* **DECEMBER** Winter Training Miami at CGSC with Coaches Federic Donzino and Angelo Papanikolaou
- \* **MARCH:** March Break with Coach Federic Donzino  
(Miami Sailing Week Regatta cancelled due to Pandemic announcement)
- \* **APRIL - JUNE:** Port Credit Yacht Club, Kingston Yacht Club, and Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club took spring and early summer race programs online with courses, guest speakers and engagement for youth sailors.
- \* **RCYC** and others had various online gaming fun sail nights for all to participate in!



# Provincial Report- British Columbia

## Highlights

- \* COVID interrupted many planned activities
- \* Coaching and local club training only permitted through the summer
- \* BC return to sport guidelines has entered phase 3 this September which permits regattas under certain conditions
- \* BC Sailing Circuit (which includes 10 Optimist races) was cancelled except for the Pumpkin Bowl regatta scheduled in October.





# Provincial Report- British Columbia

- \* Investments made in the 'base of the pyramid'
- \* Training of 6 new Optimist coaches in the Vancouver region
- \* Introduction of many new sailors to the sport
- \* Example 1: Kitsilano Yacht Club with 16 new members attended recent 1 week camp
- \* Example 2: WVYC Optimist race team with 35 members
- \* Club regattas hosted during the summer with up to 28 sailors racing at individual clubs





# CODC Hosts

Year	Region	Club
2019	Central (ON)	Britannia YC
2018	West	Squamish YC/West Vancouver YC
2017	East	Royal Nova Scotia YS
2016	Central (ON)	Ashbridges Bay YC
2015	West	West Van & Squamish YCs
2014	East	Lunenburg YC
2013	Central (QC)	Royal St. Lawrence YC
2012	West	Royal Vancouver YC
2011	East	Lunenburg YC





# 2021 Canadian Optimist Championships

As the 2020 Championship was cancelled Chester Yacht Club will host the 2021 event



# Election of the Executive Committee for 2021



# Nomination and Election of Officers

- \* The following are proposed by the Executive or by the Provinces as required by the Constitution:

## 2020 - 2021

- \* President – Kevin Ramsey
- \* CDO – Agustin Ferrario
- \* Treasurer – **Open**
- \* Registrar – Guillaume Godbout
- \* Secretary – Kim Alepin
- \* Class Measurer – Tine Moberg Parker
- \* BC Rep - Allison Engst
- \* Atlantic Rep – Tara Macaulay
- \* Ontario Rep – Chrystal Saffer
- \* Quebec Rep – Natacha Brunet



# 2021 – Looking Ahead

The executive will meet in the coming weeks to set their priorities for 2021



# 2021 IODA International Events

South Americans    Mar 27 - Apr 3    Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

North Americans    May 29 - Jun 5    Cancun, Mexico

Europeans    June 20-27    Cadiz, Spain

Worlds    July 4-14th    Bodrum, Turkey



# New Business



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- \* **Thank you for your participation**
- \* **See you next year!**