



The Centreboard

The Jericho Sailing Centre Newsletter - Spring 2006

Manager's Message

Dear Jericho Members:

As Spring 2006 sails quickly into view the Jericho Sailing Centre Phase 5 Building Renovation nears completion-though not quite as quickly. (Reno Update) At this point in time the renovation is expected to be complete by the end of April. In the meantime temporary washrooms are available on the south side of the building near the South East corner. Temporary Ladies shower/change room facilities are available at the east end of the locker area. Men's shower/change rooms are available as usual. Until the renovation is complete, parts of the Jericho Sailing Centre are a construction zone and we appreciate the cooperation and patience of our members. We have strived to ensure that there is minimal disruption to ocean access for our members during the renovation.



2006 JSCA Membership fees are due on April 1. We request that current members who are not planning to renew with us this year, vacate their craft and equipment storage on or before April 1 and notify the office so that we may accommodate other members. Craft unpaid after April 1 may be subject to relocation. Paid members who wish to relocate their craft within the compound are encouraged to put their name on the relocation list in the JSCA office.

New 2006 JSCA membership cards will be available after March 15. Once the renovation is complete these cards will be required to gain access to Member Only shower and change room facilities. We request that all members display their current JSCA membership cards while using Member Only areas of the Jericho Sailing Centre.

The Jericho Galley has been operating on weekends, weather depending. The cafeteria will commence 7 day a week operation in April-weather and renovation depending.

JSCA's Affiliated Schools will begin operating in April for High School programs with regular lesson, rental and season pass programs commencing in May.

JSCA racing and safety programs commence in April-please see our Schedule of Events on the website for dates and times. We have scheduled volunteer workparties for Saturday's at 1000H throughout the Spring and Summer commencing on April 8. We have a list of various volunteer work projects ready to go - if you have a project you would like to volunteer for please contact me in the Jericho office. April 15 & 16 are our annual Spring Clean-up days. We will have a large bin in the compound to assist with Centre clean-up (please do not bring trash from offsite).

The JSCA Website www.jsca.bc.ca continues to evolve each year. Over the off season we have developed the Association's organizational section to ensure our members are informed about their ocean access community centre. During the Spring we are planning to increase the number of web cameras to give members a better view of the water from their PC to entice them out more often-or at least allow them to enjoy Jericho vicariously from their office. We've also added a suggestion box for your ideas to improve the Jericho Sailing Centre.

The 2006 Jericho Boat Show Open House and Sailpast is on Saturday May 13 from Noon-1600H. Show your Jericho spirit by participating in the Sailpast from 1300-1400H. At 1400H Vancouver Mayor and long time JSCA member, Sam Sullivan will cut the ribbon to officially launch our new elevator and the Jericho Sailing Centre Phase V Building Renovation.

In closing I would like to remind everyone using the Jericho Sailing Centre that water safety is a primary concern of the JSCA. In general, there is a strong safety awareness amongst our membership, but a prevailing safety attitude is only as strong as it's weakest links. Every year these weak links require rescues, and some have even come to expect and rely upon such assistance. The bottom line is: Safety is your responsibility. If you have the knowledge, use it. If you don't have the knowledge, get it. (See English Bay Safety Seminar) Have an excellent and safe 2006 season!

Fair winds and may the tides always rise in your favour,
Mike Cotter, General Manager