

# Quinte SailAbility

***Accessible***

***Affordable***

***Active***

## ***Annual Report 2016***

Quinte SailAbility is a sailing school for persons with a physical or developmental disability, regardless of age or degree of disability. Founded in 2001 and serving the greater Quinte area, it has grown to be the second largest school of its type in Ontario. It operates out of the CFB Trenton Yacht Club. Its goal is to be accessible, affordable and active. Through the use of technology, barriers are eliminated, providing the therapeutic benefits of sailing on one's own. Our core product is self esteem and confidence.

### ***Overview***

Sailing sessions were down 7.4% due to high winds this summer and a reduction in regatta attendance. Total participation was equal to 2015 . A increase in seasonal members from Brighton was offset by a reduction in Trenton. Sailing sessions were down 7.4 % due to very high winds and reduction in regatta participation. Total sessions 472 (session equals 1 sailor sailing for 2 hours) compared to 502 On 2015.

We introduced two new programs this year though an agreement with Bay Of Quinte Yacht Club.. Cruising of which we operated two successfully. One ended in a BBQ hosted by BQYC. plus we participated in a two day racing seminar with 5 QS participants and a weekend regatta. BQYC is looking at hosting a adaptive regatta in the future and installed ramps and a base for a lift. This year we took one of our lifts.

We entered into a weed eradication agreement with the Club constant with what we offered 2 years ago where we pay for the chemicals used to spray around our docks and the approach to the channel.

### ***Financial***

Total revenue was \$34,625.72 with total expenses of \$31,512.76 , plus \$2350 of commitments for a net surplus of \$753.10. Operating cost where over spent due to an expensive motor repair which is included in the year end commitments.

## ***Awards***

Recreational Sailor of The Year 2016 - Nathan Barrett

CANSail Sailor of The Year 2016 - Ben Pelletier

Most Improved CANSail 2016 - Nicole Flynn

Most Improved Recreational 2016 - Kassie Penney

John Gower Award 2016 – Kai Freeland  
- given to the most successful racer of the year  
- 3 regional regattas, BQYC race clinic & regatta and Mobility Cup

John Rymes Award 2016 – Scott & Kathy Smith  
- given to an adult who shows determination and positive attitude regardless of any adversity

Undaunted Award 2016 – Jeff Lyall  
-- sailor who never lets anything stand in their way of enjoying a good sail.

Youth Volunteer of the Year 2016 – Skylar Maitland

Adult Volunteer of the Year 2016 – Nancy Cormier

Chase Down Memorial Award 2016 – Kassie Penney  
- given to a youth who shows determination and positive attitude regardless of any adversity. Donated by the Case Downs family and includes payment of the 2017 membership fee

Retirement Awards . .. Allen Weese  
.. Mel Haggar

## ***Operations***

We did not receive our new coach/safety boat in time for the season and used one coach/safety boat and a 14' fishing boat which we have since sold. Which

worked adequately until the coach/safety boat had a major breakdown with two weeks to go. Luckily we were able to borrow a boat from the Yacht Club.

Our dock ramp and bridge are starting to show wear and will require some boards replaced in the spring

### ***Sailing Equipment***

4 Access 2.3

1 Liberty

4 Martin 16

1 Challenger Trimeran

1 CL14 A non-adaptive boat.

### ***Training***

We continued as a Cansail Centre. BQYC developed a race clinic & regatta and invited us to participate. Had 5 take in the clinic and 1 the regatta. It was a great learning experience and will make it a annual event. Bay of Quinte Yacht Club's ultimate goal is host a regional regatta that will include a Martin 16 fleet. Also developed our first training video, which will be completed in early 2017

### ***Staff***

We added a new instructor this year who had a years experience at BQYC. Keavan McKinney proved to be a real find and did an excellent job. This is the first instructor we did not recruit and train. Emily Schmidt stepped up to Chief Instructor and with mentoring proved equal to the task. Michelle Cormier, a former volunteer, became the Dock Supervisor and did an excellent job

especially administratively. This is an area we have had difficulties in the past. She also took on additional tasks and we plan to add more in 2017. The staff where faced with some challenges due to higher than normal winds and preformed admirably . All three plan to return in 2017.

## ***Volunteers***

Volunteers are a key component of the success of Quinte SailAbility. We continue to draw upon the expertise and labour of the volunteers who provide boat and facility improvements, maintenance, and dockside safety and assistance.

We had sufficient adult volunteers to cover all 10 weeks. Military volunteers continued to provide most of the dock assistant duties. A new military recruiter is in place for 2017 and he has ambitious ideas and plans to bring in more volunteers for such things as work parties. In total 45 volunteers put in 1487 hours, vs. 49 and 1636 hours in 2015. As there was no large construction project this year, our number of hours is smaller.

The teenage volunteers continued to be valuable part of the volunteer program. The teen volunteer program is a major contributor to keeping staff costs down while providing a positive and safe environment for teens. This has also been a good source of new staff.