

Chandos Lake Sailing
by Paul Walkovich



We had another fun and exciting sailing season last year and were pleased to have some first-time winners. The Hull family (Derek, Cindy and Kate) dominated the Sloop Class by winning the Regatta Race, Sloop President's Trophy and Sloop Series Championship. Erin Walkovich, mentored by veteran Stephan Domnanovits, became the first female skipper to win the Catamaran Series Championship which has been awarded since 1983. We were also pleased to have Dave Taillefer carry on the long-standing tradition of the CLPOA President presenting the namesake President's Trophy to our winners.

The summer of 2023 had frequent unstable air as it seemed that a thunderstorm was approaching the lake every race day. We became well versed in interpreting weather radar and forecasts from multiple sources and then determining our own 'Chandos Lake' forecast. If a race is postponed, we will send a notice as early as possible however a reminder that it is ultimately the sailor's responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.

On the fashion front, new sailing apparel and a burgee came on the scene. Many thanks to Jim Mayer for designing the logo and to Lindsay Halcovitch of Perfect Perception Graphics for graphics design. For 2024 we are proud to partner with Gilmour Bay Marina to supply the sailing apparel. Please visit Sharon and her friendly team at Gilmour Bay Marina for a wide selection of apparel, gifts and of course Wally's Pub.

Fees will increase in 2024 to \$30 per sailor for the season, \$20 per person for family and friends to attend socials for the season, or \$8 per social. E-transfer payments are preferred and can be made to our treasurer Anne Taylor at <taylor.anne@sympatico.ca>. We appreciate your support as these fees, while minimal, allow the club to cover operating expenses for the races (setting marks, fuel, equipment), awards, and social costs.

Sailing on Chandos Lake is not only about the thrill of competition but also about making connections and creating lasting memories. Getting to know others on the lake through sailing is very rewarding and I would highly encourage you to take the leap and come on out. Contact Sue Walkovich, by text or phone at 416-571-3282 and start experiencing the joy of Chandos Lake sailing!

See you on the water!