

That's a wrap on the 2022 West Hawk Lake Sailing Centre season!

Close to 50 sailors took part in our West Hawk sailing lessons and with our partnership with Falcon Sailing Club, Falcon Beach School and the South Whiteshell Women's Sailing League that gave us a combined 100+ kids & adults sailing the summer away. Thank you to all our coaches who came from across the province to help us, Megan Burns, Colette Pellerin & Teun Keijzer (Black Sturgeon), Gabriel Freider & Zach Tellier (Cadets/Sail MB), Aidan Lawton (RLWYC/Sail MB), Katie Sauer & Sara Telles-Langdon (Falcon) and Evan Owen (West Hawk). We were even able to convince veteran coach Tom Saunders to come out of retirement to look after classes for a couple of days. All this coordination of lessons and coaches would not have been possible without the help of Sheila Bellido (Sail MB), Sharlene Telles-Langdon and Craig & Darcy Baker at Falcon Lake, thanks everyone!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our volunteers that make the season and lessons run so smoothly year after year, it takes a village! Cole Anseeuw, Noah Hayden, Aaron & Colin Krestanowich for moving/hauling sailboats almost every week. Kevin Harbottle for looking after our building, grounds, trailers, etc. Derek Hayden for helping us close up and put away boat gear for the season. Nancy Hayden for bunking our instructor at the last second when needed. Scott Whyte for helping us build new Laser spar storage. Tom Saunders, who helped keep our boats in tip top shape. Glen Agar and Brennan Agar for looking after our annual corporate filings and volunteering with the Sail MB board and SWWSL. And finally, my wife Cory Krestanowich who looked after the coaches meals and accommodations too many weeks to mention this summer.

The Provincial Optimist Championships at Falcon Lake and the Canada Games 2022 at Niagara on the Lake made for some additional fun on the water for our local sailors. Congrats to Evan Owen (West Hawk - Laser), Katie Sauer & Kendra Penner (Falcon - 29er) and all their success at the Canada Games. Evan had a third place in one race and Katie & Kendra won a race in their series. Lack of wind most days really hurt our sailors as they thrive on big winds, which unfortunately didn't materialize.

Sadly, the sailboats are put away for the winter and the boat house closed for the fall. It was a fantastic summer of sailing, especially with heavy covid rules looking like a thing of the past. We ran lessons over six weeks using our expanded fleet of boats. Adding two very good used Lasers to our fleet really helped the program.

The long-term fundraising events and goals to finish our deck & railings and add a composting toilet were put on hold this summer due too all the flooding, but these projects will hopefully be completed in 2023. Then we can begin hosting yoga and BOOT camp classes on a regular basis along with sailing from June to September. Look for the announcements in the Spring about a wing night, wine raffle and possibly a 50/50. Proper signage and some finishing touches on the building saluting our donors are in the works.

For those who would like to donate to our upcoming projects please contact us at [info@whlyc.ca](mailto:info@whlyc.ca) or 204-479- 7100. Check out our website for regular updates and all the recently downloaded 2022 pictures or follow us on Facebook. [www.whlyc.ca](http://www.whlyc.ca) <https://www.facebook.com/whlyc/>

Have a great winter, and we'll see you on the water soon!

Paul Krestanowich