



Able Sail Committee Mandate: May 12 2009

Chairperson: Keith Hobbs
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Able Sail Committee is to provide expertise in developing resources, opportunities and information to aid in the development of recreational and high performance able sail programs across the province.

GOALS:

- To increase the number of Athletes with a disability taking part in sailing
- To increase the level and quality of communication with Ontario Sailing members with respect to Able Sail Programs
- To increase the awareness and visibility of Ontario Sailing as the premier source of information and resources for boaters with a disability
- To aid in the increase of the level of sailing skill among sailors with a disability

MAKE UP:

The committee shall consist of a good cross section of volunteers, athletes, coaches and staff with appropriate skill and expertise, including but not limited to communication, PR/publicity, networking and partnership development.

REPORTABILITY:

The Chairperson of the committee will report to the Board of Directors (Vice President of Recreation) and work hand in hand with the Program Director responsible for Able Sail initiatives, ext 226 ucansail@ontariosailing.ca. The Chairperson (or his/her designate) will report to the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors (and report back from the Executive Committee) on a regular basis.

RESPONSIBILITIES :

1. Develop, with the help of staff, "Best Practice" models to aid clubs in the development of Able Sail Programming and the integration of Able Sail Programming into their current program.

2. Develop, with the help of staff, materials to effectively promote Able Sail in order for Programs to increase their profile in local communities and province wide for purposes of fundraising and community partnerships.
3. To develop, with the help of staff, a provincial training plan for athletes with a disability, striving towards the National Team or Paralympics, in order to improve their performances at regattas locally and internationally. This includes finding a Provincial Able Sail Coach and working with the athlete development committee to provide training opportunities.
4. To develop partnerships with other organizations committed to programming for people with disabilities to increase participation and volunteer numbers.
5. To develop and maintain, with the help from staff an informal and reliable website www.ablesailontario.ca to aid those looking for resources concerning Able Sail Programming.

SUB COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED TASKS

Suggested sub-Committees and assigned tasks are as follows. Further detailed responsibilities are outlined in the mandate for each specific Sub-Committee.

(A) Public Relations Sub-Committee (suggested but not limited to)

The purpose of this sub-committee is to work with the marketing committee to develop an approach that would aid the able sail programs in Ontario to present themselves in an effective manner in order to help raise funds, increase awareness and increase their profile within the local community and Province wide. This will be done at local events and tradeshow, including the Toronto International Boat Show, and the Toronto In-Water Boat Show and through development of www.ablesailontario.ca

(B) Racing and Events Sub-Committee (suggested but not limited to)

The purpose of this sub-committee is to give leadership to the development of excellence amongst developmental and Paralympic class competitive athletes in the sport of sailing in Ontario. The main focus is on providing training and racing opportunities. To develop an Ontario Sailing plan providing high calibre training events and coaching support for the Provincial level athletes with a disability working towards National Team status and competing at a national and international level.

(C) Program Participation Sub-Committee (suggested but not limited to)

The purpose of this sub-committee is to develop a model of “best practices” to aid clubs in developing Able Sail programs and a model of “best practices” to aid clubs in fully integrating Able Sail programs into their current activities. Develop partnerships with other organizations committed to programming for people with disabilities to increase volunteer numbers and participation numbers. This includes developing volunteer and instructor training programs.

STAFF SUPPORT:

This Committee and Sub-Committees, through their respective chairpersons, will work hand in hand with the Program Director responsible for Able Sail Initiatives to fulfill the goals of the Committees.

SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT:

This Committee and Sub-Committees are to ensure that all activities meet safety and environmental standards and any laws, rules and/or regulations that may pertain to the programs and the location of the programs

TIME CONSTRAINTS:

The Committee will meet as necessary, normally 4-7 times per year. Volunteers will be asked to contribute extra time to help fulfill the responsibilities listed above as appropriate to their talents and interests.