

Dinghy Sailing Committee Being Formed

Have you looked around the SISC docks lately? Statistics are now confirming that sailing is quickly becoming an old person's sport. The largest age group of sailors (43%) are 55 and up. Only 15% of sailors are between the age of 15 and 24, and most will quit sailing at 25.

The new Dinghy Sailing Committee is hoping to change those numbers and get more people, of all ages, onto the water. The benefits to SISC are many, not the least of which is developing future SISC members, as well as the benefit of lots of members using our dinghy fleet.

This group is hoping to promote the sport of sailing through the introduction of people to racing using our dinghy fleet. The main push is for young sailors, but we also hope to implement programs for women and men of any age who want to learn to sail and to race.

We welcome big ideas and energy. In exchange we promise to "GSD" (get stuff done), keep our meetings short and on track, have good snacks and hopefully have fun.

We would love to hear from people who would like to help with:

- Marketing
- Branding
- Fundraising
- Grant proposals
- Training for women who want to sail
- Family events coordination
- Introduction to racing events
- Team wear
- Communications
- Scheduling
- Planning (we want to develop a five year plan)
- School District liaison
- Volunteer coordination
- Social media
- Finances
- GSD miscellaneous positions

We are holding our first meeting on **November 20 at 5 pm at the Clubhouse**. We will quickly go over our vision and you can check us out and decide if you'd like to volunteer with us. We will gladly accept volunteers who don't know how to sail.

If you are interested, but can't make the meeting, please contact April Faget through events@saltspringsailing.ca.