



SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear SEAS member (and prospective members),

Welcome on behalf of SouthEast Alaska Sailing and the 2018 SEAS board! We're gearing up for the sailing season. Please check the SEAS web page (seasailing.us) or our Facebook page for the latest and join us for upcoming events, on land and at sea.

If you haven't joined or renewed your membership yet – now is the time! Please mail the enclosed form and payment to SEAS or bring it to a SEAS gathering and give it to a board member. Skippers who plan to race their boats, please also register for the SEAS Cup on the flip side of the membership form. Your dues and registration fees help keep the club going, covering the cost of fun club events, and insurance, fees, and other expenses necessary to allow the club to continue to organize races and cruising activities. Thank you.

A Look at 2018 Activities

- The **Sailor Talks** this winter and spring have been great, with presentations on cruising, first aid, marine paints, navigation rules, and racing tips. If you missed them, you missed out (but there will be more next year)! Thanks to all who organized these and gave presentations.
- The **AMSEA Sailboat Safety Course** on 21-22 April was a valuable training for participants. Some pictures from some of the training drills are on the website.
- Our annual **Spring SEAS Party** is scheduled for 11 May at Sandy Beach, starting at 6:00pm. It will be a fun evening and we hope you can make it!
- The following day (12 May) will be the start of the new sailing season as we take part in the **Juneau Maritime Festival**. Details for Club participation are in the works, but will include buoy races between SEAS boats on a course within the Turning Basin in Gastineau Channel followed by public tours of SEAS boats at the Goldbelt dock. Let us know if you'd like to participate as a race boat/crew or volunteering on the dock.
- The **2018 SEAS Cup** races – a series of 15 races held over the summer, for skill building, and yes, a little competition! Whether you are keen on competitive racing or are just up to the challenge of getting out for the day with other sailors, the SEAS Cup offers a great way to be challenged, test your skills, and meet new people. The SEAS Cup draft race schedule is being developed and will be posted to the website here: <http://seasailing.us/SeasCup> .
- The **Admiralty Island Rally** –The rally consists of day races, circumnavigating Admiralty Island over 7 days, beginning and ending in Gastineau Channel, June 16-23. Further details will be posted on the web page www.seasailing.us/air as they become available.
- **Get Out The Boat (GOTB)** – Typically on any given Wednesday evening through the summer, weather and skippers permitting, SEAS sailors try to get out on the waters of Gastineau Channel and Auke Bay, and offer a casual way of initiating interested people on board and training prospective crew for weekend events. This is an informal way of getting our boats out every week in a non-racing, casual environment. The Club is making a priority this year of offering

experienced skippers to take novice sailors out in their boat at least once per month. If you happen to own a boat and are unsure of how to sail, or would like to learn to be a better sailor, please contact the Club and we'll help you out. We are planning a series of buoy races in conjunction with GOTB as well.

SouthEast Alaska Sailing (SEAS) is a group of avid sailors dedicated to racing, cruising, and promoting sailing in and around the Juneau area. We emphasize fun, boating safety, a sailing community, and enjoying the great opportunities that Southeast Alaska offers. SEAS has a volunteer board and committees of committed sailors and community members. As a member of SEAS **we want to hear from you!** And by knowing you are interested in participating, you will hear from us. However, we also need help to keep things going. We welcome your participation in lending a hand in board, committee, and event activities – it's a surefire way of keeping current and being a part of building our sailing community!

Activity schedules, membership applications, race series applications, and guidelines are all available on our website: <http://seasailing.us/>. We also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthEastAlaskaSailing/>. If you or any acquaintances have an interest in sailing, please contact SEAS and see how we can assist!

Thank you,

SouthEast Alaska Sailing

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig Wilson - SEAS Commodore 2018
on behalf of the SEAS Board