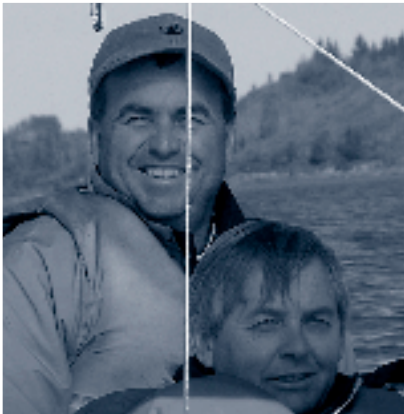


*Disabled Sailing Association of Alberta  
Report to the Community 2005*





## *Our Mission*

*To provide Albertans with disabilities the opportunity to access and enjoy sailing activities while promoting enhanced independence and community involvement.*



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# Commodore's Message



The 2005 season, our 11<sup>th</sup> thus far, brought this organization and our community some interesting times to say the least. As Commodore of the Disabled Sailing Association-

Alberta, I want to report on some of our most outstanding accomplishments that were brought about by some dedicated individuals, sponsors, members, staff and volunteers.



As spring turned to summer, our Stampede Breakfast was the one positive event that the organization could take comfort in. We eventually found our dock and despite the frustrations, we managed to move forward with our Outreach Program and Learn to Sail classes. Louise Ramsay led our Outreach program and took the Access Dinghy's to visit Lake Newell and Sylvan Lake to bring awareness of disabled sailing and to encourage those to start a similar program in their community. In our Learn to Sail program, I would like to congratulate 18 newly qualified sailors that will join the ranks of companion sailors, skippers for the Sonar and new Wednesday night competitors.

While waiting with bated breath to see if our water situation would improve, the Mobility Cup committee worked optimistically behind the scenes to ensure that this annual event would meet and beat our expectations. Mobility Cup, Canada's International Regatta for Sailors with Disabilities, brought together 41 participants, some as far away as Japan, Ireland and the U.K., 28 Martin 16's sloops and numerous volunteers, sailing companions, family and friends to race in one wild week in August. Through this event the Disabled Sailing Association was able to obtain and secure a new, accessible facility for operations, classes and storage. In addition, a new wooden dock was built and installed that is more wheelchair friendly, safer for our ambulatory clients and above all, dedicated for our use only. DSA-A new facility is truly a dream come to fruition and a legacy left for future generation of sailors seeking pleasure or competition. Look for a more detailed account of this event and the winners contained in this report.



With our best achievements and our most daunting challenges behind us for another year the organization will take steps to refresh and rejuvenate our board of directors and find new members to put new goals in place. The organization needs to re-focus on long term sustainability and secure and maintain reliable streams of funding. The challenge we face for 2006 is to keep our sailing programs affordable, costs at a minimum and still maintain a viable and growing organization.

*Katie Gerke  
Commodore*



# About DSA-Alberta

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## Our Mission

To provide Albertans with disabilities the opportunity to access and enjoy sailing activities while promoting enhanced independence and community involvement.

## Where Do We Sail?

In Calgary, we operate out of South Glenmore Park whose entrance is at 24th Street S.W. and 90th Avenue S.W. The Glenmore Reservoir is a distinct Calgary asset and we are grateful to be able to enjoy it. We are committed to offer our programs to all Albertans. For more information, read about our Inreach and Outreach programs.

## Our Goals

- To provide sailing opportunities for Albertans regardless of disabilities or age.
- To provide unique, enjoyable experiences for its participants which include opportunities for social, recreational, rehabilitative and competitive activities.
- To build confidence, self-esteem and enhanced independence for people with mobility or other impairments.
- To facilitate integration of disabled and able-bodied recreation and competition.



## Our Fleet

DSA-Alberta's fleet of five Martin 16s, two Access Dinghies and a Sonar keelboat are specifically designed and equipped to account for the varying physical abilities of sailors.

We received funding for four Access Dinghies, two from a grant from the Community Initiatives Program and two from the Parks Foundation. We purchased two in 2004, which were received in June. The Access Dinghies are a lightweight boat that can be launched from shore. They will be used for our Outreach Program and for lessons for children and youth.



The Sonar was purchased in 2000 with the generous support of Parks Foundation Calgary and the Calgary Community Lottery Board. Our Sonar is a 23' roomy and safe day sailer that is ideal for our Community Partner program. As well, the Sonar class is used in Paralympic competition.

The Martin 16s feature:

- The Autohelm/Windlass System which allows sailors with high level quadriplegia to sail independently through a 'sip and puff' control interface.
- Ergonomic, adjustable seating.
- Rudder and sail controls directly at hand.
- 150 kg lead bulb attached to the keel makes the Martin 16 impossible to capsize.
- 1100 Pounds of positive flotation makes the Martin 16 safe, even if the hull is full of water.
- A second seat for a sailing instructor or friend.



## Our Commitment to Safety

- DSAA staff and volunteers are oriented and trained to work with people with disabilities, covering awareness, lifts and transfers and the safe use of equipment.
- Hydraulic lifts and slings are used for safe transfers of persons with limited mobility.
- All sailors wear PFDs and carry a VHF radio that allows them to stay in contact with our staff.



# Our Programs



## Community Partnership Program

DSA-Alberta teams with agencies serving children, adults, and seniors to introduce them to sailing, many for their first time. A number of our Community Partners serve persons with disabilities. Together we offer Albertans of all ages and abilities a recreational outing in boats designed for accessibility.



The clients of our partner agencies experience a 2-3 hour outdoor event including a barbecue, a sail in one of our Martin 16s or Sonar keelboat, and on-

shore activities. Some of our new members come from our Community Partner clientele. Others ask to return year after year to experience the freedom of sailing, and to have a great time “ripping up the reservoir”!!

New approaches and programs are needed to serve communities that do not have accessible sailing venues within city limits. Our Inreach Program delivers sailing opportunities for individuals who live outside the Calgary area by offering mid-week or weekend camps at our well-established facility at the Glenmore Reservoir. Our Outreach Program endeavors to take our programs on the road, to venues where local client and volunteer enthusiasm combine to bring accessible sailing to a community.

## Independent Sailing Program

Children and adults with disabilities are provided with the opportunity to sail independently on Glenmore Reservoir. Once certified at the White Sail I/II level, our members can sail our Martin 16 sloops on their own. While learning, or just for an outing, DSA-Alberta provides independent sailing with a qualified volunteer sailing companion.

Opportunities also exist for our sailors to participate in local and international sailing competitions - on equal footing with other participants from sailing and yacht clubs, or in the prestigious Mobility Cup - Canada's International Regatta for Sailors with a Disability, attracting sailors and DSA organizers from around the world.

## Learn-to-Sail Program

DSA-Alberta runs CYA (Canadian Yachting Association) Learn-to-Sail classes to train and certify youth and adults with disabilities to sail independently. Over time, some of our sailors have earned CYA certification enabling them to teach others to learn to sail. DSA-Alberta Learn-to-Sail classes are open to anyone, including Members' spouses and families and our volunteers, and further our goal of integration into the community.

## Volunteer Program

DSA-Alberta's volunteers come from many and varied backgrounds — the sailing community, the medical community, our Sponsors, families and friends. They learn disability awareness, safety and maritime skills through DSA-Alberta's orientation and training and participating in our sailing and Learn to Sail programs.

Our volunteers are an integral part of our operation each year and we are grateful for their contribution to DSA-Alberta.



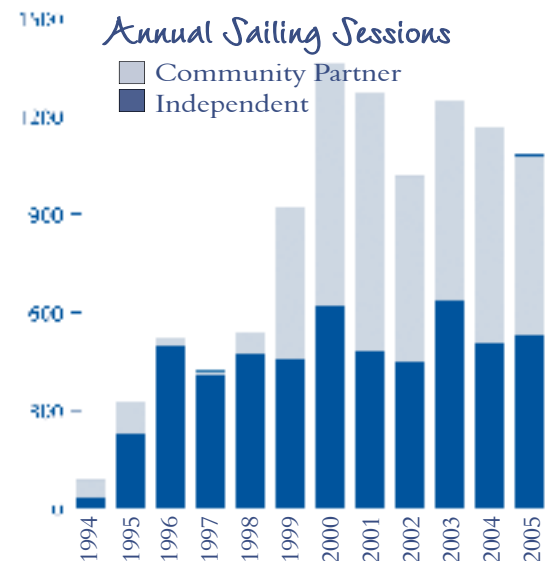
## 2005 Highlights

In 2005 our programs were implemented by a team of Program Coordinators, Meredith Browning, Jill Frigon, Meghan Mulloy and Alison Hawkins. We also hired two part time coordinators, Louise Ramsay and Larissa Clark, who did relief work and the Outreach Program. Our sailing instructors were Alta Scott, Beau Tanner, and Ashley Rowe who taught learn to sail lessons. Marjorie Babuik continued in the position of Business Manager and was there to oversee the funding, program development and implementation of recreational programs for people with disabilities.

We had 70 volunteers who were actively involved in operating our summer programs, accumulating 985.5 volunteer hours. There was also more than 25 volunteers involved in the organization and implementation of Mobility Cup. These volunteer accumulated over 1000 volunteer hours.

Due to the inclement weather, the low water levels, flooding, washing away of docks and hoeyer lifts, we had lower numbers of sails and community partners during May and June. We also had no regular programming during Mobility Cup the last week of August.

- Our Community Partnership Program delivered 552 sailing sessions to children, adults and seniors.
- 528 sailing sessions were enjoyed through our Independent Sailing Program, Learn-to-sail lessons, Regattas and Mobility Cup.
- Several CYA Learn-to-sail courses were offered, covering Level I/II to Bronze IV, with a total of 18 Sailors taking part.
- Wednesday Night Races had enthusiastic sailors taking part in preparation for Mobility cup. Those that came out enjoyed an evening of sailing and fun with the Glenmore Sailing Club. There were 52 sails recorded for Wednesday Night Racing.
- Our annual volunteer recognition dinner was cancelled, but the members and volunteers enjoyed a social evening on October 28.
- In July 2005, we held our annual Stampede Breakfast. The weather cooperated and around 250 people enjoyed pancakes and sausages. As all the Martin 16's, the Catalina (courtesy of the City of Calgary) and the Access Dinghies were on the water, everyone had a great day of sailing.
- We were gratefully supported by a number of corporations, foundations and individuals with cash and in-kind donations.
- Mobility Cup ran from the 22 to the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, with 41 sailors taking part in the regatta.
- The season wrapped up with seven DSA-Alberta sailors taking in the Frost Bite Regatta on September 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>.



# Business Manager's Report



2005 was a challenging year for DSA-Alberta. The season started in May with staff being hired, and the site office being set up. We were fortunate this season to have a returning staff member, Meredith Browning as our Senior Program Coordinator. Three new program coordinators, Jill Frigon, Meghan Mulloy and Alison Hawkins were also hired. White Sail III lessons were scheduled to start in May followed by White Sail I and II in July. Mother Nature was not kind to us during May and June, and we had everything from low water levels, to flooding, the dock being washed away, and no hoyster lifts. We must commend the staff for their work in overcoming these obstacles and keeping the programming going, although at a much lower level than anticipated.

The second challenge of 2005 was the hosting of Mobility Cup. DSA-Alberta had committed to raising funds for the hosting of the event, as well as a New Sailing Centre and Dock at South Glenmore Park. A grant from the Community Facility Enhancement Program through the Lottery Funding was procured, and matched by Casino funds that had been allocated for a building. We now have a new Sailing Centre and dock in place which is a legacy from Mobility Cup. The Mobility Cup Committee Chair, Brian Gentles, kept us all on task and in August we hosted over 40 sailors from across Canada, US, UK, Ireland and Japan who competed for the honor of taking home the Mobility Cup trophy. The regatta was very successful and all sailors had an excellent time in Calgary.

The summer of 2005 also saw the rejuvenation of our Outreach program using the Access Dinghies that were purchased in 2004. With the able assistance of Louise Ramsay and Larissa Clark who had worked for us in 2004, we were able to make trips to Lake Newell and Sylvan Lake to encourage disabled sailors in those areas to become aware of our sailing programs. A trip to Wabamum was cancelled due to an oil spill in their lake. DSA-Alberta will try to obtain funding to continue this program in 2006.

Major expenses were staff wages, vehicle operating costs (for launching and retrieving boats) liability and equipment insurance and boat maintenance.

I wish to extend my thanks to all the sailors, volunteers and support staff for all their help during the 2005 season, and the week of Mobility Cup.

I look forward with anticipation to 2006, to delivering great sailing programs for all the members and community partners. I encourage everyone to help us achieve our goals and to work toward making DSA-Alberta an asset to Calgary and Alberta. See you all in 2006.

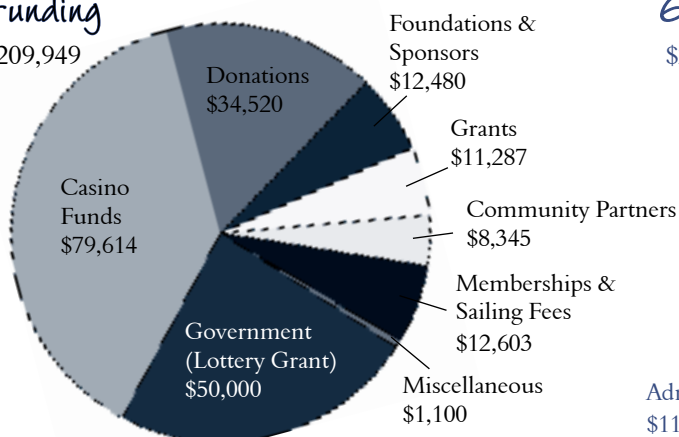
*Marjorie Babuik*  
Business Manager

## 2005 Funding & Finance Report

The following 2005 financial forecast is based upon actual revenue and expenses to November 30, 2005, and an estimate for the month of December. No audit was conducted to confirm the accuracy of this report. The revenue does not include the \$46,000 from the building fund that was used to complete the Capital Project, as this was prior years revenue. ~ Kathleen Burns, Treasurer

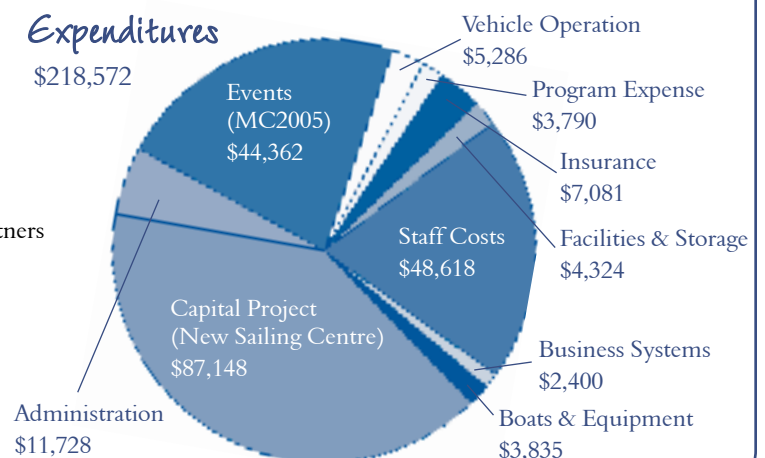
### Funding

\$209,949



### Expenditures

\$218,572





## 2005 Events

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### *Volunteer Orientation*

The season kicked off in May with about 20 volunteers coming out to improve their skills in rigging Martins. Instruction was held in rigging, setting up the Auto Helms and Windlass systems, and safety instructions. All participants enjoyed a lunch of Pizza at the GSC.

### *B.C. Disabled Games*

In early July, Merle Hickey, John Babuik, Robb Lawrence and Dave Heiland all took up the challenge and attended the B.C. Disabled Games in Nanaimo. As the venue for the sailing did not have a dock, it was challenging to launch the boats, and only a couple of days of racing were completed. The sailors from DSA-Alberta renewed old acquaintances and had a good time despite the limited sailing. Congratulations to Merle, Robb, Dave and John for their great performance.



### *Mid Summer Regatta*

Glenmore Sailing Club hosted the mid summer regatta at the Glenmore Reservoir on July 30<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for Mobility Cup, seven DSA-Alberta sailors took part. With hot weather and little wind, it was a challenging day for the sailors. In support of our silver fleet sailors, Merle and Robb acted as sailing companions, leaving the way for John Babuik and Graham Alvey to seize the day.

### *Frost Bite Regatta*

On September 17 and 18 the DSA-Alberta sailors took to the water for the last regatta of the season. With little wind, Saturday wrapped up early, and Sunday races were held in the morning. With seven sailors taking part, it was good ending to the season. After the regatta the boats were de-rigged and taken to storage for the winter.

### *Wednesday Night Racing*

On the Glenmore Reservoir on Wednesday nights, you can see sails flapping, spinnakers flying and lots of hot competition, as the various fleets takes to water to become the best of their fleet. The Martin 16's are ably represented by the DSA-Alberta sailors. In 2005 ten sailors took part in the Wednesday Night Racing. The overall season top four sailors were Merle Hickey, Robb Lawrence, Dave Heiland and John Babuik. With GSC hosting the after race activities, a good time was had by all.



# Mobility Cup 2005



Founded in 1991 by Sam Sullivan – a quadriplegic from Vancouver, BC – Mobility Cup has become recognized as Canada's International Regatta for sailors with disabilities. Mobility Cup regattas are held annually in different venues across Canada. The Disabled Sailing Association of Alberta, Glenmore Sailing Club and the City of Calgary hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Mobility Cup at Glenmore Reservoir on August 22 – 27 in honour of Alberta's Centennial. Nearly 50 competitors from the UK, Ireland, Japan, The United States and Canada participated in this year's Mobility Cup.

It was a very busy week, with the opening ceremonies being held at the site on August 22. The MC for the ceremony was Steve Alvey. Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart presented each of the sailors with a traditional White Hat in a ceremony welcoming them to Calgary and the event. A celebrity race was held to promote the event. The celebrity race participants were Rob Anders, MP Steven Fletcher, MP Art Hanger MP Patrick Jarvis, Jim Prentice, MP and Lee Richardson, MP. They were surprised at the caliber of sailors that were in Calgary to compete.



Tuesday was a practice day, and all sailors had a chance to try out their boats on the Glenmore Reservoir. Wednesday, a storm blew in with torrential rains, and high winds which resulted in all racing being cancelled for the day. Thursday, Friday and Saturday were sunny and warm with variable winds. The Gold and Silver fleets competed each day, and the week wound up with a banquet and awards being presented on the Saturday night.

Congratulations to all the sailors and the winners of the event. The Gold fleet winner was Chris Everson from California, with Merle Hickey of Calgary second, Robb Lawrence of Calgary third, and Dale Keith of Calgary fourth. The Silver fleet winner was Greg Rocque of Calgary, with Rod Mack of B.C. second, Doug Baylis of Manitoba third and Mark Godfrey of California fourth.



Mobility Cup 2005 has left a legacy of handicap accessible dockside facilities that include a new disabled sailing centre and new wheelchair friendly dock on the south shore of Glenmore Reservoir. An undertaking of this magnitude does not just happen. It comes about through strong support of our many sponsors and volunteers. To all our sponsor and volunteers who helped make Mobility Cup 2005 a huge success, we salute you. To Calgarians and others near the far, we encourage you to join in recognizing the contribution of our sponsors.

We look forward to 2006 Mobility Cup which will be held in Vancouver.

*Brian Gentles  
MC2005 Chair*





# 2006 Program Goals

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## **1. Community Partnership Program**

To sustain our Community Partnership Program, we need to attract new partners with the focus on children and disabled adults. We need to build on the 2005 Program and increase our Community Partner sailing sessions to 650 plus.

## **2. Independent Sailing Program**

To maintain our Independent Sailing Programs we need to recruit new members, and focus on lessons and sailing skills to increase our numbers of independent sails.

## **3. Inreach and Outreach Programs**

Continue to develop opportunities for sailors outside the Calgary area. Plan to partner with community associations and sailing clubs to identify sailors, support their involvement and sustain their participation. Find sources of funding to maintain our outreach program and plan at least three weekends at out of town clubs. With the Access Dinghies we have the ability to travel and provide opportunities in other communities.

## **4. Learn-to-Sail Program**

To be able to continue to identify and train sailors in the CYA White Sail and Bronze level programs.

## **5. Volunteer Program**

Continue to recruit and train volunteers, and to sustain and to recognize volunteer contributions. To maintain the level of volunteer hours we have experienced over the last two years.



## **6. Sponsor Program**

Secure \$80,000 for Operations funding to maintain our current programs and staff levels. Implement a sponsorship campaign that enhances communication with sponsors.

## **7. Disabled Sailor Participation**

Continue to collaborate with Glenmore Sailing Club, the City of Calgary and other DSA's, the Martin 16 Class Association, and the Canadian Yachting Association to increase the number of disabled persons participating in sailing activities and training as racers.

## **8. DSA-Alberta Sustainability**

Continue to develop the DSA-Alberta website in order to provide a higher level of communication and service to Albertans.



# Sponsor DSA-Alberta!



**DSA-Alberta's** goal is to provide disabled Albertans access to our programs regardless of their financial means. We price our memberships and sailing fees at a low level to ensure we meet this goal. Significant operating costs include purchase of specialized equipment, fleet maintenance, insurance and staff salaries.



**DSA-Alberta** relies upon and is grateful for financial donations from corporations, foundations and the public. This funding will allow DSA-Alberta to continue to deliver its programs and services to the community.

Individuals, Foundations and Corporate Sponsors receive excellent value and recognition for their sponsorship:

- Our **Martin 16's**, **Access Dinghies** and **Sonar** are eye-catching and attractive to the public and the news media. CBC, CFCN, Calgary 7, Shaw Cable and A-Channel, the Calgary Herald and the Sun have covered DSA-Alberta programs and events, making us increasingly well known in Calgary.
- Over 400,000 people visit Heritage Park annually. 100,000 Sail on the "SS Moyie" stern wheeler, enjoying the lake and observing close-up, the DSAA **Martin 16s**, **Access Dinghies** and **Sonar** in action.

- Every day, thousands of Calgarians enjoy walking and biking around Glenmore Reservoir. Sailing is part of their visual experience. Our Sponsors logos are easily identified and recognized.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discover how your company may fulfill its marketing or community relation's goals by sponsoring DSA-Alberta. For service organizations, please contact us if you would like one of our Executive, Board or members to speak at your meetings or functions.

Want to see first-hand what you are sponsoring? Our annual Open House provides an opportunity to come for a sail in our Martin 16s or the Sonar, and "Get on Board" with DSA-Alberta. We welcome you to drop in to our program at South Glenmore Park any day, May through August to see DSA-Alberta in action and experience first-hand the pleasure and excitement that sailing brings to our sailors, young and old.



# Sponsors 2004-2005

Our funding programs are active throughout the year. Any funds received after the first of July generally go into the Operating Reserve for the following calendar year. In order to recognize every supporter, we list here all sponsors for 2004 and 2005. Commodore and Skipper level sponsors often are supporting a project spanning two or more years and thus may remain on our list until our joint efforts are fulfilled.



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Alberta Lotteries - Community Facility Enhancement Program

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Alberta Lotteries - Community Initiatives Program  
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