



## **Canadian 2.4mR Association - AGM Minutes – November 20, 2025**

Canadian 2.4mR Class Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2025

Meeting called to Order: 7:34 EST (4:34 PST)

22 members in attendance

### **Reports from the Fleets for 2025**

#### **Victoria – Bill Marshall**

- Membership in 2025 - 16 active members, down one as a result of Joel Bisson moving to Ottawa
- Boats – 18 race ready boats, 3 others in process of being made race ready
- Regattas - Dave Bleakney Ice Bowl, Fleet Champs, Pacific Coast Champs - normally 15 boats in attendance
- Practice Racing - every Wednesday and Saturday throughout the year (weather permitting) - normally 5 to 10 boats
- Training Camps - 3 days first in July and then in August lead by coach or veteran

- **Upcoming in 2026**, the Victoria Fleet will host the Canadian Championships Sept. 11-14, 2026 and the North American Championships Sept 15-19, 2026.

- **Notice of Race** and more information on the regattas will be distributed in the near future.

In the meantime, if you or other members of your fleets, are planning a trip to the West Coast, please know that the Victoria fleet will find you a boat and welcome you to our sailing experience.

#### **Saskatchewan Fleet Report – Karl Brady**

- Our 2.4mR fleet saw limited use this year. Following our participation at the Nationals/ North Americans in 2024; it became evident that our fleet is in need of significant upgrading/ maintenance. We had several of our 2.4mRs engaged and racing in our Spring Series. After this series, efforts were moved towards maintenance and the boats were taken out of action for the rest of the season. Our provincial 2.4mR class captain, Joe Gerlinsky, has been a significant help in the upgrading of these boats.
- With the 2.4mRs offline, Sask Sailing focused on the Hansa 303 fleet. This allowed new sailors to get on the water, develop skills, and build confidence with the aim of transitioning into the 2.4mR program next season.
- This development year also helped identify sailors interested in moving into the 2.4mR class once the boats return to full use. Sask Sailing is planning ahead for 2026 and aims to send a team to the 2.4mR Nationals and North Americans in Victoria.
- We look forward to bringing the 2.4mR fleet back into regular training and racing in 2026 and continuing to grow participation within the class.



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### **Hamilton Fleet Report – John Finch (CAN 17) (presented by: Brian Robinson)**

- The 2.4mR fleet at Royal Hamilton Yacht Club presently has 12 boats.
  - 10 are Norlin Mk III and 2 are Sodergren Mk IV
- There are no boats in our fleet with over 181kg of ballast, most carry less. We are in favour of the 181kg ballast maximum for all 2.4mRs.
- The fleet is attracting a lot of interest, however growth has been limited by the lack of available new and used boats. It is very encouraging that Ontario Yachts is beginning production of new boats right here in Canada, in fact just down the street. This will be a huge boost to our local fleet and the 2.4mR class across the country and world wide.
- RHYC has been highly supportive of our relatively new 2.4 fleet. It's been nice for the fleet and also good for the club as a means to expand membership and revenues with only a small imposition on boat storage space.
- Plans are underway to host the 2.4 class in established RHYC regattas next season - more information will follow. Several of our fleet members are discussing arrangements to travel to Toronto and Victoria Regattas in 2026 and possibly the Worlds overseas.
- End of season haul-out at RHYC was 3 weeks ago, so most things are now shut down and packed away for winter. 2.4s are the exception! We are still actively sailing every weekend and will continue until the lake freezes. The water is cold but we suit up appropriately and choose the best weather days.

### **From Bruce Millar**

- Hamilton added more boats to their Fleet some of which are U.S. Gavia's in need of maintenance.
- Some boats have changed hands, so the executive are trying to stay updated on this information.
- John Finch is working to keep the buoyancy tests and measurements up dated, so the boats comply with the Class Rules.

### **Toronto Fleet Report – Alan Leibel**

- Weekend Regattas were held all Season (May – September). Many sailors from the U.S. attended.
- A few sailors from Montreal, Ottawa and Victoria participated in some events.
- Some local sailors went to the World Championship on Lake Garda, Italy.
- Some members will be in Port Charlotte to participate in the CanAm Series, starting in January, 2026.
- Thanks to Bruce Millar for his leadership and to Ontario Yachts for getting the 2.4MR boat building underway.
- One new member joined the Fleet. Welcome to Rod Dengerink.



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### **Ottawa and Montreal Fleet Reports – Peter Norwood**

- Most of the sailing in the Ottawa Fleet consisted of Peter Wood, Peter Norwood and Debbie Reinhart.
- Boats travel to Toronto for events when possible.

### **President Report – Peter Wood**

- It is my pleasure to give you a review of the activities of the Canadian 2.4mR Class in 2025 as seen from the eyes of the Class president. On the activity side we had strong participation at the CAN AM North series hosted by National Yacht Club. The participation by US sailors Jeff Linton, Tony Pocklington and John Seepe at these events definitely raised the competitive level for all of us. The Canadian Championship in Toronto was well supported by the American fleet and by Louise Anstey and Bruce Millar from our Victoria fleet.
- Fewer number of our members travelled to Florida for the CAN AM winter regatta for a variety of reasons which hopefully will be resolved going forward.
- Canada was well represented at the 2.4mR world championships at Lake Garda with four sailors. Peter Eagar, Delani Hume-Lawrence, Siobhan MacDonald and Alain Dubuc.
- On the administrative side Brian Robinson continues to do a great job as class secretary getting notices to members on a timely basis. Brian & Peter Norwood both diligently track our membership numbers. Brian sends reminders about the expiry of buoyancy certificates, membership renewals, minutes and notices of meetings etc. Peter Norwood maintains our class website and facebook pages and does provide IT advice to the class (including the technically challenged president).
- We have transitioned the treasurer position from Alain Dubuc to Siobhan MacDonald with a few hiccups from our bank. The process has been slow. Siobhan pays the bills of the class including our International dues, our website hosting costs and the support the class has been providing to our Canadian Championship and North American championship (when hosted by Canada). Without those three people and Bruce Millar our longtime serving measurer the class could not be as well run as it is.

### **Looking forward to 2026**

- Charlotte Harbour YC and the US 2.4mR class association will be hosting the five regatta series CAN -AM regattas January through March. Details are on the class website
- The Royal Victoria Yacht Club will be hosting both our Canadian & North American Championships in September, More details to follow at this meeting.



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- The 2026 World Championships will be at Sneek, Netherlands July 7-12
- We will be working closely with Ontario Yachts as they finish their first two pre production 2.4' sailboats. We are confident that this will provide the International class with a reliable source of quality boats and greatly reduce the problems of sourcing boats in North America.
- Finally, I am hoping to step down from my position as class president during 2026. I have been involved for 10 years and feel it is time for another member to take the class to a higher level. I am not stepping away from the class and I can assure you that you will find me somewhere in the fleet mix when we are on the race course. If you are interested and wish to know what the position involves please contact me.

### **Class Secretary Report – Brian Robinson**

- Full memberships are down slightly this year, Associate memberships are up.
- 41 total memberships – 36 full (3 members registered 2 boats), 4 associate, 1 organization membership.
- We now have 3 U.S. Memberships.
- No boats were chartered this season.
- More than half the registrations came in between mid February and mid April which works well with administration.
- The seasonal membership next year will run from April 1st, 2026 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027. A Notice of Registration will come out in late February. The registration form is currently being revamped to make the process easier and faster to complete, pending approval of the Executive.
- 1 new sail number was issued
  - New sail numbers are administered by the Canadian Class Association so please contact the president or class secretary.
- The registration data is updated once information regarding contacts and buoyancy is received.
- If you purchase or sell a boat please notify the Class Association so we can update our boat and sail number information.
- There are 36 available sail numbers.

#### **Please Note:**

- According to the international membership rule of the Class, individuals must first join the Class association of their own country. They may then choose to join the Class association of another country as a full or associate member. Increasing our membership



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strengthens our representation internationally, as the number of members determines the number of votes we hold. Canada currently has three votes at the International level.

### **Treasurer Report– Siobhan MacDonald**

#### **1. Financial Overview:**

- Membership was stable, although slightly lower than last year.

#### **2. Budget Performance:**

- Higher than planned expenses for this year (2025). Website costs were due, as they need to be paid every 2 years.
- Supported Canadian Championships
- Supported Technical Committee to create NOD measuring tools.

#### **3. Expense Management:**

- International contract dues of 10 Euro per member were paid, meeting our financial obligations to the international 2.4mr class.

#### **4. 2026 Forecast:**

- Support for the Canadian and North American Championships in Victoria
- Focus on Class marketing support. Will look at ways to promote the Class.
- Proposed Budget for 2026 - **Carried**
- Proposal for Class Membership Dues to remain the same as last year - **Carried**
- Dues for the year are from April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027.

Individuals	Organizations



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Boat Owner – \$40 Seasonal Charterer – \$40 Non-Boat Owner – \$20 Associate Member – \$20	Sailing Club Sailing Association National, Provincial, or Local Sport Organization
	Up to one 2.4mR boat – \$40  Additional 2.4mR boats – \$20/boat

### **Report from National Measurer – Bruce Millar**

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#### **NORLIN ONE DESIGN**

- The focus this past year by myself and with the help of others has been to NOD measure all the available boats in Canada to get them certified for NOD certificates.
- I started in Victoria with the help of the local fleet members and we measured 12 boats built by 5 different companies, Metre Boats AUS, Gavia USA, Charger Composites, Bryant Charger, Charger Technologies.
- Ages ranged from 2000 to 2021. All boats built by Charger from 2007 were within spec. A few of the pre-2007 boats did not comply with reference to the beam dimensions although the hull templates were within tolerances. The International Class Technical Committee is now looking at ways to allow these older boats to get NOD certified.
- I travelled to Ontario and started to measure those boats that needed NOD and with the help of Toronto fleet members and John Finch we managed to get most measurements done on an additional four boats. Unfortunately the weather at the time in June was so hot and humid that it proved difficult on some and that limited how many boats could be measured. While in Toronto, I also worked with David Foscarini and further instructed him on the NOD procedures. I will return to Ontario in the future and the measurers and I will continue on the those boats.
- There are also a few misc. boats across Canada that require measurement, but the goal is to do all of the boats in Canada by the end of 2026.

#### **ONTARIO YACHTS**

- As many know Ontario Yachts has begun building 2.4's thank to the donation of molds from Tony Pocklington. I had a chance to go to their factory on 4 occasions this past



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summer in order to get them through the measurement and certification process for the international class. As of this date they have molded two boats (Prototype 1, 2). Prototype 1 is well along in the process and is due to sail any day now. It will be tested, evaluated and measured to provide a complete understanding of the tricks etc. of 2.4mR boats building. Prototype 2 is well underway as the moldings are done and now need to be assembled.

- Both boats look very good and Ontario Yachts are taking their time to ensure that they will produce a quality product once they are ready to go into production. The overall certification and measurements need to be done on both Prototypes which will hopefully happen in early 2026.

### **Webmaster Report– Peter Norwood**

- The annual refresh of the registration process has been documented.
- Work on fixing broken links is ongoing.
- Software updates are being approached cautiously; WordPress 6.8.3 and PHP 8.3 are available, but the site is currently on WP 6.7.4 and PHP 7.4.33.
- Facebook remains the primary communication platform; more contributions from sailing members would benefit the group. Members uncomfortable with FB can submit content through the webmaster or Debbie.
- The question of whether to post new-member welcomes on Facebook was raised but not addressed.
- A job description for the webmaster role is in progress.
- A successor or backup for the position is being sought.

### **International Class Association Activities – Bruce Millar**

Currently Unavailable. Report coming soon.

### **Regatta Schedule for 2026**



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- June 23-28 Clagett Sailing Regatta – hosted by Newport YC
- April 25, 26, 27 Spring Invitational - Chesapeake - hosted by Tred Avon YC

### **2.4mR Regatta Schedule for 2026 on Lake Ontario**

- May Icebreaker - hosted by Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club
- June 13-14 2.4mR CanAm Invitational Regatta – 1 day hosted by NYC
- July 10,11,12 2.4mR National Cup Regatta – hosted by NYC
- Aug 21, 22, 23 Great Lakes Regatta – hosted by NYC

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### **2.4mR Regatta Schedule for 2026 for Victoria**

- June 5-7 2.4mR Fleet Championship – RVYC
  - Practice or boat maintenance on 1st day
- July 3-5 2.4mR Training Camp (details to be announced)
- August 7-9 2.4mR Training Camp (details to be announced)
- September 11-14 2.4mR Canadian Championships – RVYC
- September 15-19 2.4mR North American Championships - RVYC
- December 28 2.4mR David Bleakney Ice Bowl - RVYC

### **2026 Canadians & 2026 North Americans in Victoria,**

- Dates are set – September 11 – 14 Canadian Championship  
September 15 – 19 North American Championship
- Secured competent RC with experience, volunteers lined up.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> are check in days and practice race. Some down time in between Events to enjoy Sights of Victoria and Area.
- Organizing Committee meeting soon
  - Camping on sight is a possibility, facilities for washrooms, food available at RVYC



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- Accomodation - billeting

### **Election of Officers**

- Election of Officers, the President, Secretary and National Measurer agreed to continue for another season.

President – Peter Wood

Secretary – Brian Robinson

Treasurer – Siobhan MacDonald

Webmaster – Peter Norwood

Chief Measurer – Bruce Millar

### **New Business**

- No other business was brought forward to the meeting.

**Adjournment: 9:05 (Eastern), 6:05 (Pacific)**