

# HISTORY OF THE FUND

In the Spring of 1994, a fund was established in memory of Paul Thomson, an elite Nova Scotian sailor who ascended from the club racing level to become a member of the Canadian Sailing Team. Over \$ 20,000 has accumulated in this fund, care of the Nova Scotia Yachting Association.

Paul was considered one of the best sailors ever to emerge from the Nova Scotia sailing community. He had a competitive edge that few sailors acquire. Over the years, technical and financial support were among the numerous resources that Paul and his Soling team members Phil Gow and Stuart Flinn worked to acquire. These resources are not readily obtainable for the members of the province's competitive sailing community.

It was Paul's desire to help other sailors achieve their competitive best, boosting them to the national team level where they would have access to some funding and, more importantly, be exposed to a variety of international and world class events, enabling them to have access to that same "competitive edge".

This fund, his "legacy", can become a way for other Nova Scotia sailors to achieve their goals. The NSYA has added to this fund from the legacy of other notable Nova Scotia yachtsmen including David Forsythe and Alan McLean. It can help to provide our sailors with the advanced technical expertise they require, from coaching to equipment acquisition, and take them from a provincial level of competition to national and international levels.

A planning committee of the Board of the NSYA is committed to managing and developing this "Legacy Fund" for promising Nova Scotia sailors. The committee is comprised of Brian Todd, National Team Coach, Gord Anderson, financial advisor and former Canadian Sailing Team member; the President of NSYA, Kathy Thomson, Paul's sister, and Frank Denis, Executive Director, NSYA

On an annual basis, resources from the fund will be dispersed to eligible Nova Scotia Sailors (see guidelines). It is the committee's hope that the Yachting Legacy Fund will grow further, with support from the Sailing community and others. Anyone interested in learning more, or wishing to donate to this fund are asked to contact Frank Denis, Executive Director, NSYA, or forward a contribution to The Yachting Legacy Fund care of the Nova Scotia Yachting Association, 5516 Spring Garden Road, 4th Floor, Halifax, N.S. B3J 1G6.

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### **What is the Legacy Fund?**

*The NSYA Legacy Fund , established in 1994, helps provide our sailors with the advanced technical expertise they require from coaching to equipment acquisition, and take them from the provincial level to national and international levels.*

*While this Fund directly supports elite athletes, their success leads to increased funding to the provincial sailing team , the COAST Opti program and Learn to Sail Programs. Therefore if you support the Fund, you support all levels of sailing in Nova Scotia.*

*Donations are eligible for tax receipts.*

### **Who is eligible?**

*The committee welcomes applications from Nova Scotia sailors, particularly youth, who would otherwise not have access to provincial government or national team funding, or from private sources. The applicant should be competing in an Olympic class.*

#### **As well, the applicant should:**

- be putting a serious campaign together to win at the top levels available in their class*
- be in the second season of their campaign, to aptly qualify their needs*
- should not be receiving national team funding*

### **2007 Award Winner**



Kathy Thomson and 2007 Legacy Fund recipient Oliver Bone

### **How much funding is available ?**

*As of January 2008, over \$ 20,000 had accumulated in the fund. Since this is the only fund of its kind at the NSYA, the committee adds to this base on a yearly basis through various fundraising initiatives.*

*We are confident that over time the fund will grow to an appreciable amount to benefit many Nova Scotia sailors.*

### **Who will decide ?**

*The funds will be disbursed on a case-by-case basis as recommended to the NSYA Board by the Legacy Fund Committee.*

### **When will funding be available ?**

*Applications and/or proposals will be considered during the fall of each year, Any requests must be submitted to the NSYA offices prior to September 30 for projects in progress or completed. The funding will be announced soon after that time and awarded at the NSYA Annual Awards Ceremony.*

### **What type of activity is most eligible for receiving funding support ?**

*The intent of the Legacy Fund is to help provide our sailors with the advanced technical expertise they require, from coaching to equipment acquisition, and to take them from a provincial level of competition to national and international levels. The range of support could respond to any, or all of the following needs:*

- training partners or advanced coaching*
- development of sails, fittings, equipment, etc.*
- scientific testing*
- development of marketing or sponsorship support materials or knowledge*
- offsetting the costs of participating at competitions*

### **How will the committee decide ?**

*This fund is different than any other set up in Nova Scotia. Its intent is to help our sailors strive to be their very best, both at home and beyond. The committee will base its decisions on the criteria mentioned above. We welcome creativity and enthusiasm !*