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## **2009 CYA Sail West Regatta July 17 - 19, 2009**

The Battlefords Sailing Club, Saskatchewan Sailing Clubs Association and the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) are excited to host the 2009 CYA Sail West Regatta. This exhilarating event will take place July 17 to 19, 2009 on Jackfish Lake, managed from the Battlefords Sailing Club, Meota SK. As the premiere annual sailing event in Western Canada, Sail West includes Western Championships for several fleets of sailboats. Sail West is the largest sailing event to visit the province on a regular basis.

The Battlefords Sailing Club is nestled on the southern shore of Jackfish Lake in the beautiful village of Meota, SK located about 40 km north of North Battleford. The Club was founded in 1964 and moved into its present home in 1985. While the Club presently has a modest involvement in racing, competitive sailing was central to Club activities at the time of establishment as is evidenced by the location and facilities which are arguably the finest in Saskatchewan. The Battlefords Sailing Club serves the sailing needs of the entire Battlefords region of Saskatchewan. As a destination for many types of water-related recreation activities, casual sailors, athletes and supporters will find all the amenities they require when they arrive.

Registration for Sail West takes place on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 10:00pm and on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 9:00am. Races begin at 10:00am each day, Friday to Sunday. The regatta is open to all boats of the 29er, Laser, Radial, Byte, Optimist, and Open (Portsmouth) classes.

Come out and join the excitement! Cheer on your favourite sailor or team! Learn about sailing in Western Canada! Everyone is welcome!

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**Media representatives are invited to attend the event. Efforts will be made to provide media access to on-water racing action on request (contingent on availability of resources).**