

Your Membership and Day Fees at Work

Your board members are often asked why people who use the Spit for windsports should pay for the privilege. The answer is pretty simple: with the exception of a \$5000 grant we received from the Province in 2009, SWS is completely responsible for paying for the operation and maintenance of the Windsports Park. Somebody has to pay the bill, and that somebody is us.

2009 was a great season. Membership was up to about 300, with an average of about \$120 per membership in revenue for SWS. We also collected day fees which represent the equivalent of another 100 memberships. Our main costs in 2009 were for liability insurance, running the retrieval service, repairing damage caused by winter storms, portable toilet service, and on-site staff. Here's how these costs break down per member:

- **Liability insurance** cost us about \$7000. That's about **\$18 per member** for the season.
- The **retrieval service** cost us about \$11,000 for operator's wages, fuel, maintenance, moorage, and insurance, but without considering the original cost of the seadoo. That's about **\$28 per member** for the season.
- **Repairing the damage** caused by storms over the winter cost about \$4000, or **\$10 per member**.
- Renting the **portable toilets**, having them serviced, and providing supplies cost about \$4000, or about **\$10 per member**.
- On-site **staff**, other than the seadoo operator, cost about \$13,000, or about **\$33 per member**.
- The **new seadoo** cost about \$9000, or about **\$23 per member**.

Add all that up and you come to about \$122 per member.