



April, 2011 Newsletter

“Training Macomb County's Future Sailors”

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WELCOME SPRING!!!

Now to get the weather to cooperate!!

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Match (the Pearl) Raising?? Not to be confused with “Match Racing”. Our “Raise the Pearl” fundraiser has raised \$1000. **THE JUNIOR SAILING BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL “PONY UP” AND MATCH THE NEXT \$1000 RAISED!!! CAN WE GET THERE?!** Remember, North Star Junior Sailing is a charitable non-profit 501c(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible (disclaimer: see your tax advisor).

Naming Rights: We are offering naming rights if you or your company is considering a donation for a program boat purchase. Please contact Nickie Kowal (586-484-9688) for additional information.

Speaking of “Raise the Pearl”, **THANK YOU** to all our donors thus far: **Jack and Charlotte Vallad, Patrick Doherty, Carolyn and Howard Iwrey, Gary and Lana Domanski, Bill and Dianne Baedke, James and Kathleen Rodgers, Stephen Saph, Jr., Linda and Wayne Nemeth, Mike Parrow, Jeff VanDenabeele, Wayne Pingel, Doug Harvey, Anthony Schornak, Michael and Kathleen Bolon, Jim Hodson, and Bruce Wilber in memory of Steve Maynard.** Because of your generosity, past and present, we can continue the future of sailing and Junior Sailing at North Star. Thank you!!

Boater to Boater Sale: Back by popular demand this year, the “B2B” Sale and used donated boat auction will be held on May 21-22 10am-4pm on the grounds of NSSC. This is the same weekend of the “Pride of Michigan”/Sea Cadets Open House and the Huron Pointe Subdivision Sale. What a great opportunity to get rid of your surplus boating equipment (power and sail) AND to pick up some great deals on “new” stuff! Table rentals available. Please contact Rich King (586-739-5096) or Nickie Kowal (586-484-9688) for additional information.

Junior Sailing Registration Open House is planned on Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 1-3pm. After you’re done browsing the Boater to Boater Sale, stop in and see what’s going on this summer at Junior Sailing. Programs include Adult Learn to Sail, Youth Learn to Sail, Youth “Sailor” Program (formerly “intermediates”), and Youth Racing. If you can’t make our open house, our program information and registration forms are now online at www.northstarjrsailing.org.

NSSC 3rd annual 420 Regatta: Our 3rd Annual 420 Regatta is scheduled July 12-13. This is a DRYA-Junior Sailing sanctioned regatta. Last year we had 36 kids from around the Detroit-region participate at our regatta. Volunteer opportunities and sponsorships are still available. Please contact Ed Francis (248-302-7648) or Mike Williams (248-892-1712) for further information.

Want to Crew? We are starting a crew list this year as a way to get the junior sailors, especially the “Sailors”/intermediates and Racers interested in keel boats. Please contact Nickie (sailingamethyst@gmail.com or 586-484-9688) if you want to get on a big boat and learn to crew aboard a host keel boat with experienced skipper and crew. Wednesday evenings and Friday evenings available May thru September.

Ch-ch-ch-changes! We are pleased to announce some very special changes to the Jr. Sailing Summer Program. We hope that by making these changes, we foster continued sustainability of the program as well as better serving the needs of our students and families.

- **“Learn to Sail I” (or “L2S”)**

Formerly known as our “Beginners” program, this program will consist of 10 full-day class sessions over two consecutive weeks. This class is designed for kids aged 9-17, who have limited to no experience sailing. Topics will include: water safety, parts of a sailboat, rigging a sailboat, basic knot tying, wind propulsion, and basic sailing from point A to point B. The L2S curriculum will be offered 3 times this summer, each with a class size limited to 12 seats/session. Prerequisites: life vest and ability to swim/pass swim test and a desire to go sailing.

Session I: June 20-July 1

Session II: July 11-July 22

Session III: August 1-August 12

- **“Learn to Sail 2 ” (or “L2S2”)**

A continuation of “Learn to Sail”, this class is for kids who have completed the basic L2S course, but wish to continue at the L2S level. This class will help kids to reinforce and master the skills learned in the basic course. Seats within L2S will be offered on a first come, first serve basis with limited class size. Prerequisites: life vest and ability to swim/pass swim test and a desire to go sailing, and completion of “Learn to Sail”.

Session I: July 11-July 22

Session II: August 1-August 12

- **“Sailors”**

Formerly known as “Intermediates”, this course will be offered 2 full days during the week on Mondays and Fridays and Wednesday evenings optional from 6pm to sunset. This program will offer its participants additional sailing opportunities and informal instruction and on the water experience over the summer in a relaxed and fun venue. Participants will continue to gain advanced sailing experience without participating in a formal race program; they will rotate their experience on different club boats.

Wednesday night participants will also get hands-on “big boat” (keel boat) experience from their host “big boat” skippers from North Star Sail Club. Other theme day activities are currently being planned.

Prerequisite: Life vest, ability to swim/pass swim test, basic knowledge of sailing or previous sailing experience.

Dates:

Full season: June 20-August 12

Half season: July 5-August 12

Weekly: Must be scheduled in advance with Program Manager

- **“Race Program”**

This program will meet Tuesday through Fridays for full days, and Wednesday &/or Friday evenings optional from 6pm to sunset. Participants will be coached by experienced racing coaches and continue to advance their sailing skills; sharpen their tactics, and train for performance and competitive sailing at local regattas. Race Parents are asked to volunteer for one regatta either to help with transportation, trailering, and/or on shore supervision. Wednesday/Friday night participants will also get hands-on “big boat” (keel boat) experience from their host “big boat” skippers from North Star Sail Club.

Prerequisites: Life vest, ability to swim/pass swim test; basic knowledge of sailing or previous sailing experience.

Dates:

Full season: June 20-August 12

Half Season: July 5-August 12

Quarter Season: August 1-12

- **“Adult Learn to Sail (L2S) Program”**

Adult L2S is offered to “kids” over the age of 18 once a week over 4 weeks. This is our basic L2S program tailored to the adult learner.

Prerequisite: life vest and ability to swim.

Session I: June 20-July 18 (no class July 4)

Session II: August 1-22

Session III: August 29-September 26 (no class September 5)

“Got Boats?”...We are looking to grow our fleet of boats! If you or your business/company is interested in sponsoring a boat, please contact us! Imagine new equipment for North Star Junior Sailing AND naming rights...? (Comerica Park? Ford Field? Nah, immortalizing yourself on a junior sailing boat makes a far bigger impact at the local level. Please consider it.)

“All Hands on Deck!” Kevin Hicks, our Director of Fleet Maintenance will be planning some workdays on Saturday mornings throughout April and May. Handy and mechanically inclined parent volunteers are needed and so are kids needing service hours! See page 9 for list of dates.

A Poem to Send You Home with a Smile!
US Sailing, 2001. "Sailing Smart Activity Book". Portsmouth RI

There once was a woman
Who owned some canoes,
She'd loan them to children
If they always wore shoes.

"Now kids," she'd say,
"Don't give me any flack,
Or I'll put away the canoes
And sell the kayak!"

The kids promised to be good;
Said they wouldn't get her goat,
So she rewarded them all
With a brand new rowboat.

"There's just one thing more:
You must learn how to sail:
I'd determined you'll do it:
I'm sure you won't fail."

"Boat's are fun to be sure,"
The kids said with glee;
"That's great!" said the woman
As she sipped some hot tea.



North Star Junior Sailors on Lake St. Clair at Sunset, Photo Courtesy of Christina Williams



2011 SUMMER SAILING PROGRAM

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

- YOUTH SUMMER BEGINNER/“LEARN TO SAIL”
 - YOUTH ADVANCED “SAILOR PROGRAM”
 - YOUTH RACE PROGRAM
 - ADULT “LEARN TO SAIL”

WHEN: SUNDAY MAY 22, 2011
1:00 – 3:00 PM

WHERE: NORTH STAR SAIL CLUB
32041 SOUTH RIVER RD.
HARRISON TWP, MI 48045

INFO: 586-484-9688
OR 586-463-2192

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ALSO BROWSE OUR 2ND ANNUAL
“BOATER TO BOATER” SALE
SAT & SUN MAY 21-22 10AM-4PM

*North Star Sail Club in conjunction with the US Naval Sea Cadets and
the Huron Pointe Homeowners Association proudly announce...*

2nd annual Harrison Township Boater to Boater Sale

200+ homes & businesses participating!

Donated used boats to be auctioned at low reserve.

Bring your boating/sailing gear, Rent a table, Join the fun!

North Star Sail Club

32041 South River Road

Saturday May 21st 10AM-4PM

Sunday May 22nd 10AM-4PM

For more information contact:

Rich King: 586-739-5096

Nickie Kowal: 586-484-9688

Cash Bar. Food and beverage available.

Table rentals to benefit North Star Junior Sailors

and the US Naval Sea Cadets.

Visit NSJS' Open House & Free Sailing Demos (big and small boats)

on Sunday, May 22 from 1-5pm.

FYI Names and Emails of Officers/Committee Chairs

President Nickie Kowal sailingamethyst@gmail.com

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*Don't forget to check the website often for updates,
including the 2011 Program Registration forms
which are NOW AVAILABLE online.

www.northstarjrsailing.org

Upcoming Events (see calendar at www.northstarjrsailing.org)

- April 16: Crane Launch, 11am-1pm- Jr. Sailing sells hotdogs
- May 2: Board Meeting at 7:30pm:
- Weekend of May 21-22: Boater to Boater Sale and Donated Used Boat Auction at NSSC.
- May 7: Clinton River Clean Up 9am-4pm--meet at NSSC West Lot (Service Hour Opportunity)
- May 7 and 14: Work Days--meet at NSSC (Service Hour Opportunity)
- May 21-22: Boater to Boater Sale 10am-4pm
- May 22: Junior Sailing Open House and Registration 1-3pm at NSSC.
- May 22: Racers' Meeting 1:30PM
- Mid-May: Beginning on Wednesdays "Open Family Fun Sail" at 6pm at NSSC. Consider taking this opportunity to get on a big boat to sail! Join us for Jr. Sailing Weenie Roasts at sunset after sailing!
- June 20: Summer Program begins!
- July 12-13: North Star DRYA 420 Regatta
- August 6: Jr. Sailing Party and Picnic at NSSC 1-4pm
- August 20-21: Selfridge Air Show (We will have a booth for fundraising! Need 12 volunteers to work booth who in return will get free admission into show)
- September 6-9: Texas Hold-'Em Charity Night Fundraiser



YES, I want to help support North Star Junior Sailing and enclosed is my gift of:

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 Other \$ _____

General Purpose

Lolly Boston Fund (specifically for the purchase of new boats)

Charles "Skip" Boston Fund (endowment for Jr. Sailing Summer Program Scholarships)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____