



February, 2011 Newsletter

“Training Macomb County's Future Sailors”

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6 more weeks of Winter!!

It won't be long until we are all happily sailing the waters again.

**We have a lot of great things in the works to keep us busy until the
2011 Sailing Season.**

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- **Jr. Sailing T-Shirt Design Contest:** any Jr. Sailor is invited to design our 2011 Program T-Shirts. We know the kids are creative and imaginative (remember the story about “Oojay”), and since last year’s shirts got a mediocre reception, we decided to have the kids design this year’s shirts. **Submissions are due by March 7th** and will be judged by the Board of Directors at our March meeting. Your design must fit on the back of a shirt and submit it on an 8X11 piece of paper. Our logo (the “L” sailboat and NSSC burgee) must appear on the shirt, preferably on the front left.
- **Winterfest, 2011:** Back by popular demand is the DRYA 2011 Winterfest at DYC on **Saturday, February 26 at 10am**. Please invite your friends and neighbors to Winterfest 2011 on Belle Isle at the Detroit Yacht Club. ALL ARE WELCOME. After the kids are done, the adults will have the opportunity to try their hand at indoor sailing in an Opti or O’pen Bic. T. This is open to anyone wanting to go. You do NOT have to be part of a Jr. Sailing program. If you have an industrial fan (a.k.a. “indoor wind turbine”) to loan out for the day, please contact Bill Heller (DRYA/DYC) at wpheller@gmail.com.
- **Ice Boating Party:** Jim and Kathy Rodgers (past commodore of NSSC and his lady) cordially invite all junior sailors and their families to join them for an ice boating party at their home in Chesterfield Township on Anchor Bay. The date is **Sunday, February 27**; time: “after church”. With all our recent snowfall, ice conditions are questionable—there will be plenty, but the snow pack will make it a challenge for the boats, so pray for the snow to melt! Mrs. Rodgers puts out a HUGE spread of homemade soups and chilis; bring a dish to pass. Skaters welcome! Dress for the weather and c’mon out! Please contact Nickie at 586-484-9688 for directions.
- **“RAISE THE PEARL”:** We have kicked off a fundraiser with the goal of raising \$5000 to purchase a replacement for the “Black Pearl”, the 420 that retired last season. Please consider soliciting your friends and family members for donations. We are a 501c(3) non-profit charitable organization and your donations are tax deductible (please contact your tax advisor). Anyone may make a charitable donation to Charles “Skip” Boston Fund, a fund set up to memorialize “Skip” Boston, but the exact purpose to be finalized; Lolly Boston Memorial Fund, which is solely for purchase of boats for the program; or to North Star Junior Sailing directly, which is a Michigan non-profit 501(C)3 Corporation to help the program. **Gotta Match?** The Board of Directors has agreed to match \$1000 raised in the “Raise the Pearl” annual fund drive. Can you help us reach our goal of \$5000? Thank you for your consideration.
- **Sponsors and Corporate Donors:** If you know of anyone who owns a business who is would like to be a sponsor or corporate donor, please have them contact our Director of Fundraising, David Bonskey at RIZBON@aol.com .
- **Our 2nd Annual “Boater to Boater” Sale** planned on Saturday, May 21 through Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 10:00am to 4:00pm on the grounds of North Star Sail Club. Table rentals available! If you are unable to attend, we will gratefully accept your donated used sellable boating-related equipment, power or sail. Here is your chance to sell or donate your “surplus inventory”. Also planned this year during the “Boater to Boater” Sale will be a donated used boat auction. We

hope you will set your surplus inventory aside this winter and spring and consider selling them at our “Boater to Boater Sale” weekend in May. Please contact us now to either reserve your table or to donate your used equipment. Call Nickie Kowal at 586-484-9688

If you or someone you know is looking to donate their used power or sailboat, please contact us. North Star Junior Sailing is a community-based organization formed and dedicated to teach children and adults how to sail and to promote the fun and sport of sailing as well as safe boating practices. We are a charitable non-profit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under Code Section 501(c)(3).

- **North Star DRYA 420 Regatta** will be held this year on July 12-13th. Sponsors and volunteers are needed and welcome! There’s lots of things to do. To name a few: help get the kids on and/or off the water; race committee; awards ceremony.
- **It’s not too late...** Consider giving that adult or special child a gift certificate for a “Learn-to-Sail” program. Contact Nickie at 586-484-9688 or sailingamethyst@gmail.com for details.

President’s Report

Hello all and Happy February!

We’ve collected your ideas and suggestions over the last year and are pleased to announce some new and exciting changes to the program:

- New this year is our “Learn to Sail” or “L2S” Program. This will be a pilot program, basically turning our former “Beginners” program into a 2 week-5 day a week program. Will are also offering a sequel “Learn to Sail” sequel program, called “L2S2”, for those kids that wish to continue at the same beginner’s level and pace; and work on reinforcing and mastering their new skill set 5 days per week.
- The “Intermediate” program has been renamed “Sailors” Program. It will stay at two days per week for those kids who know how to sail and want to sail during the summer, but do not want to make a full time commitment during their summer. These kids will be exposed to sailing a variety of boats, (including Laser 2, catamarans). Plans for other water-based activities are currently underway and will be announced when finalized (i.e. windsurfing, paddle boarding, and more). Also included in the program is the option of Wednesday evening keel boat (“big boat”) sailing aboard North Star Sail Club’s member’s boats.

“All Hands on Deck!” Kevin Hicks, our Director of Fleet Maintenance will be planning some workdays on Saturday mornings in late March and throughout April and May. Handy and mechanically inclined parent volunteers are needed and so are kids needing service hours! Stay tuned for more details as the weather breaks.



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 NORTH RIVER RD.
HARRISON TWP, MI 48045

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

www.northstarjrsailing.org
northstarjrsailing@gmail.com

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

2011 North Star Junior Sailing Programs

“Learn to Sail I” (or “L2S”)

Formerly known as our “Beginners” program, this program will consist of 10 full-day classes 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. Three sessions will be offered with a class size limited to 12 seats/session. Prerequisites: life vest and ability to swim/pass swim test. Upon successful completion of L2S Program, students will be eligible to participate in either the “Sailors” or “Race” Program, or have the option to continue in “Learn to Sail 2”.

Session I: June 20-July 1

Session II: July 11-July 22

Session III: August 1-August 12

Cost: \$350 per child per session (includes boat fee)

“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. Two sessions will be offered with a class size limited to 12 seats/session. Prerequisites: life vest and ability to swim/pass swim test. Upon successful completion of L2S Program, students will be eligible to participate in either the “Sailors” or “Race” Program. Prerequisite: completion of “Learn to Sail”.

Session I: July 11-July 22

Session II: August 1-August 12

Cost: \$250 per child per session (includes boat fee)

“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 and their parents will also get hands-on “big boat” (keel boat) experience from their host “big boat” owners/skippers who are members of North Star Sail Club. Other activities are currently being planned and may include: windsurfing clinic, catamaran sailing, paddle boarding.

Prerequisite: Life vest, ability to swim/pass swim test, successful completion of “Learn to Sail I” or Beginner’s Program.

Dates and Cost:

Full season: June 20-August 12; \$600 per child (includes boat fee)

Half season: July 5-August 12; \$350 per child (includes boat fee)

Weekly: Must be scheduled in advance with Program Manager; \$175 per child (includes boat fee)

“Race Program”

This program will again meet Tuesday through Fridays for full days, and Wednesday 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. Program participants receive NSSC Junior Membership and are eligible to sign up for a Skipper’s Card (club boat use). Race Parents are asked to volunteer for one regatta either to help with transportation, trailering, and/or on shore supervision. Wednesday night participants will also get hands-on “big boat” (keel boat) experience from their host “big boat” owners/skippers who are members of North Star Sail Club.

Prerequisites: Life vest, ability to swim/pass swim test, successful completion of “Learn to Sail” or Beginner’s Program.

Dates and Cost:

Full season: June 20-August 12; \$800 per child (includes boat fee)

Half Season: July 5-August 12 \$600 per child (includes boat fee)

Quarter Season: August 1-12 \$400 per child (includes boat fee)

“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)

Cost: \$350 (includes boat fee)

Adult Private Lessons

We will be offering Adult Private Sailing Lessons with US Sailing Certified Instructor \$200 per 2 hour lesson. Cost includes boat fee. Lessons must be scheduled in advance with Instructor. Prerequisite: Life vest and ability to swim.

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

- January thru March—Wednesday Night Sailing Seminars begin details on our Facebook page
- February 7 at 7:30 pm: Board Meeting
- February 25 at 6pm: NSSC flag officer Hors D'Oeurve Reception (Need volunteers)
- February 26: Winterfest Regatta at Detroit Yacht Club
- February 27: Ice Boating Party at the home of Jim and Kathy Rodgers
- March 7 at 7pm: Deadline for Submissions for Jr. Sailing T-shirt contest
- March 7 at 7:30pm: Board Meeting and T-Shirt Contest Judging
- March 9 at 6:00pm: SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR JUNIOR SAILORS BY DAWN RILEY at NSSC.
- March 9 at 7:00pm: DRYA Saving Sailing Seminar with Dawn Riley at NSSC.
- April 4 at 7:30pm: Board Meeting
- May 2 at 7:30pm: Board Meeting
- Weekend of May 21-22: Boater to Boater Sale and Donated Used Boat Auction at NSSC.
- May 22, 2011: Junior Sailing Open House and Registration 1-3pm at NSSC.
- 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, 2011: Summer Program begins!
- July 12-13 North Star DRYA 420 Regatta
- August 6 1-4pm: Jr. Sailing Party and Picnic at NSSC
- 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, 2011: Texas Hold-‘Em Charity Night Fundraiser (date to be determined)

[Why Learn To Sail, 1957 Edition](#)

Dec 6, 2010: Blog Posted by Harold Ochstein, Captain of "Island Dreamer", Miami FL. Reprinted with permission.

I picked up the August, 1957 Popular Boating Magazine at an Antique fair on South Beach.
From an ad by the National Sailing Association;

"Skippering a sailboat builds character. It teaches responsibility, dexterity, ingenuity and good sportsmanship. It attracts companions with equally high ideals. Young sailors are rarely troublemakers".

What an argument to teach your kids sailing! Imagine what they would have had to say about video games and computers.



Somewhere in the Florida Keys: Captain Harold Ochstein with Boy Scouts at

"Sea Base Camp", 2010



DRYA Junior Sailing WinterFest

Saturday February 26, 2011

Detroit Yacht Club, Belle Isle

The DRYA Junior Sailing Committee is pleased to present a mid-winter opportunity to SAIL !!!

The fun begins at 10:00am

- ✓ **Chalk-talk** on racing and rule changes
- ✓ **Race** an Opti and OpenBic in the indoor pool
- ✓ **Buffet** lunch and **awards** presentations.
- ✓ **Optional: swimming** in the pool after lunch is available.

Cost for the lunch is \$11.00 per participant (including tax & gratuity). Wristbands will be purchased at the door. If the sailor doesn't have lunch the seminar & sailing is FREE.

Advance registration is requested to help us with planning.

Registration form is attached.

❖ Kids do not have to be in a DRYA Junior Sailing Program to participate. We want everyone to join us for a fun day of sailing in the winter. See how much fun your friends are having SAILING!!!



2011 DRYA Junior Sailing WinterFest
Saturday February 26, 2010 at 10:00am
Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle

Cost is \$11.00 per participant. This includes the seminar, racing an Opti in the indoor pool and a buffet lunch for the participant. Parents are invited to dine in the Grill at their expense. Credit cards are accepted.

Registration Form

Name of participant: _____ Age: _____

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Responsible parent: _____

Sailors do not need to be enrolled in a DRYA Junior Sailing program to participate in this fun event. It is open to all sailors of junior sailing age!!!

Registration is requested by Tuesday February 22, 2010

Registering in advance is important to insure that every sailor has an enjoyable day.

To participate in the racing sailors must bring a bathing suit, towel and lifejacket.
DRYA Junior Sailing disclaimers from Notice of Race apply. Notice of Race document is available on the DRYA website.

Mail entries to: Bill Heller
301 Lakeshore Rd.
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

or Fax entries to: (313) 882-6130
or email entries to: wpheller@gmail.com
Questions: 734.634.2700

AN INVITATION

Free Seminar



Please join us for a special
Junior Sailing event with
Dawn Riley

Wednesday, March 9, 2011
at 6:00pm
North Star Sail Club
32041 South River Road
Harrison Township 48045

RSVP: 586-463-2192

Pizza and Pop provided for free-will
donation to benefit North Star Jr. Sailing.

Join us for a special "homecoming" seminar featuring Michigan native Dawn Riley, who is an America's Cup and Around the World Sailboat sailor. Dawn is also an accomplished businesswoman, community leader and youth sports advocate, author, speaker, TV commentator, and committed philanthropist.

North Star Junior Sailing was part of the beginning of Dawn's sailing career. She will discuss her own passion for sailing including her newest activities with the Oakcliff Sailing Center which is dedicated to training sailors, boat workers, owners and teams in order to raise the level of sailors and sailing in the United States.



North Star Junior Sailing

*32041 South River Road
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January 17, 2011

An Open Letter from the North Star Junior Sailing Directors:

Hello everyone! It's hard to believe that we are getting ready to start another Junior Sailing Season. What a year 2010 was! North Star Junior Sailing is the proud recipient of the DRYA Jack Sutton award as the most improved junior sailing program in DRYA (Look for the trophy next time you are at the club. It's the really BIG trophy).

We have come a long way, but there is still so much to do to bring North Star Junior Sailing to a level at which North Star Sail Club and its members can continue to be proud. This is traditionally the time of giving and many of you are deluged with requests for donations and contributions, but we ask that you consider a donation North Star Junior Sailing this year.

Because of your past generosity, we were able to outfit our 420 fleet with new racing sails. One of our 420 teams flagged in each regatta they attended this season!

While we had a very successful year in 2010, we also suffered a bit of misfortune... "Black Pearl", one of our 420s developed a stress fracture in her hull during a practice, took on water, and sank off shore near Huron Pointe. While no one was hurt, she was a total loss, and we are now short a boat for our program. We need to replace the 420 at an estimated cost of \$5000 used. Program tuition funds our instructors' salaries; fundraising helps us finance capital expenditures. As such, we would like to introduce the "Raise the Pearl" fundraiser to help us defray the cost of a replacement 420. Can you help us?

Anyone may make a charitable donation to Charles "Skip" Boston Fund, a fund set up to memorialize "Skip" Boston, but the exact purpose to be finalized; Lolly Boston Memorial Fund, which is solely for purchase of boats for the program; or to North Star Junior Sailing directly, which is a Michigan non-profit 501(C)3 Corporation, to help the program. Please feel free to use the envelope, which has been included for your convenience. For most people, these donations are fully tax deductible; however always consult your tax advisor regarding your specific situation.

If we are not willing to invest in training future sailors, who will? Thank you for your consideration and your generous support is deeply appreciated.

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 (a fund set up to memorialize "Skip" Boston
and the exact purpose to be finalized.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____