



Junior Sailing Newsletter

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“Training Macomb County's Future Sailors”

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Happy New Year from Junior Sailing!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

We expect 2011 to be a great year. There are lots of things in the works and here are just a few:

- **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 February 28th** 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**. Please invite your friends and neighbors to Winterfest 2011 on Belle Isle at the Detroit Yacht Club. ALL ARE WELCOME but the Junior Sailors will go first. 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 thought iceboating was fast and fun, have you tried sailing in the pool at DYC? Well, it’s not exactly fast (especially if you’re weighing more than 120 lbs) but it is TONS of FUN!!! 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". Here's your chance to see and try ice boating! There are 10 ice boats at their house already with more expected!! Mrs. Rodgers puts out a HUGE spread of homemade soups and chilis; bring a dish to pass. Dress for the weather and c'mon out. Please contact Nickie at 586-484-9688 for directions.
- **"RAISE THE PEARL":** We are kicking 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. Thank you for your consideration and your generous support is deeply appreciated.
- 2011 Registration Open House: **Sunday, May 22** from 1-3pm is the date and time. Come join us to welcome prospective sailors for 2011 season and visit with returning sailors. Of course, we will be kicking off registrations for the 2011 season. Know any adults or kids who want to learn to sail? Bring them with you! The summer program starts the week of June 20th.
- **"BOATER TO BOATER" SALE will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22 from 10am -4pm. Table rentals available; donations of sellable items accepted as well. Stop by to shop for boating equipment (power and sail) at great prices!**

Our own 420 Regatta will be July 12-13. As always, we are looking for sponsors and race committee help. If you can help, please email us at northstarjrsailing@gmail.com.

Spring Cleaning: The Boater-to-Boater Sale is going to be held this year on May 21-22. Please remember to set your old treasures aside as you begin your spring cleaning. Pass the word to your friends and any boating-related businesses you patronize too! Table rental available. Either sell your own equipment or donate it for us to sell. Either way, we are a 501C(3) charitable organization.

Got Dry Suits???...There is lots of discussion out in the Detroit area regarding high school sailing. Currently, on the east side of the state, there are only 3 high school sailing programs in existence: Grosse Pointe North (sailing out of GPYC), Grosse Pointe South (sailing out of CSYC), and Grosse Isle (sailing out of GIYC). Detroit Country Day School is launching their sail club in conjunction with Pontiac Yacht Club. North Star Junior Sailing has been in discussion with DeLaSalle Collegiate (alma mater to NSSC's own extraordinary sailors: Chuck Drummond, Dan VandenBossche, and Joe Periard!) and we have contacts at DLS' sister school, Regina. As the school resumes for the New Year, we will be planning Parent-Sailor/prospective Sailor information meetings at both schools. Training begins in April. High School

Sailing is a co-ed sport with Spring and Fall Seasons. (Junior Sailing has only a summer season). What a great opportunity for us to introduce high school kids and their families to the fun and art of sailing!

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.

Summary of Important Dates of 2011

- January 10 at 7:00pm at NSSC: "Saving Sailing in the D" meeting #4
- Winter 2011: Ice Boating with Ice Boaters on Anchor Bay
- January thru March—Wednesday Night Sailing Seminars begin details TBA
- February 7 at 7:30 pm: Board Meeting
- February 25 at 6pm: NSSC flag officer Hors D'Oeuvre Reception (Need volunteers)
- February 26: Winterfest Regatta at Detroit Yacht Club
- February 27: Ice Boating Party at the home of Jim and Kathy Rodgers
- February 28: Deadline for Submissions for Jr. Sailing T-shirt contest
- Winter, 2011: Bowling Fun Night (date to be determined)
- Winter, 2011: Texas Hold-'Em Charity Night Fundraiser (date to be determined)
- March 7 at 7:30pm: Board Meeting
- 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 and crew with your child. Join Jr. Sailing Weenie Roasts at sunset after your sail!
- June 20, 2011: Summer Program begins!

"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." -John Maxwell



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Open Letter from North Star Junior Sailing:

January 8, 2011

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.

Have a Happy and Safe 2011!!

Nickie Kowal and Board of Directors

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: _____