



North Star Junior Sailing

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An Open Letter from North Star Junior Sailing:

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 New Year!

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: _____