

Greetings from North Star Jr. Sailing!

## **North Star Junior Sailing Announces 2017 Summer Season Registration and Open House**

Already dreading the thought of your kids sitting around the house this summer playing with their electronic tethers and whining "I'm bored. There's nothing to do!"?

North Star Junior Sailing is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting registration for our 2017 Summer Sailing Programs. Our program offers children and adults in our community the opportunity to experience the joy of sailing, build confidence and learn new skills including water/boater safety, and seamanship. We have several programs for kids ages 8-18 of all skill levels; and adults 18 and over. North Star's Youth Summer Programs are full day programs Monday thru Friday, and run throughout the summer.

Programs offered:

- Learn to Sail (2 weeks) kids 8-18
- *FastTrack* Learn to Sail (1 week) specifically designed for older kids 12-18
- "Silver Fleet" Intermediate Program (4 or 8 week options)
- "Team North Star" Instructional Race Program (8 weeks)
- Adult Learn to Sail

Open House:

Sunday, May 21, 2017 1-3 pm

North Star Sail Club

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North Star Junior Sailing is Macomb County's only community-based Junior Sailing program, a 501C(3) charity. We do not require membership in any yacht or boat club to participate.

### **NSJS 2017 Programs**

**Youth Learn to Sail:** Our traditional "beginner" program consisting of full day classes over two consecutive weeks. This class is designed for youth ages 8-17, who have limited to no experience sailing. We use the "Start Sailing Right" curriculum by US Sailing and the American Red Cross. Topics include water/boater safety, parts of a sailboat, rigging a sailboat, basic knot tying, wind propulsion, and basic sailing from point A to point B. Class sizes limited to 12 seats/session. Prerequisites: life jacket, ability to swim/pass swim test, and a desire to go sailing. Cost: \$445 + 80 boat use fee.

Session 1: Monday, June 26-Friday July 7

Session 2: Monday, July 10-Friday, July 21

Session 3: Monday, July 31-Friday, August 11

**Fast Track Learn to Sail: NEW!** Specifically for teenaged kids 12-18 who are interested in a fast track learn to sail program that would get them ready to join Team North Star Race Team for the 2017 season beginning Monday June 26. Cost: \$250 + 80 boat use fee (credit applied to Race Program).

Date: Monday, June 19-Friday, June 23

**“Silver Fleet” Intermediate Youth Program:** Our intermediate course consisting of full days Monday thru Friday for either 17 classes (half season) or 34 classes (full season). Participants will continue to gain advanced sailing experience without participating in a formal race program. They will rotate their experience on different club boats. Prerequisites: life jacket, ability to swim/pass swim test, basic knowledge of sailing or previous sailing experience, and a desire to go sailing.

Full Season Cost: \$950 + \$100 boat use fee; Half Season: \$525 + \$100 boat use fee.

Full Season: Monday, June 19-Friday, August 11

Half Season Session 1: Monday, June 19-Wednesday, July 12

Half Season Session 2: Thursday, July 13-Friday, August 11

**“Team North Star” Instructional/Interclub Race Youth Program:** This instructional program will meet Monday thru Friday for full days. 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. Prerequisites: life jacket, ability to swim/pass swim test, basic knowledge of sailing or previous sailing experience; commitment to attend scheduled sessions and regattas; volunteer requirement of 8 hrs/family. Cost: \$1000 + \$140 boat use fee

Full Season Only: Monday, June 19-Friday, August 11

**Adult Learn to Sail:** Adults 18 and over learn to sail in a small group setting, using small keel boats on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings over a 3 week session. Sessions TBD. Cost: \$350.

**Private Lessons:** \$200/person per 2 hour session.

**Discounts:** Please contact us for specific questions about our community-based scholarship programs and other discounts which may apply.

#### **FUNDRAISING NEWS:**

**smile.amazon.com** Don't forget to sign into smile.amazon.com the next time you shop on Amazon and select North Star Junior Sailing as your favorite charity. Amazon will donate 0.5 % of your purchases to NSJS—a painless fundraiser that helps us to defray the cost improving our equipment. Because of our fundraising efforts, we were able to add to add this Boston Whaler to our coach boat fleet this month. Isn't she pretty? Anyway, thank you for your ongoing support!

**Boater to Boater Sale:** Back by popular demand, we will be hosting another “Boater to Boater Sale” this spring. The date for this event is Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 9am-4pm. Please contact Judy Redmann to reserve your table to sell your own goods (table rental \$25), or to donate your items to NSJS. Her email is [jredmann@wowway.com](mailto:jredmann@wowway.com).

**Call to Action:** We are currently recruiting sponsors and regatta volunteers for our annual 420/Laser regatta will be held Thursday-Friday, June 29-30. If you are looking for an excuse to play on the lake, come play with us!