

Greetings from Junior Sailing!

- Our calendar has been set! Our “official” kick off our our Board's official new season will begin on Friday, March 4 at 6:00pm when we will host a reception between the officers of both North Star Sail Club and North Star Junior Sailing. We will present our 2016 Program to the board and any one interested to join us.
- Open House is planned on Sunday, May 15 from 1-3:00pm. During this event, we will meet and great past, present and future prospective students and their families, show them what Junior Sailing is about, and accept registrations for our summer program.
- Tuesday-Wednesday, June 28-29, 2016: Our annual 420/Laser/Bemis 420 Regatta planning is underway. With 29 420 Teams => 58 junior sailors plus 27 Lasers => 27 junior sailors equals 56 boats and 85 junior sailors, making last year's regatta our biggest ever (and from what we hear, the biggest regatta hosted at NSSC. Ever). We are currently recruiting sponsors, race committee and mark set volunteers, and shore support help. We have several great reasons why you should come out and “play” with us:
 1. It's FUN!
 2. You can see your Junior Sailing Program in action
 3. You can help promote the sport of sailing amongst young local sailors
 4. You will show support for your Team North Star;

and last but not least...

5. A day on the water is better than a day at work!
- We have hired a new Head Coach and we don't think we could find a young man more passionate about his sport and North Star roots! Congratulations to Nikolaus Kowal-Besler! Nikolaus is a North Star Junior Sailing native who, after aging out of Junior Sailing, spent the last 2 years coaching at Crescent Sail Yacht Club. He was the head coach of their Youth Learn to Sail program last year. Welcome back, Coach Nikolaus!
 - Cobo Boat Show: While we weren't originally planning on exhibiting at the Boat Show this year, we appreciate the invitation to be there with North Star Sail Club and Port Sanilac Marina. We helped man the booth and share our information with the folks who visited the table.
 - Fundraising: Thanks to your generous donations and a generous gift from the Double-Handed Sailing Association, our Annual Campaign has raised \$5600 thus far! We plan to add several small boat dollies to our inventory to help us launch our fleet with greater ease while protecting our recent capital investment in our fleet upgrades.
 - Thank you to everyone who has used the smile.amazon.com URL for your Amazon purchases! For those of you who have asked, just use smile.amazon.com web address to log into your Amazon account and select North Star Junior Sailing Inc as your favorite 501C(3) charity. In turn, Amazon will donate 0.5 % of your purchase to our organization. Just in the year we have partnered with smile.amazon.com, we have painlessly raised several hundred dollars.
 - Euchre Nights in conjunction with TGIF at North Star, continue on the Fridays opposite of Darts.

Food service begins at 6:30 and first deal by 7:30. Bring your quarters and your friends for a fun night out! Even if you're not a Euchre player, bring your Jenga, Scrabble or other board games and join the fun. Upcoming Euchre dates: February 26, March 4, March 18, April 1, and April 15.

- Donated Boat “For Sail”: Our Director of the Donated Boat Program is once again employed! We are pleased to announce the availability of a recently donated boat, a 1981 New York 36. This vessel was built by Schoch Company to specifications created by the New York Yacht Club for inter-club match racing. These boats proved so successful that they are now found in California, the Great Lakes, and the East Coast. This boat is a weekend of elbow grease away from sailing; it is well equipped with a quality suite of sails and is being offered for \$12,000 to NSSC Members until March 1. After March 1, it will be offered publicly to the highest bidder. For further information, please contact Michael Fellberg, Director of Donated Boat Program. Email: michael@fellberg.com or call 313-300-6146.



1981 New York 36 (sister ship to NSJS donated boat)