



## April 2012 Newsletter

“Training Macomb County's Future Sailors”

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**SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!**

**It's time to begin thinking about getting back out on the water!**

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## Greetings from Jr. Sailing!

It seems that Summer is closer than we think, and that means that Summer Sailing Programs are right around the corner!

We are very excited for the 2012 season!! We've set our calendar for the season and are getting ready for June 18!

Until then we are happy to announce....

- Sergei Lie coming back to our program as Program Manager
- the addition of 2 (and possibly a 3rd) new outboards
- our High School Team has returned and have begun practicing at NSSC for their Spring Season!
- a prospective Eagle Scout Project will furnish us with 2 plywood "trainers" for our Learn to Sail Program
- 3rd annual Boater to Boater Sale May 19-20. Rent a table to sell your surplus stuff or donate it for us to sell
- Jr. Sailing Open House is May 20 from 1-3pm

The 2012 Fundraiser "Float the Boat" campaign has raised a little more than \$1800! Thank you!! We continue to accept your generous donations so that we can replace "Yellow Boat", the old a worn out Opti we retired last year and "Gray Boat", a Laser in dire need of going to pasture. Anyone wishing to donate the entire purchase of a program boat will have his/her name inscribed on a memorial and be given naming rights to the boat purchase donated. Could that be you??? Remember we are a 501c(3) community non-profit charitable organization under IRS code.

Our website has been updated. Thank you to our webmasters, Ron and Tary Rabine. Please check it out and read about our 2012 Programs. Enrollment forms are also available on the website, and soon to come will be the capability to pay for program tuition and donations via Paypal. Please be sure to check us out at [www.northstarjrsailing.org](http://www.northstarjrsailing.org)!!

Want to crew? Several Skippers have been asking for crew help on their boats during the weeknights. Pick your night you want to sail and let us know. Opportunities available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays as well as special weekend regattas.

Got questions? Contact Nickie Kowal.

# North Star Junior Sailing

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## 2012 North Star Junior Sailing Programs

### “Learn to Sail” (or “L2S”)

Formerly known as our “Beginners” program, this program will consist of 10 full-day class sessions over two consecutive weeks. This class is designed for kids aged 9-17, who have limited to no experience sailing. We use the “Start Sailing Right” curriculum by US Sailing and the American Red Cross. 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. The L2S curriculum will be offered 2 times this summer, each with a class size limited to 12 seats/session.

Prerequisites: life vest and ability to swim/pass swim test and a desire to go sailing.

**Session 1:** June 18-June 29

**Session 2:** July 23-August 3

**Tuition:** \$350 + \$75 Boat use fee

### “Fun Week”

Something “fun and different” for kids wanting the experience and challenge. Prerequisite: Life vest, ability to swim/pass swim test, completion of “Learn to Sail” program, 2012 enrollment.

**First Session:** July 9-13 “Multihull and Keelboat Sailing”

**Second Session:** August 6-10 “Kite boarding and Windsurfing”

**Tuition:** \$100/session. Fee waived for students enrolled in “Sailor Program” and “Race Program”

### “Sailor”

Formerly known as “Intermediates”, this course will be offered 3 full days during the week (see calendar as days per week vary). Participants will continue to gain advanced sailing experience without participating in a formal race program; they will rotate their experience on different club boats.

Program includes two 5 day/week “Fun Week” sessions that will include experiences such as multihull and keelboat sailing, kite boarding, and windsurfing.

Prerequisites: Life vest, ability to swim/pass swim test, basic knowledge of sailing or previous sailing experience.

Dates and Fees:

**Full (F) season:** June 18-August 10; Tuition: \$600 + \$100 Boat use fee

**Half (H) season:** June 18-July 13 OR July 23-August 10; Tuition: \$350 + \$60 Boat use fee

### **“Race Program”**

This instructional program will meet Tuesday through Fridays 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 vest, ability to swim/pass swim test; basic knowledge of sailing or previous sailing experience.

Dates and Fees:

**Full (F) season:** June 18-August 10; Tuition: **\$800 + \$125** Boat use fee

**Half (H) season:** June 18-July 13 OR July 23-August 10; Tuition: **\$600 + \$75** Boat use fee

Race parents are expected to volunteer 8 hours per family, toward helping NSJS in ways such as transportation, trailering boats and/or equipment, on shore supervision, and/or fundraising. **Parents pay an additional \$125 fee which will be returned when they have fulfilled their obligation. Half season is pro-rated.**

### **“Adult Learn to Sail Program” (or “AL2S”)**

Adult L2S is offered to individuals 18 and older once a week over 4 weeks. This is our basic L2S program tailored to the adult learner in a small group setting.

Prerequisite: life vest and ability to swim.

Classes scheduled and held at mutually decided schedule between instructor and students.

Tuition: **\$350 + \$75** Boat use 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.

## Letter from Sergei Lie, Program Manager

Welcome to 2012, parents and sailors! With a new year brings new hopes, promises and excitement! I hope you are doing well this spring and enjoying our wonderful weather that's helping the trees grow and flowers blossom.

I'm very excited to return to NSSC and ensure a safe, fun, and smooth summer program! I will be addressing all of the issues from last year and hope to bring more community, solidarity, and success to the program. Communication and organization will be the key this summer!

The website will see some changes like the PayPal payment option and the summer brochures are already up. We are also about to finish finalizing our coaching staff for this summer so look out for instructor biographies on the web. Events that are coming up right away are the Clinton River Cleanup on May 5<sup>th</sup> and Boater-to-Boater Sale on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please check out the flyers and website for more information.

Currently, I am busy coaching Grosse Pointe South's Sailing Team; we went to Chicago last weekend and finished 14<sup>th</sup> out of 18<sup>th</sup> but are working hard to improve everyday. Grosse Pointe North and soon Regina/Delasalle will join us at practice at CSYC so it'll be exciting to have everyone there working hard to prepare for our upcoming regattas. The Mallory Qualifier will be at GPYC April 21-22 and CSYC will host a Michigan Team Race event April 28-29. If you're interested, please come by and watch and/or if you're really into high school sailing, let me know and I'll find you a volunteer opportunity. We always need volunteers!

If you have any questions/concerns, please email/call me. I'm always open to suggestions and would just like to make this summer the best at NSSC! Take care and have a very happy Easter!

## **Upcoming Events**

**(see calendar at [www.northstarjrsailing.org](http://www.northstarjrsailing.org))**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 5--- America's Cup Presentation at BYC
- May 19-20 --- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boater to Boater Sale
- May 20--- Junior Sailing Open House 1-3 pm
- June 18--- Junior Sailing Season begins

Watch **NSJS and NSSC Websites** for additional events!  
[www.northstarjrsailing.org](http://www.northstarjrsailing.org) and [www.northstarsail.org](http://www.northstarsail.org) Join North Star Junior Sailing on Facebook!

*North Star Sail Club in conjunction with  
the Huron Pointe Homeowners Association proudly announce...*

## *Annual Harrison Township Boater to Boater Sale*

**200+ homes & businesses participating!**

**Donated used boats to be sold at bargain prices.**

**Bring your boating/sailing gear. Rent a table. Join the fun!**

**200+ homes & businesses participating!**

***North Star Sail Club***

*32041 South River Road*

*Saturday May 19th 10AM-4PM*

*Sunday May 20th 10AM-4PM*

*For more information contact:*


***Rich King: 586-739-5096***

***Nickie Kowal: 586-330-9688***

**Cash Bar. Food and beverage available.**

**Table rental donation to benefit North Star Junior Sailing,  
a 501C(3) Charitable Community Organization**

**Visit NSJS' Open House & Free Sailing Demos (big and small boats)  
on Sunday, May 20 from 1-3pm.**




# America's Cup Presentation

by Tom Ehman

**Thursday, April 5, 2012**

4:00-5:30 pm – Junior Program  
7:00-8:30 pm – Adult Program



Here is a reminder that Bayview is hosting a seminar on the upcoming America's Cup next Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 pm. There is also a program for Junior and High School sailors at 4:00pm. This will be a terrific opportunity for all.

**Bayview Yacht Club is very pleased to host Vice Commodore Tom Ehman Jr of the America's Cup Committee for the Golden Gate Yacht Club. He will be presenting on the upcoming 34th America's Cup which will be held in San Francisco Bay in 2013 in the new AC72 catamarans. But first, the teams are sailing the AC45 to grow their experience on wingsailed multihulls. The 45 will be used throughout 2011 and 2012 in the America's Cup World Series events before giving way to the AC72s for the Louis Vuitton Cup.**



### **Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South High School Sailing Team Request:**

The Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South High School Sailing Teams are hosting the Midwest InterScholastic Sailing Association (MISSA) Mallory Qualifier at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22, 2012.

We would appreciate any assistance you can offer in housing these students, their coaches and parent chaperones for this event as we estimate that we will have over 200 individuals to house. Our guests will be arriving on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and departing on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Race Chair has capped the number of teams participating at 24.

The teams will be encouraged to utilize the locker room facilities at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. They will be bringing their own sleeping bags and pillows.

If you are interested in housing these teams, please contact us with the number of people you can accommodate by April 6th.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

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\_\_\_ General Purpose

\_\_\_ Lolly Boston Fund (specifically for the purchase of new boats)

\_\_\_ Charles "Skip" Boston Fund (endowment for Jr. Sailing Summer Program Scholarships)

\_\_\_ Program Boat Sponsorship

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