



Fall 2012 Newsletter

“Training Macomb County's Future Sailors”

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**Happy Holidays to all!!!**

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## Reflections on our 2012 Season

Greetings from Junior Sailing!

As we wrap up another season for the books, we reflect on 2012. We believe we had a **great season** for many reasons, all for which **we are thankful**:

1. The continued support of the membership of North Star Sail Club and recognition of our efforts and mission
2. The hard work and dedication of our **2012 Coaching Staff**:
  - Sergei Lie, Program Director**
  - Brian Williams, Senior Instructor**
  - Ailene Hicks, Instructor**
  - Christie Listwan, Instructor**
  - Trevor Duncan, Instructor**
  - Connor Hicks, Instructor**
3. The support of **Claudia Drummond**--always there either to forward Jr. Sailing Program inquiries to us, helping us at the launch during our regattas, and wiping occasional finger prints off the glass doors. She is a true friend to Jr. Sailing!
4. The help of the the **Bridge and Officers of NSSC** for their willingness to serve as springboards for our ideas, support our fundraising efforts
5. The support of **NSSC Members** for supporting our continual (and probably annoying) requests for volunteer and donations, not to mention whatever detrimental effects we have had on your cholesterol levels for your patronage of our grilled weenies!

6. The dedication of our **Jr. Sailing Board and loyal volunteers:**

- **Ed Francis, Vice President**
- **Mike Williams, Secretary**
- **Blair Arden, Treasurer and Charity Poker Guru**
- **Kevin Hicks, Director of Fleet Maintenance**
- **Dave Wolny, Director of Fleet Records**
- **Ian Pouliot, Director at Large**
- **Jake Wolny, Director of Marketing**
- **Tary Rabine, Website; assisted by Ron Rabine**
- **Mike Hranchook, Director at Large**
- **David Bonskey, Director who helped us with fund raising and procedural development.**
- **Rich King, Boater to Boater Sale Master Mind; assisted by PC Jim Rodgers, Sr**
- **LoriAnn Schroeder, Jr. Sailing Newsletter Editor**
- **Our numerous parents who towed boats, helped grill weenies, shared ideas, made suggestions, brought dishes to pass**

7. Our 2012 420 and Bemis Regatta Volunteers:

- **Tracy Tower**
- **Jim Hodson**
- **Claudia Drummond**
- **Sandy Street**
- **Dan VandenBossche**
- **Brian Moffett**
- **Mike Williams**
- **Blair Arden**
- **Ed Francis**
- **Dave Wolny**

8. Our 2012 Regatta Sponsors:

- Michael Clow, [TheYachtsman.com](http://TheYachtsman.com)
- Sailor's Cove Marina
- SV Dashing Wave
- North Sails Detroit
- Mike's Marine Hardware
- E-Z Moving, Greg Thompson

9. The countless NSSC **Skippers** who have invited and welcomed both Jr. Sailors and high school sailors aboard your boats during series and invitational races this year. What invaluable opportunities and experience for the kids!

10. Most of all, the **kids and families** that give NSJS its heart and soul.

As we look forward and begin planning for 2013, we continue to seriously work on replacing our fleet. The majority of our program boats are 20 yrs old and rapidly deteriorating. Our instructors have recommended we replace 2 420s and 2 Opti's for 2013. It takes us \$18,000-20,000 to run our program for maintenance, fuel, supplies and salaries. Tuition covers this for us. We still must rely heavily on fundraising and donations for capital purchases and improvements such as boats. On average, a new 420 is \$8000 and an Opti \$4000. **Please consider a year end charitable donation to help your favorite charity (NSJS!)** continue its mission of promoting your favorite sport. Thank you!

Wishing everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season and New Year,

Nickie Kowal

President NSJS

## **POKER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ASAP!**

Our original poker dates for Cada's have fallen through as they have gone out of business.

New site: Santino's at 27 Mile and Van Dyke

5:00 pm til close

- Wednesday, December 5
- Thursday, December 6
- Friday, December 7
- Saturday, December 8

If you can help out and work as a cashier one of those evenings, please let us know. Full and partial shifts available.

This is a great way for **race parents to get their work hours** in and their **work hour fee returned!** (read: extra Christmas cash); and a great way for all our families to help us reach our **goal of raising enough money to purchase 4 new boats** for the 2013 season (2-420s and 2-Optis).

## **Nominations for NSJS Board of Directors**

We are also taking **nominations** for **Board of Director** positions for our December election slate. Board members can expect a 1-1/2 to 2 hour time commitment per month. Several of our current board members have been on our board for 15 years or more, and their kids are long gone. We need and want new parent representation to help us plan for the future. Can we tap into your great ideas, energy, time and talents?

If you're willing and able to help us for our charity poker event or are interested in serving on our Board of Directors, please let me know ASAP.

# Upcoming Events

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

**December 5-8**                      **Charity Poker Nights at Santino's 5pm until close**

Below is the **DRYA Winter Seminar Schedule for 2013**. There are some great topics this year to keep your mind in sailing mode all winter. They may of interest to our junior sailors as well as the adults!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Club</b>
<b>Jan 9</b>	Sea Stories Always on Call: Stories from the Port of Detroit Mail Boat Cruising the Dalmation Coast, It's Beauty and Charm	Capt. Sam Buchanan, Tom Boyce/Frank Sonye	GPYC
<b>Jan 16</b>	The Need for Speed:Ice Boating	Ron Sherry	GPYC
<b>Jan 23</b>	Medicine for Sail	Rob Amsler, D.O.	BYC
<b>Jan 30</b>	Trouble Shooting Diesel Engines	Warren Roosen	NSSC
<b>Feb 6</b>	Safe Sailing: Prepare or Beware	Tim Metcalf	DYC
<b>Feb 20</b>	CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation)	Lorreta Rehe	EBC
<b>Feb 27</b>	Weather: Big Picture/Little Picture	Pat Healy	PHYC
<b>Mar 6</b>	The Allure of Chartering – Great Lakes & Caribbean Adventures	Dave Conrad	GLYC
<b>Mar 20</b>	What You Need to Know about the New Racing Rules	Ted Everingham	BYC
<b>Mar 27</b>	Know to Make it Go: Heavy & Light Air Sailing	Al Declercq	FYC

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!

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\*Don't forget to check the website often for updates

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**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 (endowment for Jr. Sailing Summer Program Scholarships)

\_\_\_ Program Boat Sponsorship

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