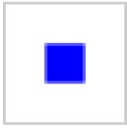


The Broad Reach



Michigan Sailing Club

Spring 2022

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Photo by Melges Performance Sailboats

From the Commodore...


Our big news this spring is the delivery of five new Melges 15 boats. The M15 has won Sailing World's 2022 Boat of the Year award. We're thrilled to be one of the first clubs to have this boat in our fleet for both teaching and racing.

Until the M15s arrive in mid-May, our volunteer members have already been busy getting the club ready to start sailing. Keep an eye on your email announcements for ongoing work parties. Our Dock-In will be Sunday, April 24 starting at 10am.

When the M15s arrive, we will have several rigging demonstrations for all members.

A new fleet is certainly exciting, but the most important part of the club is not the boats we sail but the members we sail with. We have an excellent volunteer crew who continue to give of their valuable time and numerous talents. Thank you all!

As warm weather approaches and new members join, I encourage all club members to keep a warm smile on your face, to greet each other in a spirit of camaraderie, and to share your love of sailing.

Fair winds! -- Meg 

MSC Website Has it All!

www.MichiganSailingClub.org

There are a lot of changes to the website this year, all geared for you! As the primary hub of communication, the website is your **GO-TO** place for anything you need, from finding out when we are opening, to incident report forms, to studying for or signing up for any rating, regatta, or activity you wish to conquer.

The website will give you all the information that we have available at present - with more information and activities being added constantly. Please use it as the first place you look for answers to your questions.

Don't forget the "Live Weather" page. It's has all the resources of

many weather sources conveniently organized in one location. The MSC weather page has everything from basic radar, future forecasting, and super specific local aviation weather forecasts as well as a link to our own MSC weather station.

Last year we added a **water temperature sensor** so in addition to winds at the dock you can quickly determine whether it's suitable to go swimming yet!

I'm looking forward to the warmer weather and I can't wait to see you all out there!

--- Patrick, Secretary 



Photo by Marissa N.

In 2022, we aim to grow the number of active windsurfing members and improve the club's windsurfing equipment. We will start developing a club windsurfing "manual" to complement the on-the-water introductory windsurfing clinics, with the aim of improving the conversion rate of clinic participants. With respect to equipment, at the start of the season we will hold a maintenance session to triage the equipment with the goal of ensuring that the most serviceable boards and sails are rigged with the most serviceable components, and that obsolete gear is removed. On that front, we also expect to formulate an equipment acquisition strategy.

— Maciej, Windsurfing Chair



Consider paying your dues by check as more of the money goes to the Club. So far, we are operating within budget. I'm new this year and will try my best to work diligently for the benefit of the club!

— Anna B., Treasurer 

JOIN NOW FOR THE 2022 SEASON

2022 Dues Rates

	<u>General Rate</u>	<u>Current UM Student</u>
Annual Individual	\$250	\$165
Annual Family	\$380	\$265
Spring & Summer (UM Stud. 5/1-8/31)	N/A	\$100
Academic Year (UM Stud.: 9/1-4/30)	N/A	\$90

[Purchase a General Membership](#)

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Or send us check with the following info:

Name: _____ Uniqname (UM Stud. Only): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

MSC Rating(s) Held: Basic Helm Skipper Sailboard

Mail to: Michigan Sailing Club PO Box 147 Dexter, MI 48130

Spring Calendar

Please check our web calendar for more details:

www.michigansailingclub.org/open

APRIL

April 23:

Instructor Kick-off

10am on Zoom

Work Party 12-4pm

April 24: 10AM DOCK-IN!

followed by Racing Practice

April 30: Instructor Training

MAY

May 7: Instructor training

Group Teaching 3-5pm

Sign up online

May 14: Sailing Classes Begin

All students should register online

May 15: MSC Sunfish Regatta

Sunfish class invitational race

Register online

May 21: Intermediate/Advanced

6-week sailing class starts

Sign up online

May 29:

25th Annual Dan Rice Regatta

Multi-class racing, register online

May 30:

Memorial Day Potluck 1pm

Gus Miller Boathouse Official naming ceremony 1:30pm




Sunfish Regatta: photo by Charlie Scott

Racing In 2022

With new boats to sail, the 2022 racing season promises to be an interesting one. The new Melges 15 boats will add another level of accessible performance to our MSC fleet. Their asymmetrical spinnakers, deployed from a chute, take much of the complication out of spinnaker use and make for thrilling rides downwind in even moderate conditions. These boats also have a hard chine hull for stability and deep cockpit for sailor comfort. It will be exciting to see how they fare against our olympic-class Flying Dutchmen, 470s and Lasers, as well as the rest of our fleet. Come try one out in our informal Sunday racing!

See the club website for details and regatta registration.

--- Jim, Racing Chair 

Instruction

We're always looking for members willing to instruct. Saturday instruction is a good time to foster club participation and bonding by meeting new members and making new friends. Saturdays are the "cornerstone" of our club. We encourage members (even if you only just learned a new skill) to participate by teaching your skill to others and staying for lunch afterward. If you love teaching and want to get more involved, let us know or sign up here: www.MichiganSailingClub.org/instructor

2022 Regatta Schedule

5/15	Spring Sunfish Regatta
5/29	Dan Rice Memorial
6/5	Spring Laser Regatta
8/7	MSC Rookie Regatta
9/11	Fall Laser Regatta
10/9	Fall Sunfish Regatta
10/30	MSC Bone Chiller



FOOD OPTIONS



Hungry? We have included a section on our website with a variety of nearby food options accessible by land and by sea!

Menus and contact information are all conveniently located in one place for you along with detailed maps and instructions for getting there!

For instance, NautiMI has a food truck Sunday, April 24th!

Visit:
<http://michigansailingclub.org/food/>



Photo by Michael B.

Changes

Over the winter a productive committee, chaired by Souha H., worked on redrafting both how we administer and implement our **Intermediate Sailing Rating**. They developed a much-needed **GUIDE** which includes everything from details on power boat driving criteria to suitable work projects. Thank you to all those who contributed to this effort.
<http://michigansailingclub.org/learning/helm-rating/>

Another topic tackled over the winter was how to safely administer our **Swim Check** for the Basic sailing rating. US Sailing has dropped the recommendation to test all students on swimming, but we want our rated members to be confident in their swim abilities. The revised MSC Swim Check policy will eventually be added to our website.

We welcome all members' comments on these and other topics. Our Discussion List is a great place. Or always feel free to email your board members:
ContactUs@MichiganSailingClub.org

SOCIAL LIFE

Make new friends and greet the old. The club's first social event will be a **DOCK-IN PARTY** to celebrate the new Spring season. Come to Dock-In to help out and enjoy a pizza lunch with friendly faces!



The annual **Memorial Day Potluck** is May 30 at 1pm. Bring your favorite dish to share, rain or shine.



Moonlight Sailing:
Check out the website for details and applicable dates.



Join us on **Facebook**. Search for "Michigan Sailing Club" using your Facebook account and join us for club updates and photos.

Gus Miller Boathouse Naming Ceremony

The MSC Boathouse Dedication Committee has been hard at work this winter. At the potluck picnic on Memorial Day, we are planning to hold a dedication ceremony changing the name of our boat house to the "Gus Miller Boathouse." Gus was a long term member of our club who was instrumental in developing our instructional program and rating system as well as building boat house itself. Please join us for this historic event!

— Jane T., Instructor 

Join our Email Lists!

Keep in touch with the club even when you're not at the lake. As a member, you're automatically added to our two main lists: The moderated [Announcement List](#) will give you upcoming events and official club announcements. For additional discussion and to find out when someone is holding "open sailing," the unmoderated [Discussion List](#) is for anything related to the club and any member may post to it. Optional lists include Racing, Windsurfing, and Dockmaster's Helpers. If you have any interest in information on these fun activities or if you want to find a way to get more involved with the club, we recommend subscribing!

To add yourself, visit: www.MichiganSailingClub.org/get-involved

Classes

Two intermediate/advanced sailing classes are going to be offered this spring/summer on Saturdays at the sailing club by our skippers.

Jane Tucker is teaching a laser clinic from 9:00 am - 10:30 am starting June 5.

Ovidiu Adam, assisted by Razvan Adam and Jane Tucker, will be teaching an intermediate/advanced class focusing on controls, trapezing, and spinnaker handling with the Flying Dutchman, 470, and Melges 15 starting May 21 11:00am - 3:00pm.

Signups for all learning opportunities can be found in the "Main Menu" on our website.



Saturdays

This season is shaping up to be a vast improvement over the last two. Hopefully COVID-19 won't interfere with this one too much.

The plan is to bring back our traditional Saturday sailing school with much better organization. There will still be drop-in lessons but also an option to have an assigned instructor. Weeknight teaching is also being arranged.

For those who already have a Basic rating, there will be more options this season. Helm rating (formerly Key) classes are being planned, Intermediate and advanced classes are forming, and Chas is going to have a fun/social/teaching session weekly.

And, last but not least, instructor/student lunches will be back on Saturdays!!! So plan on coming out to the club to learn new sailing skills and improve your sailing acumen.

— Jeff K., Vice Commodore 

Thank You!

COMMITTEES

Special thanks to all our committees that are working hard to improve club life.

Covid 19 Response Committee

Open/Close Checklist Committee

Helm Rating Committee

Gus Miller Boathouse Naming Committee

Swim Check Committee

Console Rescue Boat Committee

Youth Sailing Adventures Committee


Windsurfing Committee

Get involved! Consider joining a committee!

Activity Calendar



As we mentioned before, the website has it all! In line with that, we have updated the goal of the "Activity Schedule." While previously it was only used to indicate "Open Sailing," now it is the PRIMARY source of what's going on at the Club day-to-day, including "Open Sailing." Wondering if anyone will be around? Since Covid19 it is been difficult to find the Club open at the usual times. Now you can check the "Activity Schedule." We are encouraging Helm rated members and Skippers to add their names to the list when coming to the Club to hold "Open Sailing" EVEN if there are already other Helm/Skippers signed up. The idea is that if multiple people sign up, the likelihood that the Club will STAY open vastly improves. If everyone participates, you can feel confident "making the drive" knowing someone will still be there when you arrive. Helm/Skippers should still send an email to the discussion list if able but going forward, the main avenue for communication will be our website.

— Patrick, Webmaster 



Y O G A

SUP Yoga with Anita

Club Helm Member Anita has indicated that she will once again lead SUP yoga at the club on Monday and Thursday mornings during the summer. No yoga or SUP experience needed. Sign up and try yoga on the water. Keep an eye on the website for specific dates, times, and to sign up!