

The Broad Reach



Michigan Sailing Club

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Message from the Commodore

As I sit down to write this the ice has fully cleared from Baseline Lake and I'm getting the itch to sail. This season is looking to have an early start. However, having lived in Michigan my whole life, I know that we never truly know what our weather has in store for us.

In any case, we have a promising season to look forward to at the Michigan Sailing Club. We have a wonderful fleet of eight new Melges 15s and our usual assortment of other boats. Our facilities are in good shape and should serve us well in the upcoming season. Our usual plans for socializing, teaching, and racing are coming together well and the flag officers are working to act on feedback from our recent survey. Look for announcements about improvements to our racing program and social activities. Please remember that the success and development of our club depends on volunteer efforts.

Please consider how you can help contribute to the operations and enhancement of the Michigan Sailing Club. We always need volunteers for the usual club events, but consider asking our flag officers about other opportunities to help out. I look forward to seeing everyone at our club this season.

Fair winds and following seas! Jeff

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Your Help Needed at Dock-In Sat., April 13 (10AM - 2PM)

This is the premier event of the season for club members to meet and make the club ready for sailing. We will need lots of hands to get the boats out on the lawn, get them rigged, finish installing the docks, clean up the boathouse, and help the lunch crew. Yes, a delicious lunch will be provided for all volunteers!

We will break up into five groups, each with a leader indicated below who will coordinate the respective activities:

1. Move boat hulls to lawn, place on dollies, and deploy; break down racks (James Alexander)
2. Rig boats that remain on lawn (Jeff Kaloustian)
3. Finish installing docks and lifts (Alex Zampieri) – bring waders if you have them
4. Boathouse cleanup, install awning (Laura Hagan); identify needed updates or improvements
5. Lunch (Reggie Rodrigues)

Feel free to contact team leaders ahead of Dock-In if you have questions, especially for lunch planning. We're all looking forward to seeing you at this inaugural event!

 Paul Berry, dockmaster@michigansailingclub.org



Mentorship Program

MSC is launching a mentorship pilot program this year to match volunteer mentors with new members! The 2023 Membership Survey revealed that many people seek more community engagement and that new members often have the most difficulty feeling connected.

Mentors will help mentees learn the ropes (no pun intended!), become connected with the community, answer questions, and (hopefully) take their mentees sailing. Mentors should be at least Basic rated. Mentees are intended to be newer Club members in their first or second season.

Sign up here to be a volunteer **MENTOR**

New members sign up as a **MENTEE**

New Email List

sailclub-members-only@googlegroups.com

Though you may have already noticed communications from this list, we'd like to officially introduce the new Members-Only List email list. In an effort to make our membership more aware of the ongoings of the Club, we created this list to do just that. No need to request to be on this list, you will be added automatically as long as your dues are current. Want to know when the next class is being offered? Need a ride to the club? Need to get in contact with another member you met sailing? The Members-Only email list is designed to do just that, allow members the ability to reach other members.

Wanted: Social Chair

Are you good at organizing events? Do you like to meet new and interesting people?

Our recent member survey identified a few areas that we can improve on at Michigan Sailing Club. One was to increase/improve our member engagement. We are seeking someone to head up our social efforts. This person would not have to do all the work but lead the effort and coordinate other volunteers to make club events a success. There is much potential to work with at our club and plenty of members looking for social interaction around our common interest of sailing.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact Jeff at commodore@michigansailingclub.org.



Calendar of Events

- April 13 - Dock-In
- April 14 - Get to Know Your Boat: Sunfish
- April 20 - Instructor's Mtg.
- April 20-21 - UM Sailing Team Big 10 Regatta
- April 27 - Get to Know Your Boat: Wayfarer
- April 28 - Sunday Racing Practice starts
- May 11 - Saturday morning Boat School starts
- May 24 - Friday Basics & Beyond starts
- May 26 - Dan Rice Regatta
- June 2 - Sunfish Regatta
- June 16 - Spring Laser Regatta
- July 4 - Member Business Meeting and Potluck
- July 28 - Rookie Regatta
- Sept. 2 - Labor Day Potluck
- Sept. 15 - Fall Laser Regatta
- Sept. 22 - M15 Regatta & End of Summer Social
- Sept. 29 - UM Sailing Team Carey Price Regatta
- Oct. 13 - Sunfish Regatta
- Oct. 27 - Bone Chiller Regatta

How to Use the Boat Check-Out Board

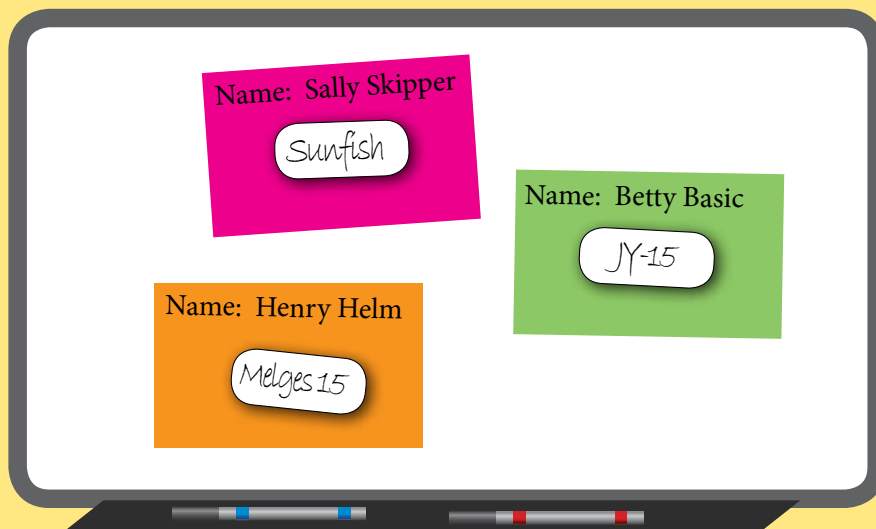
For rated members to check out a sailboat/sailboard:

- (1) find your card - green for Basic or sailboard, orange for Helm, and pink for Skipper
- (2) put your card on the board with the correct boat magnet

To check out paddlecraft:

- (1) write the date and your name on a blue paddlecraft card
- (2) put the card on the board with the magnet labeled with the type of paddlecraft

[click here for more detailed information](#)



Visiting the Club Alone? Gate Training Available Now!

Members that have received “Gate Training” are able to open the gate, park in the parking lot, and are granted permission to access the boathouse when the Club is not already open. Gate Training should take no more than 30 minutes to complete. You will learn how to properly open, close, secure and take responsibility for accessing the Club. Please remember: sailing is not permitted unless the Club is “Open for Sailing” and so “Gate Training” does not permit sailboat or sailboard usage, but you may access the grounds, dock, clubhouse, kayaks, and paddle boards. You can sign up for Gate Training on our website or for a refresher if you’ve already had the training. We’re here to help.

The Club only functions with the help of volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a “Gate Trainer” please email the webmaster at webmaster@michigansailingclub.org.

ISO: Bibliophilic Bluejackets

Love to read? **Join our new monthly book group** with an emphasis on nautical novels, maritime memoirs, crewman chronicles, and seafaring sagas.

For more info contact
meg@michigansailingclub.org



Stay informed!

Please make sure your email address is up-to-date! If you have used multiple email addresses over the years, please email webmaster at Michigansailingclub.org with a single current email address you wish to use for all communications from MSC. We suspect that one of the reasons members are not receiving emails from us is because we have an incorrect email address on file for you.

In addition, we often only have the email address for the primary account holder. If you have a family membership and your family members have not been receiving communications from us and wish to, please let us know and we will gladly add them. Finally, be sure to check your spam folders and add our list addresses to your address book.

MELGES 15 ONE DESIGN RACING SERIES

Tues. 6-8:30 PM starting July 30, 2024

New in 2024, Jeff K. is launching a one design racing series for the Melges 15. This series will be open to 18 people with preference to members who take Jeff’s Tuesday evening class in May/June. Others must be approved by the instructor with preference to sailors with appropriate racing skills and knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Two racers will serve as race committee each week on a rotating basis. Our racing parameters will be set according to weather conditions in order to make this a safe environment for all participants. Racers will be responsible for following the Racing Rules of Sailing and taking penalties or lodging protests when appropriate. Contact between boats is strictly prohibited.

Weekends on the Water

the Club is held **OPEN FOR SAILING** during Basics & Beyond, Boat School, and Racing Practice

FRIDAY: Basics & Beyond

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
starting May 24

Friday night sessions are for those working on their Basic rating, and for those who have earned their Basic rating and want to continue improving their skills and building their confidence on the water!

SATURDAY: Boat School

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
starting May 11

Boat school is geared toward beginners working on their Basic rating. No sign-up necessary! Instructors are available to teach all the basics skills. If you're Helm rated, considering coming to help teach!

SUNDAY: Racing Practice

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
starting April 28

Everyone is welcome at Sunday racing practices! If you're not Basic rated, we can probably find you someone to sail with (although no guarantees). Racing is a great way to quickly improve your sailing skills!



GET TO KNOW YOUR BOAT

Anna will be holding 4-hour clinics this spring on specific boats at the Club. The clinics will cover detailed set up, rigging, unrigging as well as pre and post sailing inspection. The clinics are open to all club members and levels who want to dive into the boat and get to know it better.

Sunfish.....Sunday, April 14, 2024

Wayfarer.....Saturday, April 27, 2024

470.....TBD

Melges 15.....TBD

Join now for the 2024 season!

	General Public	Current U of M Student
Annual Membership (Individual)	\$280	\$185
Annual Membership (Family)	\$425	\$297
Spring/Summer (5/1-8/31)	N/A	\$100
Academic Year (9/1-4/30)	N/A	\$100

Sign up for
General Membership

Sign up for U of M
Student Membership

Calling All Tour Guides!

We are in need of volunteers to help give tours to perspective and new members. The more volunteers we have, the more opportunity to accommodate those on our wait-list. If you have an outgoing personality, enjoy meeting new people, and love sharing the joy of sailing, this job may be for you! Please contact our webmaster to get started in this exciting volunteer opportunity.

When is the Club open for Open Sailing?

The Club is open whenever a Helm or Skipper holds it open. These times may be announced by email and should be posted on the calendar on the left side of the website homepage.

The Club is also open during Friday Basics & Beyond, Saturday morning Boat School, and Sunday Racing Practice. It may be open during other classes as well.

The Club is also often open on Saturday afternoons when the weather is good.

If you are a Helm or Skipper opening the Club, please indicate this on the calendar on the website. Click the yellow highlighted link that says "HELMS AND SKIPPERS SIGN-UP HERE." This takes you to a Google spreadsheet where you can enter the information. It's super easy!

Michigan Sailing Club

2023 Activity Schedule*

Day	Date
Mon	4-1
Tues	4-2
Wed	4-3
Thu	4-4
Fri	4-5
Sat	4-6
Sun	4-7
Mon	4-8
Tues	4-9
Wed	4-10
Thu	4-11
Fri	4-12
Sat	4-13



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What class should I take?



Please note that MSC is not a sailing school. We are a membership organization and volunteers provide learning opportunities to other members. Classes are NOT open to non-members.

I'm new to sailing....

Boat School (multiple instructors)

Sat. 9AM-12PM, starting 5/11/24. For beginners working on their Basic rating.

Meg's Shore School

Mon. 6-8:30PM, starting 5/6/24. Learn "on shore" skills for your Basic rating. (In June/July, will also be open to those working on Helm/Skipper)

No pre-requisites or registration required for Boat School, Shore School, or Basics & Beyond!

Basics & Beyond (Anna & Kirk)

Fri. 5-8PM, starting 5/24/24. Work on your Basic rating, and for Basic rated sailors who want to continue improving their skills!

I can get around on a Sunfish and am interested in racing....

Kirk's Intro to Racing

Thurs. 6-8PM, starting 6/6/24. For members with little or no racing experience who are comfortable helming a single-handed boat. Class will cover types of race courses, starting a race, sailing the course, rounding marks, and finishing.

I have my Basic rating and want to sharpen my skills....

Jane's Laser Clinic

Sat. 9-11AM, starting 5/18/24. How to rig and sail a Laser from all points of sail. Plus tips for racing Lasers!

in a Laser

in a Melges 15

Jeff's Intermediate/Advanced Sailing & Beginner Racing

Tues. 6-8:30PM, starting 5/7/24. This class will focus on expanding Melges 15 sailing skills and learning how to race sailboats.

Becky's Intermediate Class

Wed. 6PM-dusk, starting 5/22/24. Topics include sail shape & trim in different conditions, balancing the boat, heave-to, and more.

I'm working on my Helm rating....

Meg's Shore School

Mon. 6-8:30PM, dates in June/July TBD - Learn "on shore" skills for Basic, Helm, & Skipper ratings.

Half Helm Days

Work with Skippers to learn and sign-off your Helm requirements. 2024 dates TBD.

I am ready for more advanced techniques....

Ovidiu's Intermediate / Advanced Class

Sat. 1-4PM, starting 5/4/24. This class will focus on higher skills of sailing, including high wind techniques, proper rigging, use of a trapeze and flying a spinnaker. PLEASE REVIEW PRE-REQUISITES!

Consider helping teach Boat School or Shore School!

This is a great way to contribute to the Club and to sharpen your own skills!