

The Broad Reach



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Message from the Commodore

The club is in full operation and ready for you to come and sail. We had a successful Memorial Day weekend with teaching & learning, a great regatta, and a small but wonderful potluck social. The weather wasn't great for swimming, etc. but usually that means good sailing conditions. Remember that even if it isn't sunny and nice, sailing conditions could be great. As long as the storms stay away, we can sail. Consider coming out to the club even if the weather isn't "perfect."

You have probably heard that the club's well pump had some problems on Memorial Day. Fortunately, water can be drawn from the lake to operate our heads (toilets). So, it didn't slow us down too much. Cribley was able to come out and identify the problem without great cost. This does remind me that our infrastructure is aging and we need to have a financial cushion to fall back on when this sort of thing happens. We will definitely keep this in mind as we develop future budgets and spending plans. A well pump isn't as much fun as a sailboat, but it's a necessity!

Finally, please consider volunteering to keep the club looking good as the season progresses. Some of the recent calls for help have gone unanswered. If you are receiving sailing instruction, volunteering to do some cleaning is a nice way to say thank you for our volunteer instructors' time.

Fair winds and following seas! Jeff

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Regatta Recap

Nine boats in total turned out for the Dan Rice Memorial Regatta - the Club's mixed fleet championship regatta - four Melges 15, two Lasers, one 470, one 505, and one Albacore. It was a gusty day with several capsizes, but the race committee was able to hold five races (with one throw-out). Paul T. took first in his Albacore, with seven points. Ovidiu and his crew Matt also had seven points, taking a very close second overall and placing highest among those racing a Club boat. Carey and his crew Joy placed third. Special thanks to PRO George and the race committee!

The Spring Sunfish Regatta drew in six boats, including several from outside the Club. Despite an at-times ominous sky, there was no rain, and the wind was decent. After 5 races, the winner was past Sunfish World champion Derrick Fries. The Club's own Kirk Beadle took second, with Stu Pettitt in third. Vince Young took the Bronze Gooseneck - a special prize for the top-placing non-race legal boat. Special thanks to PRO Meg and the race committee!

If you're interested in learning to race, join us for casual racing on Sunday mornings at 10 AM! Even if you are a beginner sailor, we will likely be able to match you with an experienced racer. Racing is a great way to learn boat handling skills quickly! If you want to observe racing first, volunteering on the race committee for a regatta is a great way to get an up-close view and an opportunity to get tips from top racers!



Stay connected with MSC on Facebook! We've got a public page and a members-only group!



Working on Your Helm Rating?

Have you earned your Basic rating? Do you want to continue to build your skills? One way is to start working on a Helm rating! Here's how to get started:

- 1 Review the [Helm Rating webpage](#) and the [Helm Rating Guide](#)
- 2 Email Sandy at Sandy@MichiganSailingClub.org if you have questions about navigating the process
- 3 Attend one or both upcoming "Helm Days"! Helm Days are an incredible opportunity where Skippers volunteer to help Helm candidates work on required skills and administer testing of skills.

Saturday, June 15 • 1 PM - 5 PM

Saturday, July 6 • 1 PM - 5 PM

[Click here to register!](#)

- 4 Attend relevant Thursday night lectures, such as Jeff's **Weather for Sailors on June 13 at 7 PM**
- 5 Attend Monday night Shore School -- email Meg [ahead of time](mailto:megower@yahoo.com) at megower@yahoo.com if you'd like to work on on-shore Helm skills

CLUB CONSTITUTION UPDATE

The Board formed a committee earlier this year to review and propose updates to the Club Constitution, which has not been updated in many years. The committee, which is composed of Board members and non-Board members, have identified a number of items that need updating. For example, the committee intends to propose updating the Purpose statement (which is exclusively about students), eliminating the requirement of weekly meetings, and other modifications to reflect the Club's current operations. The committee is also working on limited updates to the Rules to ensure consistency with the proposed updated Constitution. The committee will publish the proposed changes to the full membership for review and feedback, and then will submit a final proposal for voting at a Business Meeting.

Summer Sailing for Kids & Teens

The Club will be hosting 2 fun-filled summer kids' programs this year! These are a great opportunity to introduce your kids to sailing and get them comfortable in and on the water.

These programs are for **Members only** and a parent or guardian must accompany each child/teen and participate. (This is not a drop-off camp!) There is a \$50 fee to cover supplies.

Youth Pirate Adventure

Mon. June 24 - Fri. June 28

10AM-3PM, optional social time 3PM-5PM

Family Potluck Monday at 5:30

For ages 6-13

(14+ may join instead of the teen program)

[click here!](#)

Teen Week

Mon. July 22 - Fri. July 26

10AM-2PM

[click here!](#)



THE COMMODORE'S CUP

MSC will be holding a brand new event this year - the Commodore's Cup! This is an inclusive event where we hope to get every single Club boat out on the lake at once! We will be holding a "poker run" - each boat will stop at 5 different checkpoints on the lake and pick up a playing card. The boat with the best poker hand at the end of the day wins! We'll have prizes and a photo contest!

**SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, August 10 in the afternoon**

We will need several volunteers to make this event a success. If you're interested in helping out, please email Jeff at Commodore@MichiganSailingClub.org

More details to come.....



Help us keep the club ship-shape!

We rely on our members to keep our boathouse, kitchen, bathroom, and grounds neat and tidy! Please remember to do your part to help out.

Calendar of Events

- June 13 - Weather for Sailors Lecture
- June 15 - Helm Day
- June 16 - Spring Laser Regatta
- June 20 - Boat Repair Lecture
- June 24-28 - Youth Adventure
- June 22 - Sailing Away from the Club Lecture
- July 4 - Holiday Potluck
- July 6 - Helm Day
- July 22-26 - Teen Week
- July 28 - Rookie Regatta
- Aug. 10 - Commodore's Cup
- Sept. 2 - Labor Day Potluck
- Sept. 15 - Fall Laser Regatta
- Sept. 22 - M15 Regatta & End of Summer Social
- Sept. 28/29 - UM Sailing Team Carey Price Regatta
- Oct. 13 - Fall Sunfish Regatta
- Oct. 27 - Bone Chiller Regatta

Seeking Mentors!

We are still seeking mentors for our mentorship program! This is a great way to share your love of sailing, give back to our amazing community, and find new people to sail with! We hope that mentors will help new members become acquainted with the Club and how the Club operates, answer questions, and meet up a few times over the summer to go sailing!

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