

The Broad Reach



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Message from the Commodore

The sun has crossed the Equatorial plane and is headed south; in other words, fall has arrived. The UM team has returned from summer break and is actively practicing and racing under the direction of a new coach. The days are getting shorter, but there are still quality chances to sail this season.

Congratulations to all of our newly rated members. If you haven't completed your rating yet, there is still time to do so. It's wonderful to see so many people learning how to sail (or sail better) at our club. The skills we teach scale well to bigger boats or other modes of sailing.

We've had a great season with our fleet of Melges 15s seeing plenty of action. The inaugural Commodores Cup was a hit with all who participated. Look for this event to expand and improve in future iterations. I was told by several long-time members that it was the best club event they've attended. Our first Melges 15 Regatta was a smashing success and all racers had fun in the light challenging conditions. It's also been wonderful to see families and kids sailing and learning at our club.

I'd like to thank all the board members and volunteers for their generous time spent on the club this season. Please be sure to thank them for keeping our club going and making it great. Also, thank you to all who have volunteered in any capacity at our club this season. I hope to see you all at dock out!

~ Jeff

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Interested in running for the Board?

Each year, the MSC membership elects the seven Officers of the Board who take responsibility for much of the running of the Club. The Board is made up of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore (who heads up the instruction program), Treasurer, Secretary, Race Chair, Fleet Captain, and Dock Master. If you're interested in learning about serving on the Board or possibly running for an Officer position in 2024, please reach out to Jeff at Commodore@MichiganSailingClub.

Regatta Recap

Six racers came out to compete in the **Spring Laser Regatta** - 4 Club members and 2 visiting sailors. Kevin took the highest position of Club members in third overall.

We also had six boats in the annual **Rookie Regatta**, which gives an opportunity for our less experienced racers to get on the course, ideally with a crew member who can help "coach." Joy and Carey placed first, followed by Emma and Paul, and Chris and John Shaw.

All eight boats were sailed in our first annual **Melges 15 Regatta!** After a delayed start, the wind filled enough to sail and the fleet completed five races. Ovidiu and Uli placed first, with Mel and Chas in second, and Jeff and Emma in third.

While not actually a "regatta," the inaugural Commodore's Cup was a successful and exciting day of sailing (and capsizing!), with the weather station registering gusts above 25 mph. At the end of the day, Carey had the best poker hand with three of a kind, followed by Souha & Jane, and then the Parkhurst family. If you missed out this year, don't worry - we've got a tentative date of August 9, 2025 set for next year! Save the date!



BASIC RATING GUIDE

If you're newer to sailing and/or working on your Basic rating, make sure to check out the Basic Rating Guide, which takes you through everything you need to know to get your Basic rating.

If you are motivated, there is still time this season to get items signed off for your Basic rating, especially if you take the time to review these items at home. If you still are having trouble with some concepts, our instructors are available to guide you. However, having a good grasp of these items before you come will really speed along the understanding and mastery phases.

Your Help Needed at Dock-Out: Saturday, Nov. 9 ~ 10 AM - 2 PM

The Michigan Sailing Club will hold its annual dock-out day on Saturday, November 9, from 10:00 AM to about 2:00 PM. Lunch and snacks will be provided. All members are encouraged to attend to assist with tasks including derigging the boats, assembling racks, storing boats on racks, stacking the dollies, storing the grills, tidying the grounds (a final mowing or weed-whacking and leaf raking), organizing the boathouse, and helping with dock removal. Needless to say, the more the merrier to help with these activities!

Volunteers are also needed to help organize lunch and prepare food for the large group of members we hope will participate.

Please mark your calendars to help us wrap up the season at the club. This is a great opportunity to support our club, meet up with other club members, and see what a fine collection of boats the club is now managing.

~ Paul B.

Off-Season Learning

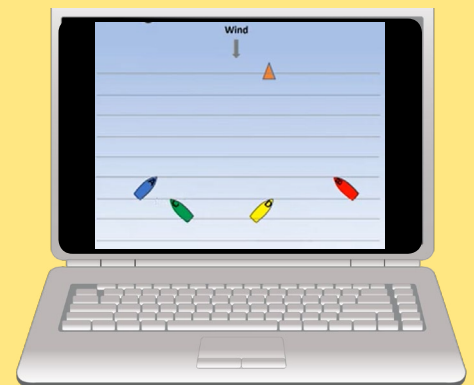
Are you wondering what to do all winter long when there's no sailing? Not to worry - there are plenty of ways to keep learning! Here are a few of our favorite online resources:



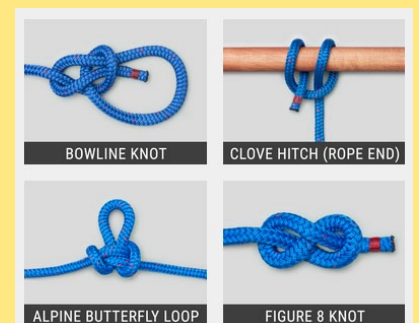
That's right - our very own website is chock full of great information and links! Check out the Resources tab (far right on the homepage banner) to find lots of information on what you need to know for your Basic or Helm rating, practice tests, as well as lots of other helpful topics.



This comprehensive website offers free sailing education for racers on a variety of topics, including boat handling and performance, as well as strategy and tactics. This site includes great resources for beginner racers and anyone interested in becoming a better sailor. The image to the right is from a great video on "ladder rungs" for visualizing the race course - click on the image for a link to the video!



One of the easiest things to forget over the long, cold winter is... knots! Animated Knots is a great website that provides just that - easy-to-follow stop-motion animation of how to tie a huge variety of knots. Unlike Youtube videos, there's no boring intros or asks to follow their channel. Brush up on the basics or delve into the vast world of hitches, bends, stoppers, and more!



Congratulations!

A big congratulations to everyone who earned a new Rating this season!

BASIC RATING:

Aaron K.	Emma P.	Laura H.	Sophia D.
Alec C.	Gail M.	Lily H.	Thomas M.
Amy B.	Guy S.	Mathew O.	Tom D.
Amy C.	Hal B.	Melissa L.	Tricia P.
Attasit C.	Hannah P.	Michael S.	Major Z.
Brad C.	Jack P.	Molly P.	Walker B.
Casmer P.	Joaquim M.	Natalia D.	
David P.	John C.	Nick H.	
Elvin Y.	Kevin B.	Patrick Mc.	

SAILBOARD RATING:

Donna M.	Josh S.
Ivo D.	Maciej S.

HELM RATING:

Chris K.

Annual Business & Election Meeting

MSC's annual Finance and Election Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00 via Zoom. Please plan to attend! We need a quorum to conduct business and your input is valuable. **Make sure that you are current on your dues** so that you are an official member and can vote! Dues paid on the day of the meeting may not be processed in time so **please pay dues early!**

We will be discussing and voting on the following for 2024: Officers of the Board, the budget, and membership dues! The Board will also announce the authorized signers.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 4 - Better Sunfish Sailing
Oct. 6 - Fall Laser Regatta
Oct. 11 - Better Sunfish Sailing
Oct. 13 - Fall Sunfish Regatta
Oct. 24 - Annual Business and Election Meeting
Oct. 27 - Bone Chiller Regatta
Nov. 9 - Dock-Out



Windsurfing Corner

Wow! What a summer for windsurfing! We have had many new windsurfers try out the sport this year, including a couple of middle schoolers! Some Members have even practiced enough to achieve their Sailboard Rating! Congratulations. It CAN be done!! And if you're thinking it's too hard, just remember, there is a 98 year old woman in Sardinia named Mariuccia Rivano that still windsurfs!

The weather this summer offered a mix of lighter winds and warmer temperatures which are ideal for beginner windsurfers. We were also able to offer several mini-clinics, use of our on-land-trainer, as well as several opportunities having a retrieval boat accompany windsurfers out on the lake so participants could both observe and swap with fellow windsurfers while being able to get out into the middle of the lake where the "good wind" was better accessible. As fall approaches, there is still plenty of time to learn how to windsurf. In fact, fall can be some of the best time to windsurf! Why? The water is still warm, the air can often be warm as well, the motorboats have diminished, and the winds start to pickup. When it gets a little cooler the air has more density which translates into MORE power! A light or medium wetsuit can work wonders in extending your season. We have a great group of core instructors available. We can get you started on land and transition you to the water. Visit our website and start reviewing our windsurfing guide: <http://michigansailingclub.org/windsurfing/> It will get you started. You can also join the Windsurfing email list where you can ask questions and find out when we will be at the club windsurfing.

Hope to see you out there windsurfing soon! ~ Patrick M.

