



Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association

The Joy of Sailing

2008 Winter Sailing Seminars Schedule

Seminars developed with the novice and recreational sailor in mind.

These weekly seminars are designed to introduce the sport of sailing to non-sailors and to broaden the knowledge of newer sailors. They are free and open to the public. One need not belong to a club or the DRYA to attend. All seminars start at 7:00 p.m.

If It's Wednesday Night, It's Sailing Seminar Night!

As of 11/08/2007

January 09

"The Joy of Sailing"

Grosse Pointe Yacht
Club
788 Lakeshore
Grosse Pointe Shores
313-884-2500

Like a duck to water... The simple joy of sailing combines to make the sport less of a pastime and more of a necessity. Sailing is, when you come down to it, incredibly simple: a matter of pointing the boat where you want to go, feeling for the wind, and adjusting the sails accordingly. Begin to understand the relationship between boat, sail and wind by kicking off the **FREE** winter sailing seminar season and join us at the **Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC)** on **Wednesday, January 09 at 7:00pm**, as various sailing enthusiasts capture the *spirit* of sailing for all ages and experience levels. These sailing enthusiasts will discuss their love of sailing from their unique and different perspectives: cruising, racing, crewing and full time living aboard. We all have our reasons for our passionate involvement and we'd like to share these with you! **The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club** is located just south of Vernier Road at 788 Lakeshore Drive in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The office telephone is (313) 884.2500.

*Also, members of the **DRYA** clubs will be on hand to discuss their club membership and their racing and sailing instruction programs.*

January 16

"First Aid Afloat"

Edison Boat Club
100 Lycaste
Detroit
313-235-2975

When help can't get to you at sea, here are the essentials to keep you afloat. If an accident should happen aboard, virtually every ship afloat has its own infirmary staffed by doctors and/or nurses. Accidents aren't fun, they aren't profitable and they don't win prizes, so by far the best way to deal with accidents is to run the kind of ship which does not have accidents in the first place. But just in case things do go wrong, someone on board needs some kind of first aid training. Better still, EVERYONE on board should know what to do. Join us at the **Edison Boat Club (EBC)** on **Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00pm**, as several local physicians will educate us on how to treat those minor, and not so minor, sailing injuries. Learn what first aid items should be in your kit and how to properly administer them. The **Edison Boat Club** is located at 100 Lycaste, Detroit, Michigan. The office telephone is (313) 235-2975.

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January 23

North Star Sail Club
32041 South River Road
Mt. Clemens
586-463-2192

“Onboard Safety and Dressing for the Season”

Setting out to sea sounds easy enough, but there are many precautions you must take before settling sail to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Many of these precautions need to be taken even before you set out. Never underestimate the importance of boat passenger safety for every person on board when you are sailing. The key to fun boating is safety! Before leaving the dock, you should first make sure that your boat is prepared with the right safety equipment before you head offshore. You sail because you enjoy it and in order to enhance and guarantee your enjoyment, there are a number of general safety items you should be aware of. Join us for the **most authoritative** seminar on safe seamanship at the **North Star Sail Club (NSSC)** on **Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00pm**, as **Mike Clow from Yachtsman.com** and **Larry Coombs** are teaming up to discuss clothing and safety equipment at sea. **The North Star Sail Club** is located at 32041 South River Road, Mt. Clemens, Michigan. The office telephone is (586) 463-2192.

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January 30

Bayview Yacht Club
100 Clairpointe
Detroit
313-822-1853

“Storm Clouds or Sunshine on the Horizon?”

Good sailors are always careful about weather. As the old rhyme says: “Red sky at night, sailor’s delight”. “Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning.” Weather is capricious. Conditions can change suddenly, rendering the forecast obsolete. So if you do get caught out on the water in a blow, what do you do? Join us at the **Bayview Yacht Club (BYC)** on **Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00pm**, as **WJR Weather personality John McMurray** will explain how to read Mother Nature’s signs and be prepared for any weather conditions that she throws your way while out on our Great Lakes. The most significant environmental variables affecting mariners are the wind and the waves that it generates. Learn why the wind blows the way it does and, in simple terms, how the forces controlling the wind manifest themselves around weather systems in the middle latitudes and in the tropics. The **Bayview Yacht Club** is located at 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, Michigan. The office telephone is (313) 822-1853.

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February 06

Grosse Ile Yacht Club
29677 East River Road
Grosse Ile
734-676-0211

“The Plot Thickens: Basic Navigation for Racers & Cruisers”

Because you have to know where you are and where you're going, Navigating, whether while pleasure cruising or racing, is a must. You never know when your electronics will burn up, leaving you stranded in unfamiliar waters. Join us at the **Grosse Ile Yacht Club (GIYC)** on **February 6 at 7:00pm**, along with Kaye Soka as we learn how to read charts quickly and confidently and “dead reckon” your way into a new harbor. The seminar provides you with practical on the water experience using visual navigation and piloting. The skills practiced include interpreting and relating what you see underway to the local charts, using the installed compass and hand bearing compass to take lines of positions, taking and using danger bearings and taking two and three lines of position fixes. The clinic is also a great opportunity to develop and tune your navigation and piloting skills. **The Grosse Ile Yacht Club** is located at 29677 East River Road, Grosse Ile, Michigan. The office telephone is (734) 676-0211.

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“A World of Sails”

February 13

North Star Sail Club
32041 South River Rd.
Mt. Clemens
586-463-2192

A boat is propelled by sails. They have three corners and are usually white. But, they are really sophisticated airfoils. You'll find out how they're made and how you make them work. Sails will last for a surprisingly long time. And you are correct in assuming that letters, numbers and the insignias found on many mainsails are there to serve a purpose. To find out everything there is to know about sails, drift with us on **Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00pm** as the **North Star Sail Club (NSSC)** as Al Declerq will discuss the types of sails you should consider equipping your boat with for all sailing conditions. We will also learn how the size of the sail and the material the sail is made out of will affect our sailing experiences. **The North Star Sail Club** is located at 32041 South River Road, Mt. Clemens, Michigan. The office telephone is (586) 463-2192.

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February 20

Edison Boat Club
100 Lycaste
Detroit
313-235-2975

“Rigging & Hardware”

One of the most rewarding activities connected with sailing is tinkering with your boat's rigging and hardware. The best skippers always seem to be looking aloft at the sails and then thinking about new fittings, or new ways of improving old ones. In this way a person acquires a thorough understanding of how and why every piece of sailing equipment works, plus how to repair and maintain it. As sailors, we too are constantly trying to achieve better and easier boat performance, thus the gear that we install is constantly being improved. In this session, we will cover the hardware present on most sailboats and common sailing techniques and insert as many definitions of terms as you will need. You should know the names of the different pieces of hardware on your boat, all the lines, and should have rigged your boat at least once by yourself before proceeding. Join us on **Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00pm** as the **Edison Boat Club (EBC)** and Todd Jones provide us with a tremendous amount of information about rigging & hardware! **The Edison Boat Club** is located at 100 Lycaste, Detroit, Michigan. The office telephone is (313) 235-2975.

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“Shorthanded Sailing”**February 27**

Grosse Pointe Sail Club
Tompkins Center
14920 Windmill Pointe
Park
Grosse Pointe Park
313-407-9236

Short-handed sailing is more of a mind set than a head count; when the tasks on a boat exceed the experienced crew to cover them, you're short-handed. Cruising or racing, short-handing a boat is a skill acquired through constant practice and education. Would you enjoy making fast, safe passages, under sail, with minimum crew? Sailor Howard Riley will capture the power at the **Grosse Pointe Sail Club (GPSC)** on **Wednesday, February 27 at 7:00pm** for some practical advice on maneuvering, cruising, passage-making and even getting some sleep!, **The Grosse Pointe Sail Club** is located at the corner of Barrington Road in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. The office telephone is (313) 407-9236.

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March 05

Great Lakes Yacht Club
23900 Jefferson
St. Clair Shores
586-778-9510

“Rules of the Road”

Just as there are rules and regulations for automobiles, there are marine traffic laws that boats have to follow. Simply put, these are rules and regulations that every boater is expected to follow in order to avoid disputes and colliding with other boats. They rely on common sense and good practice to succeed. Just as motorists must know what to do when approaching a four way stop, every crossing situation at sea is like approaching an unmarked intersection. The good news is that there are rules to govern the action of each vessel. The bad news is that many vessel operators do not know the rules. Ted Everingham makes it easy with his practical and entertaining program as we get familiar with “The Rules” on **Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00pm** as (the **Great Lakes Yacht Club (GLYC)** educate us so that we can go out and use them in passing, meeting, and crossing situations you find on the water. **The Great Lakes Yacht Club** is located at 23900 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. The office telephone is (586) 778-9510.

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“Dark Secrets of the Race Committee” (Sailing Instructions & The Rest of the Rule Book)

March 12

Ford Yacht Club
One Riverbank Road
Belle Isle
Detroit
313-824-1200

True, the first time you see a sailboat race, you may think it's too complicated and chaotic (it can be both). But like anything else new, you can grow into it step-by-step. Racing a sailboat is a kick! It combines the fun of sailing your boat with the raw competition of trying to beat someone else in a similar boat. Racing also teaches you boat handling and sail trim in a way that no amount of cruising could—by comparing your speed and handling side-by-side with other boats. But what is the secret Winning Formula? -- All you needed to know about sailboat racing and everything you need to know about the Race Management Committee, but didn't know who to ask. On **Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00pm** the **Ford Yacht Club (FYC)** and Jim Rodgers reveal the dark secrets of the Race Committee, Sailing Instructions & the rest of the rule book; from the Principal Race Officer to Race Director to Registrar and Scorekeepers to Boat Crew, each has an important function. The Race Management Committee is composed of people actively involved in various aspects of local, regional, national and international race management. **The Ford Yacht Club** is located at 29500 South Pointe Road, Grosse Ile, Michigan. The office telephone is (734) 676-8422.

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March 19

Detroit Yacht Club
1 Riverbank Road
Detroit
313-824-1200

DRYA Special Event *featuring* Gary Jobson

In the America's Cup and sailing, no voice is better known than that of Gary Jobson. A champion sailor and Cup-winning tactician, Gary is better known world-wide as the warmly admired television commentator for six Cup matches carried by ESPN, he meets the demands both of racing sailors and of landlubbers alike, giving sailors an insightful (and often controversial) view of what is happening on the race course while at the same time conveying the excitement and romance of the sport.

As part of its annual **2008 Winter Sailing Seminars**, the **DRYA** and the **Detroit Yacht Club (DYC)** will provide a front row seat to you at our exciting eleventh seminar on **Wednesday, March 19!** This is a *DO NOT MISS* event for all sailors of all ages! Seating is limited! Admission to the lecture and light refreshment reception is **\$12.00 (\$10.00 for DRYA members)**. Reservations are preferred by March 12th. Contact Patti Miller at (313) 235-1171 or millerpa@dteenergy.com.

So come enjoy a great night getting geared up for the 2008 sailing season and build up your sailing pride tonight as we encourage members to fly their burgee on their cars. **The Detroit Yacht Club** is located at 1 Riverbank Road, Detroit, Michigan. The office telephone is (313) 824-1200.

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ABOUT THE [DRYA](#)

The [Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association](#) was established in 1912 as the Detroit River Yachting Association by the Commodores of the Detroit Boat Club and the Detroit Yacht Club, Commodore Harry Austin and Commodore Harry Kendall, respectively. Originally founded to be a clearing board to assist local clubs in resolving conflicts with their individual summer regatta calendars, the DRYA is now a Michigan Corporation and a registered Non-profit organization.

The purpose of the Association is to encourage and promote, in the United States and Canada, the general interest in boating, yachting and sail racing by amateur sailors (including junior and collegiate sailors) by all appropriate means, including (among others) the following:

Establishing high standards of skill for seamanship, boat handling and navigation of yachts;

Encouraging the ownership of boats and yachts by individuals and member clubs and the development of suitable seaworthy yachts for racing and cruising;

Encouraging and improving the quality of racing by developing and publishing standard sailing instructions, by assisting and supporting member clubs in coordinating the scheduling of races, regattas and related events, by serving in an advisory capacity to member clubs in the organization, conduct and scoring of races and regattas, by providing equipment for conducting races and qualified judges to hear and decide protests and appeals and by any and all other appropriate means;

Improving communications among member clubs and individuals interested in racing and in general, to make known to the member clubs the desires of sailors eligible to race in their regattas;

Promoting, developing, adopting and equitably administering rating and handicapping rules for racing and providing handicaps to members and others;

Maintaining membership in the United States Sailing Association as a "yacht racing association" and, from time to time, membership in other organizations with similar or related purposes;

Acting as an intermediary between member clubs and individuals in their relations with civic and governmental bodies when the general interests and welfare of boating, yachting and sail racing are involved;

Maintaining harmonious relations among its member clubs and individuals."

The [Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association](#) welcomes you to the fellowship of sailing in the Detroit area and on behalf of our nearly 400 member yachtsmen and women, and 29 member clubs, we hope you will join us in our love of boating, especially in the sport of competitive sailing!