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Saginaw Bay Community Sailing June 2015 Newsletter

Try Sailing Day and Riverside Art Festival

Our biggest sailing event of the year is coming up soon!!!

Dear Members, past Members, Supporters, and New and Previous Students:

Our Annual Try Sailing Day / Riverside Art Festival booth will be held on Saturday June 13 and Sunday, June 14 (sailboat rides will only be given on Saturday).

Our location should be the same place as last year - near the corner of Water and 5th Streets. We will have a single booth this year so there will only be room for the usual display. There will be no boat raffled this year so you will be able to focus on promoting the SBCSA's lessons and free sailboat rides (on Saturday).

We will need helpers for the following times: (no experience necessary for most jobs)

Saturday, June 13

* 9:30 AM - 2 PM Booth duty (min 3 people - 4 is better, set-up, promote the SBCSA's Try Sailing and lessons)

* 2 PM - 6 PM Booth duty (min 3 - 4 is better people, promote the SBCSA's Try Sailing and lessons, clean-up)

* 12 PM - 5 PM Dock duty (lots of people: skippering, launching, life jacket fitting, dock master, sign up for rides, etc.)

* 11 AM or earlier - those of you who know how to rig the sailboats.

Officially, Try Sailing is from 1-4 PM, but usually we start as soon as boats and people are ready, typically about 12:30 PM.

Sunday, June 14

* 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM (min 3 people - 4 is better, promote the SBCSA's programs)

* 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM (min 3 people - 4 is better, promote the SBCSA's programs, clean-up)

If I get sufficient response, I can add a third shift to reduce the amount of time spent working. Please let me know which times you are willing to work. If you can't work a whole shift, let me know when you can work and I'll fit you into the schedule. No experience is necessary. This is a great opportunity to meet other members and to talk about sailing!

The Try Sailing activity is weather dependent; the Art Festival booth needs to be staffed rain or shine.

Just email executive.director@sbcса.org with your availability. Thanks for your support!

SBCSA Racing Opportunity Program

So I've completed sailing school, now what?
Want to crew on a race boat, or are you looking for crew?

Simply fill out the appropriate application that can be downloaded at the links below and send it to the address on the application. If you have a problem downloading the application, call (989) 922-7245 or email info@sbcса.org to get a copy.

Participating Sailing Crew

1. Participants must have an affiliation with SBCSA (past or present).
2. Apply for the program using [Crew Application Form](#).
3. Get paired up with a participating race boat and GO SAILING!
4. Provide feedback on: your overall experience, participating Skipper, SBCSA Coordinator, etc.
5. After first time out racing, then at least annually.

Participating Skipper (and Team)

1. Must be actively involved in Saginaw Bay racing (Lightnings, J&M and/or Weekend Races)
2. Must provide an appropriate environment that is SAFE and CONDUCTIVE TO LEARNING the sport of sailboat racing while have having fun at the same time. This may include adults, minors or both.
3. Apply for the program using [Skipper Application Form](#).
4. Get paired up with a SBCSA 'Graduate' and GO SAILING!
5. Provide feedback on: your overall experience, SBCSA crew member, SBCSA Coordinator, etc. at least Annually

Memberships Make SBCSA Thrive!

Becoming a member of the Saginaw Bay Community Sailing Association definitely has perks - you get to socialize with other members throughout the year, use the boats on the river during Tuesday night open sailing, and even use the keep boats on the bay when you're ready. But did you know it also allows you to help sustain a program and organization that you've come to care about? Without the support of our members, we wouldn't be able to offer the programs we do to the community! Please consider sending in your membership form now. If you've already sent it in, thank you!

[Click here](#) for membership information.

Lessons Are Filling Up - Don't Delay!

[Click here](#) to head over to our website to see the schedule this year! The following number

of sessions will be offered this year, so don't delay sending in your registration forms!

Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4 - Youth Introduction to Sailing I
Sessions 5, 6 - Youth Introduction to Sailing II
Session 7 - Intermediate Youth
Session 9 - Advanced Youth
Session 10, 11 - Adult Introduction to Sailing
Session 13, 14 - Family Sailing Workshop

BRAND NEW FOR 2015 - Family Sailing Workshop!

Join other families in this 12 hour introductory course where you will learn to work together to operate a sailboat. The goal is for most of your time to be spent on the water! A minimum of one adult and one youth must register together. Additional family members welcome.

There will be two sessions offered - one weekend workshop and one weeknight workshop. [Click here](#) for more info on this new program!

Don't forget about our [Scholarship Program](#)! If you know of a youth in the community who could benefit from our sailing program but can't afford it - please send them our way.

Independent Sailing for Members

For Association members with previous sailing experience or who have gained enough experience during lessons and Open Sailing, the SBCSA offers opportunities to sail on the lower Saginaw River and Saginaw Bay. To become qualified, members must pass a practical sailing test. To schedule a qualification test or to reserve your sailing time, call (989) 922-7245 or email info@sbcса.org.

The Association keeps two keel boats at Bay Harbor Marina near the mouth of the Saginaw River. These boats can be used by qualified members at any time, availability, weather, and conditions permitting.

With no additional fee for sailing these boats, this program is an absolute bargain that provides a very inexpensive option to enjoy a morning, afternoon, or evening sail!

More information and photos of the boats available are [at this link](#).

Open Sailing Starts June 16!

Members are invited to help us kick off the SBCSA sailing season by coming down to the docks on Tuesday June 16 from 6-8pm for some food, fellowship, and sailing fun! Haven't renewed your membership yet? Now is the perfect time to send it in!

Don't forget that you are allowed to bring a guest when you come. Help introduce sailing to prospective members and lesson takers!

You DEFINITELY want to be involved in Open Sailing this year. From Pram Regattas to Dockside BBQ's, we plan to keep our members involved and entertained all summer long.

Want to help plan a few dock parties? Contact us about joining the social committee today!

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