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The Old Fleet: photo by Ian Tran

From the Commodore...

Our sixty-first year will be an exciting one. We have new boats to sail, old boats to sell, and lots to do to start the club up for another year.

We'll kick the year off with Boat-In on Saturday, March 14; plan to join us in breaking the boats out of winter storage. We'll work on dock and boat projects on the following weekend, then launch the season with Dock-In on Saturday, March 28.

We're expecting the new JY-15s to arrive shortly after dock-in; watch the club email list for more details. We'll organize a couple of weekend

work parties to get the new fleet and dollies assembled and ready for action.

A new fleet's exciting, but let's remember that the most important part of the club is not the boats we sail but the members we sail with.

Hot on the heels of the new boats will be warm May weather and new members joining the club. Let's all try to remember our own early days in the club and try to give our new members the same warm welcome we received when we joined.

See you on the lake! -- Kevin

Advanced Lessons, Windsurfing Return to Instruction Program

Hi Sailors,

Our educational program will see the return of two successful programs from last year. Akiko will offer her Advanced Sailing Class starting at 1:00pm on Saturdays again.

And when the chill is off the water, we will have a three week windsurfing class on Saturdays. I hope that we can also bring a demo group to show off new equipment and present advanced skills to some of our hardy windsurfers.

Over the winter our instructional committee has come up with a number of ideas that I would like to try out this year. Here are a few of the suggestions:

Ratings will be kept at the club. No more worrying about where is my check-off sheet.

I will create a 3 X 5 card for each member showing their rating and room for signatures to check off crew, helm, and skipper skills.

Meg has offered to teach an instructors class for Crew and Helm rated sailors who would like to teach sailing in our Saturday morning boat school. Members who have passed the crew sailing test should also plan to attend. The class will be an excellent way to learn how to teach sailing.

Thursday night boat school will move out to the Sail Club earlier this year. This will make it easier to demonstrate and check off skills.

Also, I plan to restrict the Saturday morning lessons to sailing club members. Visitors coming down the hill will be given a tour of the club, listen to shore



Photo by Akiko Kamimura

lectures, and enjoy a demo lesson on the CL16 as a group on the hour.

Watch your email as I will be asking for volunteers to present at Thursday Shore School, Saturday morning boat school and to man the CL16.

--- Jane Tucker, Vice Commodore

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Annual	\$120	\$180
Annual Family Membership	\$200	\$280

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Spring Calendar

Please check our web calendar
for more details:
www.umich.edu/~umsc/calendar

March

Boat-In: March 14, 10AM

Boats come out of clubhouse

Work Days:

Putting the boats back together
and other miscellaneous jobs.

Sunday, March 15, 10AM

Saturday, March 21, 10AM

Sunday, March 22, 10AM

DOCK-IN: March 28, 9AM

The ever-amazing feat of dock
assembly. Everyone invited!

April

Open Sailing on weekends

Racing season begins Sunday,

April 12, at 10:30AM

May

Sailing Classes Begin

Open Meeting on campus
Thursday, May 8, 7:45PM

Boat School starts and
continues for the season,
Saturday Mornings, 9AM

Spring Fling Regatta:

a JY class invitational race
Sunday, May 10th

12th Annual Dan Rice Regatta

Sunday, May 24th

Annual Memorial Day Potluck

Monday, May 25th, 1PM



Laser Regatta: photo by Akiko Kamimura

Expanding Diversity in Racing Program

As the new racing chair, I'm happy to announce this session's schedule. Sunday racing begins April 12, at 10:30am, and weekday racing will be Wednesday evenings 6:30pm until sunset. We are planning six regattas in 2009:

- The Spring Fling Regatta
- The Dan Rice Memorial
- Summer Laser Regatta
- The Rookie Regatta
- Fall Laser Regatta
- The Bone Chiller

See the club website for details.

During regattas this year, we plan to bring in, when available, outside racing officers to help adjudicate the races. The goal is two-fold: to give ourselves more formal racing settings, and to provide judges the opportunities to practice.

On non-regatta days, we will promote racing education by alternating the emphasis of races between advanced and beginner, depending on the turnout that day. This will allow beginners to crew for experienced skippers, and then race against each other.

Also, with the new JY fleet, we need to sharpen our tacking, rounding, and especially rule knowledge. Saturday afternoon lessons are available for boat handling. We will review rules and racing scenarios before races each week.

Hope to see you out there.

- Mark Haynes, Racing Chair

Join the Email Lists!

Keep in touch with the club even when you're not at the lake. Don't forget to join the club's two email lists. Joining the Moderated List will give you upcoming events and official club announcements. For additional discussion, the unmoderated Discussion List is for anything related to the club, any member may post to it.

To Add Yourself, send an email to: join-um-sailing@umich.edu and join-umsc-discuss@umich.edu.

Paddling News

Members - don't forget that, in addition to sailboats and sailboards, the club has two canoes and four kayaks. The paddlecraft are a wonderful way to pass the occasional afternoon without wind.

In addition to exploring Baseline Lake, we can paddle up- and downriver to the adjacent lakes and enjoy the quiet of the Huron River.



photo by Michael Barrs

Special Thanks

Our members graciously volunteer their time to teach lessons, help maintain the facilities and make the club a friendly place to visit.

THANKS TO ALL!

Rule Changes

Over the winter a small committee has worked on redrafting the club rules to delete the obsolete and incorporate our current practices into text which is mostly more than twenty years old. Thanks to the following members for their hard work:

Carey Jones, chairman
Meg Gower
Mark Haynes
Jim Rennell
Jane Tucker
Tim Young

In the near future we'll post the final draft on the club website and then convene a club meeting to discuss (and maybe approve) the new rules.

There's been a fair amount of traffic on the club discussion list about a proposal to allow Skippers to sail without having someone on shore to run the safety boat. We'll discuss that proposal at the rules meeting as well.

In the meantime, please email any comments on either subject to the Board or share your ideas with your fellow members on the discussion list.
-- Kevin

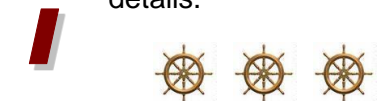
S Make new friends and greet the old. The club's first social event will be a party the evening of **Dock-In** to celebrate the new spring season. Come to Dock-In for details & directions to the secret location.



A The annual Memorial Day Potluck is May 25 at 1pm. Bring your favorite dish to share, rain or shine.



L Return of FRIDAY NIGHT GAMENIGHT. Board games and more. Various Fridays this summer. Watch your email for more details.



F Join us on Facebook. Search "Ann Arbor Sailing" using your Facebook account and join us for club updates and photos.

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DOCK-IN
Saturday
MARCH 28th
9 am