Membership Committee Update

The membership committee is looking forward to a great year of fun and sailing out at the club. We’re working on a number of projects to attract new people you may have noticed a new look to our newsletter! This year will bring a new flier and new ad in the Observer too. We’re also redeying the website to better serve current and prospective members alike. Thanks to member Jane DeLancay for donating her time and expertise for these projects.

Our 2002 calendar has some new events on it too. We’re holding an “International Day” in conjunction with the International Center at the University of Michigan. In the morning we’ll be offering lessons to the International students and throwing an International potluck in the afternoon. Please bring a dish to share, representing your unique cultural heritage!

We’re going to be holding two “Windsurfing Weekends” in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club. They came out to our lake informally a couple times last year. This year we’re teaming up to offer windsurfing lessons on Saturday and racing on Sunday. Come out and practice your windsurfing lessons on Saturday and racing on Monday at the University of Michigan. In the morning we’ll be offering lessons to the International students and throwing an International potluck in the afternoon. Please bring a dish to share, representing your unique cultural heritage!

Thank You, Dave!

Very special thanks are due to Dave Ballou, veteran racer and long-time club member, for his generous donation of a fully rigged racing International 470 this past winter. There are still a lot of 470 fans in the club, so this boat should see a lot of use. Thanks Dave! And we hope we’ll see you back out at Sunday racing this summer, so you can show us how the 470 should really be sailed!

Volunteers Like You Needed

As we move into the start of a new season, don’t forget that the club is a cooperative effort. If there’s an activity you enjoy or a job that you think needs doing, consider getting involved and make it happen. A couple of members and a job to do—that’s the UM Sailing Club!

Electronic Mailing List

Don’t forget to join the club’s electronic mailing list. To join, visit our web site at http://www.umich.edu/~umsc.

The list is a great way to find out about club activities, unscheduled opening sailing times, and more.

Commodore’s Comments

As always, the Executive Board welcomes input from every member on every aspect of club operation. If you have ideas, opinions, or concerns, please share them; we want to hear your thoughts. If you have any observations, comments, or suggestions—let us know! The Board’s email address is umsc-board@umich.edu.

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Broad Reach

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Spring 2002

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This will be an exciting season as we begin our sixty-fourth year of operation. Already we’ve had winter meetings, a trip to Chicago for the Strictly Sail convention, and lots of planning for the 2002 season. Unfortunately the weather didn’t cooperate for iceboating this winter – better luck next year. Now dock-in’s only a few short weeks away.

So come on out! Join us in enjoying the bluster, exhilarating days of spring sailing. As soon as the docks are in the water, we’ll be offering our full program of activities. For our new members, Saturday morning boat school will offer the opportunity to learn sailing basics. Don’t forget our Thursday spring lecture series, which covers the fundamental principles of sailing. More experienced sailors can shake the winter snow off their racing reflexes at the Sunday races. And, of course, we’ll all enjoy the best wind of the year during the months of April and early May.

The early spring season will include a new racing activity: a formal JY-15 class regatta, with sailors from inside and outside the club. Later in the year we’ll be bringing some one-person boats out to test sail as possible replacements for the Laser fleet.

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Spring Calendar

APRIL

Saturday, April 6
Dock-in, 9 am

Thursday, April 11
First weekly meeting
7:45 pm, 120 Denison Bldg.

Saturday, April 13
On-the-water Racing Clinic
Ondivi Adam

Thursday, April 18
Racing Lecture, Mark Allen
7:45 pm, 120 Denison Bldg.

Saturday, April 20
On-the-water Racing Clinic
Kelsey Libner

Sunday, April 21
Lecture & On-the-water Racing Clinic
Razvan Adam

Thursday, April 25
On-the-water Racing Clinic
7:45 pm, 120 Denison Bldg.

Saturday, April 27
Dock-in, 1 pm
Memorial Day Potluck Picnic

Monday, April 29

Thursday, May 2
Mass Meeting
7:30 pm, 120 Denison

Saturday, May 4
Welcome Weekend
May 4-6

May-June

Sunday, May 5
JY-15 Class Regatta
Regatta, 10 am

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day Pedal Ponic
1 pm

JUNE

Saturday, June 1
International line lessons
for international students and potluck

Saturday/Sunday, June 15-16
Windracing seminars (sail and racing) with the Great Lakes Windracing Club (Sun)

JOIN NOW FOR THE 2002 SEASON

Student
Non-Student

May-June
$55

May-September
$65

Annual
$110

Annual Family Membership
$190

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Online Sailing Club

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To take advantage of this willingness to teach and share I want to enlist the aid of the more experienced teachers to help coach our newer instructors. I know that you of some older dads don't want to come out very early on Saturday to teach a bunch of beginners, and that is fine.

But I'm planning to convince at least a few of you occasionally to take some time, probably on Saturday afternoons after Boat School, to sail once or twice with a newly rated sailor who is interested in teaching.

All you would have to do is demonstrate how you think it best to teach our latest crop of sailors, and share with them some of your techniques and tips for teaching. I've already collaborated a couple of people for this, and have my sights on a few more of you, but I'd really like to have both more volunteers for this informal mentoring and suggestions of people who I should pester further.

Another thing I plan to do is get windsurfing instruction more organized. If you are willing to teach windsurfing, at any level, then I'd like to hear from you. We will also have special instructional activities related to windsurfing for both younger and older members.

Racing News

I would like to emphasize the following points this season so that more members will join Sunday racing: first, more racing clinics for beginners. One-on-one lessons will be offered to new members who are interested in starting to race, and a brief lecture will be given before the start every Sunday, to members who have never raced at the USMC before.

Second, increasing diversity among racers: there are many kinds of diversity, I will focus on recruiting more female racers this year.

In addition to these efforts for new racers, I'm sure this year will be an exciting time for experienced racers, too. The JY-15 regatta on May 4-5 will give us a great opportunity for racing in a formal setting with sailors from outside of the club. And, of course, don't forget the Dan Rice Memorial Regatta on May 26 and the Bone Chiller Regatta on October 27.

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Instruction Program

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