



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!

January 09

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

"The Joy of Sailing"

Begin to understand the relationship between sailors, their boats, the wind and the water by kicking off the **FREE** winter sailing seminar season and join us at the **Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC)** on **Wednesday, January 09 at 7:00 pm**, 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, and crewing. 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

Edison Boat Club
100 Lycaste
Detroit
313-235-2975

"First Aid Afloat"

Sailors get sick and experience accidents as do the unfortunate shore bound. The big difference is that help is not just around the corner. Self-reliance is the rule. 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 7:00 pm**, as Dr. Robert Amsler will educate us on how to treat those minor and not so minor problems that may arise while you are out there. 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. From clothing to safety equipment, the well-prepared sailor is ready to experience the wonders of our sport, which at the same time is prey to the vagaries of nature. You can make it work for you if you are ready. 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 an authoritative seminar on safe seamanship at the **North Star Sail Club (NSSC)** on **Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 pm**, as **Michael Clow** from **TheYachtsman.Com** and **Larry Combs** team 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?”

Good sailors are always careful about weather. Conditions can change quickly, but with a bit of weather savvy and a bit of planning, you can avoid most of the surprises while sailing. Meteorologist and sailor **John McMurray** will teach us those essential weather basics – and make it fun to learn – at **Bayview Yacht Club** on **Wednesday, January 30, at 7:00 pm**. You’ve heard John’s forecasts on **News/Talk 760 WJR** for more than 20 years, and now you can spend a delightful evening with him in person as he again brings his knowledge and native “blarney” to Bayview in an evening you’ll never forget. 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”

Whether cruising or racing, knowing where you are and where you're going is a must. Even in the age of electronics, knowing the basics of navigation is a skill every sailor should have whether skipper or crew. Join us at the **Grosse Ile Yacht Club (GIYC)** on **February 6 at 7:00 pm**, along with **Kaye Soka** as we explore the fundamentals. In the seminar we'll review the wealth of information contained on the nautical chart and how to use it, aids to navigation and the magnetic compass. Armed with this information, techniques for safe and accurate passage will be learned: correcting for magnetic variation, basic plotting methods and taking bearings. Attendees will receive a listing of helpful navigation resources. The clinic is a great opportunity to develop and tune your navigation and piloting skills. Dinner will be available. 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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February 13

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

“A World of Sails”

This seminar will be given by Al Declerq of Doyle Sails who will be discussing sail design, construction and sail trim. By understanding our sails - so basic to our sport - we can best use them to our advantage. To find out everything there is to know about sails, drift with us on **Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm** at the **North Star Sail Club (NSSC)**. 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” and “Heavy Weather Sailing”

One of the most rewarding activities connected with sailing is tinkering with your boat's rigging and hardware. Skippers always seem to be looking aloft at the sails and then thinking about new fittings or new ways of improving old ones. In the first part of this session, Todd Jones of Thomas Hardware will discuss some of the available marine hardware and provide us with some useful tips. In the second portion of the evening, Phil Le Page and John Covert-Sisung will tackle the subject of preparing for and dealing with the inevitable: heavy weather. We are all faced with this at time. Every sailor experiences the unexpected. As in all sailing, the secret is in the planning and the understanding. Join us for what will be an outstanding evening on **Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm** at the **Edison Boat Club**. The **Edison Boat Club** is located at 100 Lycaste, Detroit, Michigan. The office telephone is (313) 235-2975.

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February 27

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

“Shorthanded Sailing”

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. This evening's discussion by Howard Riley and Dave Parkes will be devoted to learning from racers and cruisers whose experiences will provide some of the basic tools to make this type of sailing rewarding and safe. This seminar is sponsored by the **Grosse Pointe Sail Club (GPSC)** on **Wednesday, February 27 at 7:00 pm** and will be held at the **Tompkins Center**. The **Tompkins Center** is located at the end 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

“Racing Rules of Sailing”

Sailboat racing is governed by a set of rules called the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. These rules apply to the sport worldwide, and some of them are baffling. But this seminar concentrates on only those rules that the newer sailor needs to know to enjoy sailboat racing safely. This informative and entertaining seminar again will be led by Ted Everingham, an International Judge, a *US SAILING*-certified Umpire and Senior Judge and the immediate past chair of the *US SAILING* Judges Committee. Please join us on **Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 pm** at the **Great Lakes Yacht Club** located at 23900 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. The office telephone is (586) 778-9510.

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March 12

Ford Yacht Club
29500 South Pointe Road
Grosse Ile, Michigan
734-676-8422

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

True, the first time you see a sailboat race, you may think it's too complicated and chaotic (it can be both). Here again, the organization and running of a sailboat race follows a strict formula that all racers – skippers and crew – need to understand. Join us for an evening with Jim Rodgers, from whose wealth of experience we will learn about the other side of racing – the Race Committee's – with its list of officials and rules that make it all happen. On **Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm** join us at the **Ford Yacht Club (FYC)**. 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

Special Guest Speaker: Gary Jobson!

The **DRYA** and **Mount Gay Rum** will sponsor a special event featuring world-renowned sailor **Gary Jobson**.

In the American sailing world, probably no voice is better known than that of Gary Jobson. Gary Jobson is a world-class sailor, television commentator and author based in Annapolis, Maryland. He has won many championships in one-design classes, the America's Cup with Ted Turner in 1977, the infamous Fastnet Race and many of the world's ocean races. In college he was an All American sailor three times and was twice named College Sailor of the Year (1972, 1973).

In October 2003 Gary was inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame by the Herreshoff Marine Museum. In 1999 Gary won the Nathaniel G. Herreshoff Trophy, US Sailing's most prestigious award. This trophy is awarded annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of sailing in the United States.

Gary has been ESPN's sailing commentator since 1985. In 1988 Gary won an Emmy for his coverage of yachting at the Olympic Games in South Korea. He has authored 15 sailing books and is Editor at Large of Sailing World and Cruising World magazines.

This special event will be **Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm** at the **Detroit Yacht Club**. Immediately following the presentation, Mount Gay Rum will host a cocktail reception. Admission to the lecture and reception is **\$12.00 (\$10.00 for DRYA members)**. The **Detroit Yacht Club** is located at 1 Riverbank Road, Detroit, Michigan on Belle Isle. The office telephone is (313) 824-1200. Contact the **DRYA** at: DRYA@DRYA.org for reservations by March 12th.

No one under the age of 21 will be served alcoholic beverages. The Sponsors and the Detroit Yacht Club remind all participants of the need to drink responsibly.

Other sponsors of the event include:



For more information about the Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series, please visit www.ussailing.org/sponsorships/speakerseries

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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!