

Dear Provisional Jam Racer,

Last year you applied for, and received a Provisional JAM (Jib & Main) Rating from the Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association. Hopefully you were able to participate in one or more Jib and Main starts for one of our host club's regattas.

The purpose of this letter is to encourage you to join DRYA as a Sustaining Member. The annual fee is \$35 and your support will help DRYA to continue in its mission to promote and administer the weekend racing program on Lake St. Clair this summer. DRYA was founded in 1912; there are now 29 member clubs from Toledo to Sarnia. The real purpose of DRYA is to bring yachtsmen and women from their various clubs together on Lake St. Clair on weekends to compete against each in the Corinthian tradition of yacht racing.

The administration of DRYA racing requires a sizable budget, funded by dues and racing registration fees. Expenses include, the acquisition and maintenance of racing buoys, signals, navigational equipment, cannons and shells, fuel for mark set boats, software and hardware for scoring, seasonal award flags, the expense of office space and administration., etc.

DRYA began its Provisional JAM Rating program in 2004 with the hopes of increasing participation in weekend Regattas. Progress has been mixed with some great successes in some venues like the Rum Challenge. As you probably know, there are typically fees associated with registering a boat with DRYA and getting a rating certificate issued. Those who go through that process have their boats published on the DRYA Valid List and are eligible to participate in either PHRF or IRC racing and are also eligible for DRYA Season awards.

Those with Provisional JAM Ratings may only participate in Jib & Main starts and, although they may be eligible for a flag presented by the host club, they are not eligible for DRYA season awards unless they become DRYA members. Currently the DRYA Executive Board is considering awarding a new seasonal award. This will be for Provisional Jam Rating Participants that become members in DRYA and race in 5 of our local events. Details will be published prior to the start of the season

As in the past three years, there will be no fee associated with the Provisional JAM rating in 2007. DRYA will continue to honor requests for Provisional JAM ratings this year based on submission of a timely application. We would like the application before the racing season starts in May, but we will accept applications and issue JAM ratings for those who submit their application by the Wednesday before a race in which someone wishes to participate. Also, provisional JAM ratings issued by the DRYA Chief Handicapper are based on owner supplied data and U.S. Sailing's published PHRF ratings and may not be appealed.

In 2006 DRYA had approx.385 members including 208 who also registered for racing in the regular classes. 104 racers applied for and received Provisional ratings for Jib &

Main starts in 2006 but of that group, only 14 were DRYA Sustaining members. We are looking to you for support and we hope you'll join us. If you are already a DRYA member we thank you for your support.

Attached is an application for DRYA membership and an application for a provisional JAM rating. DRYA is a 501(c)(3) corporation so your \$35 dues are fully deductible and all of it will go to promote and support sailing in the Detroit area.

The races with a JAM start in 2007 are:

Saturday May 19th - Great Lakes Yacht Club (Windward-Leeward)
Saturday May 26th - Detroit Yacht Club (Point to Point)
Friday June 8th - Toledo Yacht Club (Long Distance)
Friday June 15th - Windsor Yacht Club (Long Distance)
Saturday June 23rd - Detroit Boat Club/Grosse Pointe Club (Point to Point)
Saturday July 7th - Grosse Pointe Sail Club (Windward-Leeward)
Saturday July 28th - Grosse Isle Yacht Club (Long Distance - Down the River)
Saturday August 4th - Ford Yacht Club (COURSE? - In Lake Erie)
Saturday August 11th - Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (Windward-Leeward)
Friday August 17th - Edison Boat Club (Point to Point)
Saturday August 25th - Crescent Sail Yacht Club (Point to Point)
Saturday September 8th - Detroit Yacht Club (Windward-Leeward)
Saturday September 15th - Bayview Yacht Club (Long Distance)
Saturday September 22nd - Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (Long Distance)

Please apply for a JAM rating and send it in along with your DRYA membership application. Also, be sure to check the DRYA website www.drya.org for all the information you want to know about the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association and sailboat racing in the Detroit area.

We want you to join us on the lake this Summer - Be There!

Yours sincerely
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