

DRYA 2021 VIRTUAL WINTER SEMINAR SERIES SCHEDULE

Time: 7:00 p.m.

ALL SEMINARS WILL BE BLUEJEANS FORMAT

Presented by: DRYA

JANUARY 2021

January 6

Topic: “The First Minute”

How to Survive a Man Overboard

Presented by Chicago Yacht Club (YouTube Video)

We have all been there where we’ve “almost fallen off a boat” or experienced a “man overboard.” Whether sailing a Beer Can Race or competing in a national or regional regatta like the Chicago or Bayview Mac, this informative video, given with firsthand accounts, will help you or one of your crew, survive going overboard.

January 13

Topic: “The Future of Sailing”

Presented by Dawn Riley

Dawn Riley was part of the female crew to compete in the “Whitbread Around the World Race.” This race was documented in the movie “Maiden.” Dawn will present her current projects that span from “OPTIs to THE AMERICA’S CUP and THE OLYMPICS.”

January 20

Topic: “Performance Sailing and How to Understand and Optimize your Rating under ORC”: New Rating System for both Chicago Mac and Bayview Mac.

Presented by Wally Cross and Al DeClercq

This informative seminar will teach even the novice sailor how to be more efficient racing on the water.

Wally Cross, a high-performance sailor, competing in some of the world's largest races will explain "System Sailing" and how this concept can help you best prepare for this year's Bayview Mac Regatta and beyond.

Al Declercq, a lifelong "Sailmaker" in Detroit will talk about how to get the "Proper ORC Rating" and what sails will optimize the rating rules.

January 27

Topic: Lake St. Clair Water Quality

Presented by Candice Miller, Macomb County Public Works Commissioner

Candice Miller has an unblemished record of Government Service unrivaled in the History of the Great State of Michigan at every level, from serving at the local township hall to rubbing elbows with Presidents as a member of congress.

Candice, a 7-year Congress Women, Michigan Secretary of State, has recently been elected as Macomb County Public Works Commissioner. She is committed to reducing sewage overflows which adversely effect Lake St. Clair and the Great Lakes Water Quality.

This seminar is being presented by a sailor for sailors will be both informative and entertaining.

February 2021

February 3

Topic: "Short Handed Sailing – Long Distance Solo Racing on the Great Lakes."

Presented by Joey Baker

Joey Baker has raced in long distance solos sailing events on all five of the Great Lakes. Recently, he competed in the Solo Super Mac and Back which is the longest freshwater race in the world. He will discuss some of the challenges encountered and lessons learned while sailing solo.

Other topics will include boat prep, safety, mental preparedness, and the necessary steps to qualify and participate in long-distance solo races on the Great Lakes.

February 10

ORC: “Everything you ever wanted to know about the ORC Rating System”
Presented by Dobbs Davis, Communication Director of ORC

This worldwide rating system has made its way into the Great Lakes. This rating system will be used by both Detroit and Chicago races to Mackinac. Who better to provide firsthand knowledge of the “New Rating System” than the Communication’s Director of ORC?

February 17

Topic: “Emergency Medicine as it relates to On The Water Activities”
Presented by Dr. Robert Welch, Emergency Care Physician

If you are on a boat long enough, there is a possibility, you or one of your crew could get hurt. As a Captain we must take care of our crew including being prepared for “Medical Emergencies” that could arise while sailing.

This informative seminar will assist in learning ways to handle a Medical Emergency and will include giving all of us a refresher course.

February 24

Topic: “Ultimate Sailing’s look into the Sailing World through the Eyes of a Camera Lens.”
Presented by Sharon Green, World Famous Sailing Photographer

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Get the stories behind the exhilarating calendar shots!

Sharon Green is one of the world’s top yacht racing photographers. Let Sharon Green’s “EXPOSED” bring a sense of adventure, of community, and show you a

side of races you have never experienced. Her world-famous images will transport you out on the water feeling spray in your face and wind in your hair. You will be entertained and engaged with her daredevil antics. Her thrilling and colorful experiences will captivate our boating community.

March 2021

March 3

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March 10

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March 24

Topic: "US Sailing Rules "NEW" for 2021"

Presented by to be Determined

This informative topic will cover the new implemented Sailing rules as adopted by US Sailing. Let's get educated now so we can stay out of the Protest Room.

March 31

Topic: "Safety as it relates to the USCG"

Presented by Chris Stevens USCG Auxiliaries

Chris Stevens is no stranger to the waters of Lake St. Clair in his capacity with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Chris will talk about "Safety on the Water" and share his Life Saving and Patrolling our Water Ways stories!