

# MAINSHEET

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## ***LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Wow, how time flies. I can't believe that our team is entering its fifth year! Through the support, dedication and hard work of many people we continue to enrich the lives of students at Spring Lake High School. Many of our graduates are sailing on college teams and we hear from them how their experience in high school sailing provided a solid foundation to base their successful transition to college.

Our program is entering a critical phase in its development... we are becoming a mature and well established program with a fresh round of leadership filling the shoes of the founding leaders. With maturity comes opportunity to implement change based on experience, and we are excited to lead the Spring Lake Sailing Team into the future.



Thank you to all of the early team leadership: Scott Windemuller, Kevin Allman, Jason Locascio, and Amanda Rantanen. Your willingness to jump into uncharted waters and get a team established speaks volumes about the depth of passion that our community has for its youth. Thank you also to Brian Kwiatkowski who served as President for the past year, giving me a much needed break. Our current Board also deserves a round of thanks: Mike Clover, Mark Colvin, Traci Boon and Doug Boon along with Jenn Colvin and Christine Clover. Your fresh ideas and enthusiasm will continue to enrich our program.

A very special thank you to our coach Joe Rotonda! He is an incredible role model to our sailors both on the water and off with his intelligence, grace, and all-around good-natured spirit. His positive influence on the team cannot be overstated.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Hope Prins as the new President of the 501c3. Hope has loads of experience serving in nonprofit leadership positions and her influence will no doubt be hugely positive. With Hope taking the helm of the nonprofit, I will be able to focus on my role as Team Manager.

Our program continues to have rather large financial needs. We have set a goal of building a new sailing team shed at SLYC to protect our investment in equipment and better serve the needs of the program. Please consider making a tax deductible donation toward this or one of the other needs listed below.

Best regards,

David Wolters

### PROGRAM NEEDS:

- Equipment Shed - \$10,000 is the anticipated cost
- Sails – We need 6 sets. Cost is \$875 each.
- Sailboat repairs and replacement parts - cost is estimated at \$2000
- Powerboat maintenance - estimated cost \$2000





## **TURKEY LEG REGATTA**

November 1, 2014, the Spring Lake Sailing Team hosted the third annual Turkey Leg Regatta at SLYC. Sailors from 11 different teams traveling from Chicago, Wisconsin, Traverse City, Detroit Metro Area, East Grand Rapids and Grand Haven came out, providing a superb level of competition. Highlights of the day were the traditional Thanksgiving Day meal including giant roasted turkey legs and turkey themed trophies and awards. Thanks to our sponsors, Chef in a Box – August Johnson & Magnum Coffee. Come join us for this years Turkey Leg Regatta on Sunday, November 1st at SLYC to join in the fun and camaraderie.



## **Invitationals and State Championship Regattas**

The Spring Lake team had an exceptional sailing year with a group of four girls traveling to San Diego, California in October to race in the PCISA Girls ISSA invitational. They raced very well and placed ninth out of the twenty top teams. For most of the sailors, it was their first time sailing on the ocean.

On October 18th, the SLYC hosted the Michigan State C420 Championship and placed first overall.

This was such a great achievement for this young team, showing their pride and dedication. At the end of the fall season, a four member group from the team competed in the Great Oaks ISSA Invitational in New Orleans, Louisiana. It was a very challenging competition with threats of tornadoes throughout the regatta, but the team stayed strong and ended tenth in the nation.

Spring Lake had a very strong and active team last year ranking sixth out of the top thirty schools in the final Fall rankings for the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association. The team was again sixth out of thirty two schools in the short and very busy Spring season. We appreciate all of your support and look forward to the continuation of this great team.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS IN 2014!**

Due to the dedication and hard work of several members of our board we were able to get three used boats from Yale University complete with dollies to add to our fleet. We also purchased eight new sets of sails thanks to these sponsors: Hylant Insurance (3), John Sorber-Two Men and a Truck (2), Gina Kelly (1), Pam Stille (1), and Bill Kiel (1). We have been able to continue to have a coach help our team and his tutelage has been an invaluable asset to the team. Thank you to all the generous donors for your investment in the Spring Lake Sailing program. Now that we have an established program, we need your continued investment to maintain and protect our equipment.





## LEADERSHIP:

Hope Prins, President  
Kevin Allman, Regatta Coordinator & Member at Large  
Joe Rotonda, Coach  
Traci Boon, Secretary  
Mike Clover, Treasurer  
Mark Colvin, Fundraising Chair  
Jennifer Colvin, Volunteer Coordinator  
Doug Boon, Equipment Manager  
Terri Wolters, Lodging Coordinator  
Christine Clover, Apparel Coordinator  
David Wolters, Team Manager

## ***MAIL DONATIONS TO:***

SHORELINE SAILING Attn: Mike Clover, Treasurer, 17907 Fruitport Rd Spring Lake, MI 49456

### SPRING LAKE SAILING TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

To sponsor, promote, and support the teaching of sailing, water safety, and the concepts of sailing competition to Spring Lake area youth. To promote participation by area youth in events sponsored by the Interscholastic Sailing Association and to facilitate the development of competitive sailing skills including the teaching of sailing rules, ethics, sportsmanship, and team leadership principles which leads to a lifelong interest in sailing.

