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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE SPRING LAKE SAILING TEAM



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Lifts and Headers

Sailing has its ups and downs. Some days you get blue skies and a steady breeze and some days you have shifty winds and nothing seems to make the boat go fast. If you get that perfect combination of weather, skills and boat parts working, you might cross the finish line first.



Building a new sailing team for high school students feels like all of the above. We've had our ups and downs over the last few months, however the team is quickly shaping up and we plan to "cross the finish line" and kick off the new program in August.

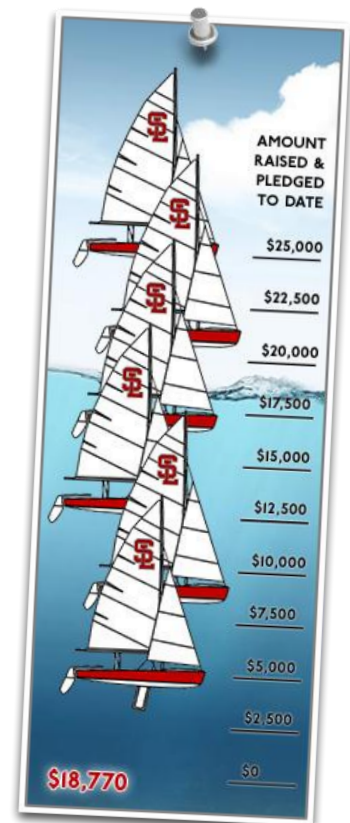
We knew we were on the right course in February when over 70 students signed our preliminary interest sheets. By the time school let out in June we had 20 kids "officially" signed up to participate in the

Fall season! Many of these students have never sailed or cannot afford their own boat and are thrilled at the opportunity to learn. We have a nice balance of veteran student racers and those who are new to the sport.

More than 28 individuals and businesses have already financially supported the Spring Lake Sailing Team. Through these generous contributions we have raised \$18,770 (75% of our financial goal).

University of Michigan donated one 420 class sailboat and we are actively seeking more boats to fill out our fleet. Our goal is to have at least six boats this fall with 8-9 boats being ideal for a team with 20 kids. If you have already made a financial gift, thank you!

It has been incredible to witness our sailing community's financial and volunteer support. We have a group of talented coaches lined up to instruct and motivate our young people and a team of parents ready to back them up. A racing schedule with neighboring high school teams is falling into place.



It is not too late to be a part of our \$25K Challenge. If you have been on the sidelines considering a financial gift, please visit our website at www.springlakesailing.com and donate on the 25K Challenge page. Spring Lake Sailing Team is a 501c3 non-profit corporation and your gift is tax deductible according to IRS regulations.

West Marine Fundraiser

On May 21, 2011 West Marine of Grand Haven hosted their annual Community Open House. The store chose Spring Lake Sailing Team as their "Charity of the Day" to serve hot dogs and soda to customers in exchange for donations.

We had about 15 students work the table at various points throughout the day and we raised over \$300.

Thanks to West Marine and everyone who came out to support the team!



Fleet Building



The Spring Lake Sailing Team will offer area teens the opportunity to learn to sail and race the 420 class sailboat – the same type of two-person boats that are raced in most colleges and universities.

Our team of volunteers is actively seeking boats and we are confident that we will find our fleet in time for students to practice for the Fall season.

If you know of any 420's for sale please contact us at (616) 844-6909.



Non-Profit Status

The Spring Lake Sailing Team is a 501c3 non-profit corporation! Gifts to the team are tax deductible according to IRS regulations. Our board is comprised of 5 volunteer positions filled by David Wolters, Scott Windemuller, Jason Locascio, Julie Lanka, and Abby Reeg.

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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.