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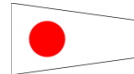
NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE SPRING LAKE SAILING TEAM



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Preparatory Sequence Complete!



We did it and it is official. The Spring Lake Sailing Team is for real!

The first day of school also marked the first day of practice for the Spring Lake Sailing Team. Nineteen teenagers came ready to sail. Their first challenge was to jump in the lake and take the swim test. All passed. It was a brisk, yet sunny day and by the end of practice it was hard to get everyone to stop sailing and leave to start homework.



It was especially great to see the enthusiasm shown by the brand new sailors.

They make up about half the team! It is our nonprofit mission to extend this sport to novices and experienced racers alike.



Thank you to the individuals and businesses that have financially supported the Spring Lake Sailing Team. Together, we have raised \$21,770 (87% of our financial goal).

Through a combination of luck,

generosity and determination we own three operational 420 class boats and one Laser and our fleet is rapidly growing! We recently put a deposit on six 2005 420's from SUNY Maritime College. We will pick these up in November and next spring we will be able to host our own regattas.



With 19 kids on the team we need more than three boats. To get us through this first season The Muskegon Yacht Club is generously loaning us the use of four of their JY15's. This will give us seven double-handed boats on the water during practice and will give team members experience working as skipper and crew.



If you have been on the sidelines considering a financial gift, with 6 boats on the way now is the time to donate. Please visit our website at www.springlakesailing.com and donate on the 25K Challenge page or mail us a check. Spring Lake Sailing Team is a 501c3 non-profit corporation and your gift is tax deductible according to IRS regulations.

Our New Fleet

After a few decent fleets slipped away from us over the course of the last few months, in late August one of our scouts notified us that a fleet of twenty nearly-new 420's was going up for sale the next week. These boats have been professionally maintained and are as good as they come. They were also priced exactly where we had budgeted.

Without hesitation, our leadership sent a 50% deposit and we are now the proud owners of six 2005 420's! These will provide years of dependable service for our team and we are all very excited and relieved that patience paid off.



Dedication



None of this would be possible without the dedication of many volunteers and leaders who have shown a tremendous level of commitment. Driving cross-country into the path of a Category 3 hurricane, spending evenings and weekends fixing up boats in crunch time, multiple people checking websites every day for classified ads, organizing the carpool from school to practice. It's been remarkable to see.

We are blessed to have four incredible volunteer coaches. Thank you to Brett Hatton, Peter Fox, John McNeil and Cam McNeil for coaching as well as being awesome stewards of the sport.

Regatta Schedule

Grosse Ile Invitational: Sept 17-18

Hope College Invitational (MBYC): *Tentative* Sept 24

Traverse City Invitational: Oct 15

Halloween Spectacular (Chicago): Oct 29-30

Great Lakes Championship (Chicago Yacht Club): Nov 12-13

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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.