Join us for our General Meeting on Monday Aug 15 at 7pm! Arlington Heights Historical Society



THE COMMUNIQUE



Monthly Newsletter of the NorthWest Sailing Association

August 2022







Venetian night parade at Northpoint Marina was a rousing celebration for sailors and those who love them! Fireworks, boats, and supercritical carbon dioxide storms!

Sorry, that last one was from Venus night – completely different sort of party...

Read on to learn about our club's other celebrations and events!

Be sure to join us for the next one!!!!

We, the members of NorthWest Sailing Association, share our love for the sport through our quest for increased knowledge, improved seamanship, exchange of experiences, and the promotion of safe boating.





Commodore

Wayne Smith



I hope that everyone in the club has taken advantage of all, or some of the sails that have been scheduled so far this year. If not, I hope you can attend one of the upcoming sails. If not, I have a list for you, so you can feel like a boat owner.

1. Take a few thousand dollars down to the pier and throw it in the water, then go home 2. Drink a half gallon of your favorite adult beverage, sleep a couple of hours, then balance on a rocking chair for a few hours in your kitchen.

3. Have a friend throw buckets of water on you, while standing in front of a very large fan for a few hours.

4. Make 12 sandwiches on white bread, with low quality meat, and pack them into a bread bag. Place them into a cooler of melted ice. Then eat them wet.

This should give you a taste of what you are missing.

Sailing is like getting divorced. It cost so much because it is worth it.

All kidding aside, sailing is one of the opportunities to be at one with nature, using only the air to push us along. It can be a very freeing experience, and very empowering, where you trust your boat, your crew, and your skills, and know that when everything is working in concert, it is divine. The boating community is a very close-knit group of like-minded people, who are always willing to lend a hand, whether it be docking, sharing skills, repairs, or providing camaraderie to encourage each other. Our club is never short on encouraging words to help members further their knowledge, or skill set. There is always something to be learned from our senior members who have vast knowledge, and experience.

We are all very different, and sometimes the challenge is recognizing each other's strong attributes. I have come to know some members better this year, and I must say that we have a very diverse, and knowledgeable member base. I want to thank all the board members for the hard work they put in to make the club work. It seems very seamless from the members perspective, but there is a lot of hard work that goes into making this club operate.

A thank you also goes out to the general membership, and the Skippers, because without you, we would not have a club. I have attached several pictures from our entry in the Venetian night parade at Northpoint Marina, in Winthrop Harbor. *(See page 1)

Wayne Smith Commodore





Ahoy August Club Members!

Last month we had a very engaging discussion on Docking led by NWSA members Jim Haude, George Anderson, and Robby Leighton. Jim provided many valuable techniques he utilizes when self-docking. George emphasized the importance of knowing the wind and your surroundings in preparing your strategy for leaving the dock. Robby shared and demonstrated some of the docking tools he uses to catch a cleat or mooring when approaching the dock. There are many helpful and informative docking videos available on YouTube. Some of these include 'Docking Techniques' by the Maryland School of Sailing and 'Docking Made Easy' by the American Sailing Association.

This month we will be having our annual Ice Cream Social! Please come to enjoy ice cream and camaraderie with fellow members as we share our sailing experiences. I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday August 15.

Thanks, Tom

And now some advice shared from our Fleet Captain shared from Practical Sailor Magazine....

TAKE THE NIP OUT OF BITING FLIES

One of the most annoying features of sailing in the later season are the flies that constantly nip at our flesh and can even bite through clothing. The lead USDA entomologist recommends Catnip oil as a powerful repellent against flies... Catnip is probably the best repellent identified including DEET and DNP for flies that bite." Before your next sail, go online and check out "catnip spray" on the internet.



I'm certain there are NO Negative side effects of using catnip spray...

North Point Marina Venetian Night Sail August 6th - Cruise Captain Marty Holmes

Five boats and 23 people signed up for the sail. "Mermaid Whim" skippered by Karen and Marty Holmes, and "Bonnie Girl" skippered by Dave and Syma Hutchings sailed out of North Point Marina. "Caribbean Soul" skippered by Robbie Leighton and Joyce Clifford and "Seas the Day" skippered by Bill and Linda Seger sailed out of Kenosha. "Amedeo" skippered by Dave Mikal sailed out of Racine. All the crews met up in a parking lot at North Point before the sail. Thank you to Joyce and Patty and Robbie for volunteering to shuttle the Racine and Kenosha crews so their cars were waiting for them when they arrived at North Point. The sail time was from 1 PM to 5 PM for the Racine crew and 2 PM to 5 PM for the others. This way we all could enjoy a nice sail followed by dinner and Venetian Night festivities without it being an all-day affair.

The winds were about 10 knots initially and then about 10 -15 knots. Unfortunately for the boats visiting from the north, the winds were coming from the southeast. As a result, those boats motored or motor-sailed most of the way.

On "Mermaid Whim" skippers Karen and Marty let the crew, Ravi, Vasu, and Bryan take the helm for most of the trip - about 6 miles due east on a close reach. We reefed the main a little when the wind picked up and one of the canine crew got a little seasick as we heeled. Poor Tina. The other canine crew, Lily, was unfazed and snoozed on the cockpit sole most of the afternoon. We attempted to retrieve a toy flotation tube. Bryan's helmsmanship was right on target but Marty wasn't quick enough with the boat hook to snag it. After an hour and forty minutes we tacked and headed back to North Point using the Zion landfill as the landmark until we got close enough to see the marina buildings.

When the boats arrived in the marina some of the members went off on their own and some met with other members on E dock to watch the Mardi Gras themed boat parade and fireworks. Thanks to all the skippers for volunteering their time and boats and thanks to all the crew for sharing their enthusiasm.

Photo credits to Bryan Fischer







Purser's Report



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NWSA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES					
July 31, 2022					

Beginning Balance				\$6,299.76
Income			Amount	Total
	Membership		\$230.00	
	Ship's Store		\$37.00	
	Library			
	50/50 Raffle and donation		\$40.00	
	Bank Service Fee Credit		\$12.00	
	Total Revenue			\$319.00
Expenses		Check #	Amount	Total
	Club Express Collectfee 766999		\$200.00	
	Gwen Brodeur (Library Purchase)	1264	\$15.37	
	Bank Service Fee		\$12.00	
	Total Expense			\$227.37
	Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets			\$91.63
Ending Balance				\$6,391.39

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It's a short video showcasing the Chicago SailGP from last month

flying UNDER the boat - SailGP Chicago

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wj1U0DxMvIs



The Ship's Store

George and Sally Andersson



Friendly note: We are the Ship's Store; we are NOT the store that sells ships. Stop asking where we store them, Jason!

Also, stop making us sound like a 1920s five and dime!

For everyone else, we have our usual list of wares and sundry goods for purchase!

Sally and George Andersson



UnFriendly note: We do NOT use words like "sundry goods" in our speaking or writing. Taylor is going to be wearing his ice cream on Monday if he doesn't knock it off! - The Ship's Store



Fleet Captain: Lorraine Klabunde



FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT:

Ahoy all! What a difference between the 2021 and 2022 NWSA sailing and social events. Since July 4th weekend, we've enjoyed five sails and two fabulous social events thanks to the efforts of many of the club members The lamb roast, generously hosted by Asayo and Conrad, provided a delicious afternoon of tantalizing food, friendship, and conversation. The Kenosha sail on July 10 helped wear off some of the calories from indulging of the lamb roast (and many other goodies) the previous day. The sail out of Waukegan was the first of the season and provided a relaxing experience. The start of the race to Mackinac Island off the Chicago lakefront was threatened early on by severe storms but by noon allowed a front row viewing experience at the starting line. Eleven members made it up to Door County for a great weekend of socializing and fine weather and, thanks to the generosity of Sally and George Andersson who sailed their Catalina up to Door Count from Kenosha, the experience of sailing on the waters of Green Bay. At this writing, the North Point sail and Venetian night extravaganza haven't yet taken place but based on the events of last year, it should be a blast. Our Commodore's boat and his stalwart crew will be all decked out for the boat parade. And that's in addition to the sail. **The write-ups of these sails are elsewhere in the Communique.**

Upcoming events for August include our family picnic at Busse Woods (8/13), Kenosha/Racine sail (8/14), Chicago air and Water show (8/19), a long-distance sail to Port Washington (8/27-28), and an all harbors sail to complete the month (8/27). **Check out the sails and sign onto our new website.** All the sails and social events are described online. The earlier the sign-up, the better our cruise captains have to prepare for the sails.

Many thanks to Dave Mikal, a past/now current skipper recently added to our fleet out of Racine and new members Maria and Jeff Dahnke who have signed on for our current and upcoming sails. And again, thanks to skippers, crew, and cruise captains without whom this organization wouldn't exist. And...Kudos to Joyce Clifford for graciously volunteering to transport crew members between harbors for our multi-harbor northern sails.

The season is fleeting, so enjoy our last two months ahead.

Fair winds...pink skies....

Lorraine Klabunde, Fleet Captain

Sail Report: Larry Makowski from the Mac Race (July 23):

Violent weather occurred Friday evening into Saturday morning before the start of MAC. This did not scare five NWSA sailors from coming down to Monroe harbor to watch the start of the MAC. It took until 12:15pm until the extreme weather finally left Chicago. Benjamin Jarosch, Deb Mikasser, David Jacobson, Donna Prestel, and Larry Makowski sailed out of Monroe on SEA HAWK to find (with exception of MAC boats sailing near the starting line) an empty lake. A strange start- seeing only MAC boats up close. Winds were a constant 15 out of the South with lite waves. Each sailor had a short time at the helm before winds started to pick-up. Dinner was at AI's Beef. All had a good time.

As far as the race goes, MAC sailors ran into another series of violent storms (a massive line of red on weather radar) mid lake during late Saturday evening - Sunday morning. Some 15 boats needed to drop out of the race including Mike Kenny's <u>Defiance</u>.



Mike Kenny's <u>Defiance</u> in action. (Photo by Stephen Cloutier) shared by Donna Prestel and Mike Kenny



Social Director

Asayo Horibe



Notes from the social director.

We will meet on Monday for an ICE CREAM SOCIAL so we can get to know each other better and reconnect with our friends. Hope everyone enjoys the treats along with the usual coffee and tea.

Join others before the meeting for the "pre-glow" with dinner with other club members. Donna, our MOL, will be meeting this month at **Peggy Kinnane's Irish Restaurant and Pub** (See information below). Others meet at Eddie's for drinks after the meeting for the "afterglow".

Please remember that we are a social sailing club. Club members sail, learn better sailing skills and support every member at gatherings. The Door County Sail was a great time for new members, Oscar and Joy, Ravi and Vasu to sail with Skipper George Andersson.

Each sail is fun and a time to truly appreciate the sport of sailing.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your contribution to the nosh kitty, your treats at the meeting and your help in setting up and securing the supplies at the meetings.

Being social director is the best position for anyone. I thank you for kind support.

Let's keep being social!

Fair winds, Asayo

Report on the Backyard Lamb Roast -By Asayo

It was a wonderful event on Saturday for the Roast lamb backyard celebration. With over 70 people enjoying the Lamb stuffed with rice, Mediterranean salad, many other delicious potluck contributions of luscious desserts, salads, baked beans, beverages of all kinds. There were very friendly and helpful mates to raise the canopies, set up the tables and chairs, set out the plates, utensils and serve the goodies.

It was attended by skippers, sailors, clergy, doctors, nurses, teachers, knitters, singers, and musicians. Everyone was a good friend, a new friend, longtime friend, and a dear friend. The weather was balmy to the point of keeping the flying pests away from our vittles. At the close of the day, dear friends also helped fold tables and chairs, take down the canopies, put any leftover treats away and takes the plates and utensils into the house to be washed. Conrad and I thank you all for making this a glorious lamb roast picnic!

An astute helper found someone's oral bridge (a dental assistive device) while cleaning up. If anyone is missing this very expensive device, please call me. I have it and know it is very important to you.

Looking forward to next year's picnic!

Door County Weekend Sail Report – Again by roving reporter Asayo

Door County has been our destination for many years at the end of July. I thank George and Sally Andersson for sailing their boat, September Song, to be part of our group for the long weekend. The other nine sailors were Oscar Linares and Joy Yamasaki, Linda and Larry Gulotta, Irene Jarmulska (who drove up from Florida),

Vasu and Ravi Gandhavadi, Conrad Bazylewski and Asayo, cruise captain. On Thursday evening we found a wonderful restaurant, the Mezzanine, behind the Chocolate Chicken, that was very accommodating to a party of nine. Friday morning, we also went there for breakfast which was also a treat. Boat assignments were made and Oscar and Joy, Larry and Linda, Irene and George went out for a sail on Friday.

Conrad, Sally, and I did our rounds of the shops and picked up our tickets for the concert.

We picked everyone up to meet for dinner at Casey's BBQ. Vasu and Ravi drive up on Friday to complete our crew. Sally and I were a little "under the weather" but it was still a jovial evening and the weather continued to be so pleasant. We also enjoyed our ice cream from the chocolate chicken.

On Saturday morning, Joy and Oskar hosted everyone for breakfast with a breakfast casserole, bagels, with cream cheese. Boat assignments were made, and George took Oscar, Larry, Vasu and Ravi sailing from Egg Harbor to the new slip in Fish Creek. The skipper, George and his crew were picked up eventually in Fish Creek, rested with refreshments and then headed to the Birch Creek band concert.

Sunday morning, we all met at the White Gull Inn for our farewell breakfast, took a few group photos and all headed to parts unknown. Some went shopping, some went exploring, some pulled up anchor and headed home.

It was an eventful and challenging weekend for all of us. We cemented friendships, learned that the sailors on this trip are intrepid, supportive, fun loving and my dearest friends.

Let's do it again next year!

Cruise Captain, Asayo





*As photos were not submitted in to me, above is a set of pictures from Door County



Librarian

Gwen Brodeur



NWSA Tiny Cat Library

Highlight of the Month:

DVD - All is Lost (with Robert Redford)



During a solo voyage in the Indian Ocean, a veteran mariner (Robert Redford) awakes to find his vessel taking on water after a collision with a stray shipping container. With his radio and navigation equipment disabled, he sails unknowingly into a violent storm and barely escapes with his life. With any luck, the ocean currents may carry him into a shipping lane -- but, with supplies dwindling and the sharks circling, the sailor is forced to face his own mortality.

Did you know that in addition to books, the NWSA library also has DVDs that you can check out? Here are a few of the other movies & instructional videos that we have available...

- Winterizing Your Boat
- Top 60 Tips for Sailing
- Shipwreck Tales of the Great Lakes
- Captain Ron (of course!!)
- How to Buy a Sailboat
- Fancy Ropework
- 100 Sailing Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

You can view more items and check out materials HERE.

Pete Schleck reporting from the Waukegan sail (July 16):

Pete Schleck sailed his 2020 Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 410 from Waukegan. Crew were Pete's wife MJ Merrick, Deb Mikasser and David Jacobson. Before the sail Pete briefed the crew on docking procedures, sail controls and sail hardware. The boat is equipped with a furling mainsail and genoa, electric winches and a bow thruster since Pete equipped the boat for older sailors like some of us. He also encouraged the crew to actively participate in the sail.

The weather at the beginning of the sail was overcast with ENE winds, 10 knots and 1 ft. waves. After clearing the harbor Pete unfurled the main and genoa and did the initial trimming of the sails.

During the sail David adjusted the sail trim and helmed for a while as we sailed course 126 at 6-7 knots. The wind gradually increased to 15-18 knots and the waves increased to 2 ft. with some white caps. The weather turned mostly sunny. Top speed on the outbound leg was 8 knots.

At about 12 nm from the harbor entrance David took the helm again as we came about to our return leg on course 306. Pete again did the initial trim and David made final adjustments. The return trip was mostly on the autopilot with some minor course adjustments to the harbor waypoint. After furling the sails Pete motored into the harbor in gusty 18 knot NE winds. Docking went well for the conditions with David handling the bow lines and Deb handling the stern line and aft spring line.

After the sail we enjoyed some liquid refreshments in the cockpit and spent over an hour exchanging ideas and experiences. Some entertainment was provided by power boaters attempting to dock stern-to in a nearby slip.

All in all, it turned out to be a spectacular sailing experience.



Power boaters, am I right?



Member recruiting is going strong with 22 new members since the beginning of 2022. In future articles we will spotlight our new members so all of us will get to know them better.

Our Ambassador program is still in its infancy stage. If you would like to know more about the program or want to volunteer, please contact me.

In the meantime, keep up the good work.

SHIPWRECKS OF LAKE MICHIGAN

Hey Honey, Look at Those Pretty Lights Off Our Bow

In the days of man powered vessels ships relied on close quarters to power their vessels. They needed to boats, friend or foe, where they were by showing the dark to identify themselves. As you know, it is a rule among all the nations of the world both past and you must avoid a collision at all costs while at sea. As

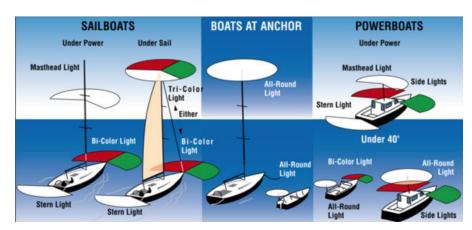


oars while in show other lanterns in time-honored present, that you can

imagine, many sailboats burned to the water line in the early days of sailing.

Jumping to the present day, a large vessel was traveling at night when they came across a white light in front of them. The ship captain immediately got on the radio and contacted the other vessel to demand that they get out of the way. The other vessel responded by telling the captain to change his course. To this, the captain responded with, "This is the warship, the USS Enterprise, and I demand you change course, or we'll be forced to take action!". To this, the other vessel responded with, "This is a lighthouse, and you are on course to become shipwrecked. This story is made up but illustrates a good point. Skippers and crew need to be able to identify lights at night and reduced visibility to stay out of trouble. The lights may be aids to navigation, anchorages, powered driven vessels, sailboats with or without auxiliary power, rowboats, dinghies, kayaks, vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver due to their draft or nature of work, vessels at anchor, fishing and trawling vessels, vessels underway but not making way and vessels not under command. Then you have military vessels and sea planes to add it the list. As you can see, it's mind blowing. All the different light configurations. So let's simplify it.

Lights required by vessels are determined by their size, type of vessel, and nature of their work. Sailing vessels generally have a red (port) and green (starboard) side light, a white steaming light about halfway up the mast, a white stern light located on the stern rail and a white anchor light on top of the mast.



They may also have a tri color light on the top of the mast. Power boats depending on their size will have an all-around white light (under 40 feet) instead of a steaming and stern light.

If you are on a sailing vessel and see a red and green light at night, it means that another sailing

vessel is coming directly at you and action to avoid collision is warranted. The rules require that each vessel turn to starboard and pass port to port. The same is true if both sailboats have their mast head lights (steaming light) on indicating that they are powered driven vessels.

Suppose you are sailing with a full moon shining beautifully over the water. You see a red light and a white mast head light off your bow? What does it mean? Since you only see one side light, it means that you are in a crossing situation. The vessel is moving from right to left since you only see the red light and not a green side light. If you saw a green light instead of a red light than the vessel would be moving from left to right.

Going back to the original scenario, just as in driving a car, red means to stop. You are the **Give-way vessel**. The Give-way vessel is required to take early and substantial action to keep well away from other vessels by stopping, slowing down, or changing course. Avoid crossing in front of other vessels. Any change of course and/or speed should be large enough to be readily apparent to another vessel. (A series of small changes should be avoided.) **The Stand-on** vessel must maintain its` course and speed unless it becomes apparent that the give-way vessel is not taking appropriate action. If you must take action, do not turn toward the give-way vessel or cross in front of it.

Well, that covers basic head on and crossing situations. To learn more, check out the many internet sites on boating safety. Here are some mnemonics: Red over white, fishing tonight; white over white over white, long tow in sight and my favorite-Three green in a cross, mine clearing boss.

Robbie Leighton reports on the July 10th Post -Lamb Sail



A Delightful Sail

What better way to burn off the calories from the wonderful Lamb Roast Social Event than to sail the next day. Two boats sailed out of Kenosha: Silky Day (Captain Jim Haude with crew Bryan Ficher, Pam Pedersen and Jim's longtime friend from Maryland, Cheryl) and Caribbean Soul (Skipper Robbie Leighton with crew Gordon and Hoai Human and David Jacobson)

A sunny day with NNE winds at 10 kts. The Winthrop NOAA Data Buoy reporting 2 ft seas at 3 seconds (which means an average of 2–4-foot waves and 3 seconds between wave crest to crest). We had a great sail, beautiful weather with

good winds. The picture shows Caribbean Soul under the experienced hand of David Jacobson. How can you beat a great sail? Easy, with a dock side feast to satisfy even the full sailors from the Lamb roast. Jim and Cheryl shared sailing stories of their Chesapeake adventures and great restaurants. It made all of us want to sail the Chesapeake.

August Pre-Glow Gathering!!

Peggy Kinnane's Irish Restaurant and Pub

8 N Vail Ave, Arlington Heights

847 577 7733

Regular restaurant hours, not a Happy Hour.

Come join your favorite NWSA gang members for a Pre-glow gathering at our new location!

4:30 (depending on traffic) til it's time to go to the meeting!

(Or until they kick me out for drunkenness - whichever comes first)

Nothing says "cold weather sailing" like the frozen briny waters of Florida! Here to provide us some survival tips is our Arctic Sailing Specialist Irene Jarmulska!

If you want to sail in cold weather, having the best sailing gear makes sense.

Not all gear is necessary, with some more important than others.

So, what would be ideal cold weather sailing gear?

Experienced sailors have often recommended starting slow and not jumping into harsh conditions.

Safety will be a priority no matter how much experience or desire to sail in any condition.

Having the correct cold weather gear is only one part of the equation for sailing in the cold.

Some ESSENTAIL Gear to keep on your cold-water sailing vessel include:

A drysuit or a wetsuit

Base Layers

Thermal Top

Heavy Duty Gloves

Thermal Hat

Thermal Socks

Sailing Boots

A detailed review of this equipment can be found by following the link below

Best Cold Weather Sailing Gear (lifeofsailing.com)

I understand it's possible for the great lakes to be even colder than the icy waters of Florida! So be careful out there, practice your safety maneuvers and dress for success!

Irene



Member At Large:

Donna Prestel



Final Reminder our Pre-glow gathering will be at the new location

Peggy Kinnane's Irish Restaurant and Pub

I will work to get there around 4:30

Below are some photographs from the Mac Race Launch – taken by David Jacobson









Now we go LIVE to Roving Reporter Debbie Garrity

I ran across this interesting website with some good information on do-it-yourself boat projects!

stingysailor.com

This is Debbie Garrity reporting live from the internet. Back to you!



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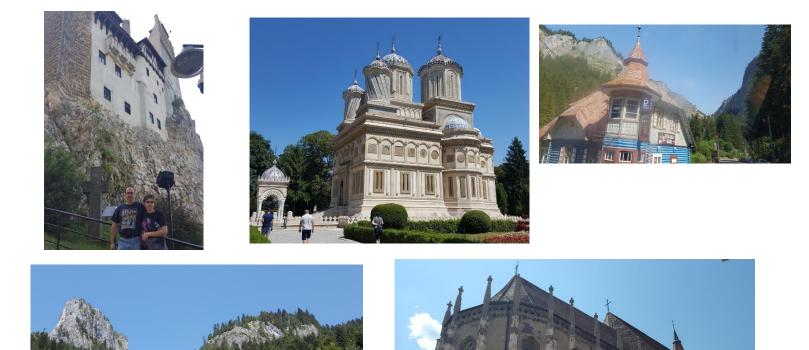


If there is an award to be given for stepping out of your comfort zone, I should probably get three.

Last month I journeyed to the far-away land of Romania. A place I had never been, a place where I don't speak the language, and a place where I was completely dependent on other people to drive me around. (As a person who has been driving since I was 15, that is a pretty big deal).

Sadly, my painting supplies couldn't fit in the overhead of the airplane, but I was able to fit in my cellphone and take a ton of pictures. As a fan of nature, a fan of ancient architecture, a fan of history, and a fan of Rodica and her family, the trip was overall, a resounding success.

Sadly, as my trip was in the mountains, there were not a lot of opportunities for sailing.



Ice cream will be a good reward!

Excited To Join?

Fill out the form with a check made payable to NWSA, and mail it or bring it with you to the next meeting!

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RATING SCALE

1. I have no sailing experience, but I want to learn.

Pm learning knots, parts of a sailboat, and the points of sail as well as helm a sailboat with supervision.

 I can handle halyards, sheets, winches, cleat lines, and tie basic knots-stopper, square, clove hitch and bowline.

 I can trim sails, I know "Boating Rights of Way" and when/how to make a mayday call on VHF radio.

 I can help in/out of slip or secure on/off mooring lines and set/weigh anchor.

 I can helm, tack, jibe, heave to, reef sails and give instructions to crew.

I can helm a MOB person overboard recovery.

 I can read and understand nautical charts and sail by compass, plot and record course using speed, time and heading with standardized notation.

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 I can operate various marine electronics and engines and I'm experienced in all aspects of sailing solo.