

On the 2010 YEAR END Wind



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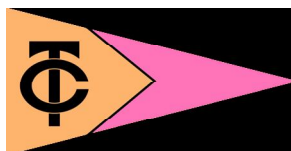
One boat decision making,
independence, freedom, risk.
One fleet creates camaraderie,
competition, cooperation,
and a community of sailors.

Join Grand Traverse Radiologists
in support of Traverse Area
Community Sailing [TACS]
to purchase one boat at-a-time
for one fleet.



Cultivate community sailing by helping to build the fleet of 420 sailboats in TACS' campaign for ***Teaching Excellence in Sailing.***

Place your tax-deductible contributions on-line at www.tacsailing.com or send to TACS, P O Box 4149, Traverse City, MI 49685-4149.





ALL SMILES !!!

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & STAFF

Formal meetings of the Board are the 3rd Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club (September - May) or at the site on Boardman Lake (June - August). We also meet informally every Friday noon at the TACS site in season and at Scott's Harbor Grill during the off-season. You are welcome to join us at any of these meetings.

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Just messin' around in a boat !!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT Jim Sorbie

Dear Friends of Traverse Area Community Sailing,

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy Holiday season and best wishes for the New Year! I'd also like to thank you for your continuing support throughout the years.

This past year saw about 370 individuals of all ages take advantage of the programs offered by TACS at the Cornwell Sailing Center. Our 2010 programs started in April with the Traverse Area High School Sailing Team practices, continued throughout the summer with the new Traverse Area Rowing program, our new Adaptive Sailing Program and of course our traditional Youth and Adult Learn To Sail programs. The fall season saw the rowers and high school sailors out on the Boardman until mid November. Also new this year was the expanded Open Sailing program which encourages participants of our programs and other qualified sailors to take advantage of our fleet and facilities to sail 5 days a week from the morning opening until 9:00 PM each night.

None of this would have happened without your support! This year we are planning to consolidate and grow our fleet to accommodate the evolving needs of our community. In support of this goal we have launched the "Excellence in Sailing" campaign. Grand Traverse Radiologists has generously offered to help us to begin the purchase of additional 420's to support our sail training programs. We hope you can join Grand Traverse Radiologists in support of [TACS] to purchase one boat at a time for one fleet.

Once again we'd like to thank you for your support and volunteer efforts that have created a first class community sailing program for our community!

Best wishes for a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Jim Sorbie, President

— OPEN SAILING —

New this past season was an expansion of our Season Pass and Family Fun Night programs to what is now called Open Sailing. The TACS facility on Boardman Lake will be staffed from the time we open in the morning, 9am, until 8 or 9pm, Monday thru Friday. The new expanded hours were met with quite a bit of enthusiasm as we had more that 150 sailors using boats in the evening. Youth and Adults with a season pass may drop in and sail any available TACS boat they are qualified for as long as an instructor and safety boat are available. This is an exciting step forward for TACS and we are hoping that it will continue to grow in popularity this season and beyond.

Traverse Area Sailing TeamJim Sorbie & Sally Rivard

In it's infancy of three years, area high school students continue to ignite the competitive race team. This past fall, the program boasting 29 sailors from eight area high schools converged every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school at the Cornwell Sailing Center to practice on-the-water racing drills, as well as, competitive "chalk-talk" strategies. Many competitors travel with their teammates and coaches to regional regattas on weekends throughout the season.



Five schools representing the 29 sailors this fall were from TC Central (8), TC West (11), Glen lake (1), St Francis (1), and Interlochen Arts Academy (1), East Middle School (6) and Elk rapids (1)

Clearly the season's highlight for local competitors was hosting the coveted Midwest Cressy Qualifier regatta on West Grand Traverse Bay with the generous support of the staff and members of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club [GTYC]. Fifty-six sailors from Ohio to Minnesota competed in the two-day race in late September.

The event began Saturday morning under challenging conditions - north wind at 20-25 knots gusting into the 30's along with big waves even for West Bay standards. With these demanding sailing environs throughout the weekend, the incredibly reliable PRO, Eric Lind, ran seven races on Saturday and five more on Sunday. Making it a "great" regatta. TACS and GTYC and all the incredible volunteers continue to receive praise from individuals and groups throughout the region for a well-run regatta.



The Cressy Qualifier Regatta hosted by TACS and GTYC was a huge success with sailors, coaches, and parents all giving rave reviews. Thank you to ALL of the volunteers that helped make this event happen.

As soon as the ice clears from the Boardman Lake this spring, the High School Sailing Team will resume training. For the first time this season, TACS will field a junior varsity team of 7th & 8th graders. What's more, TACS is adding a competitive summer program to its' offerings to provide training for racers through the summer months.

For junior and senior high students interested in joining the team in the spring, please watch for an upcoming organizational meeting to be held at GTYC in March 2011.



The logistics of launching and hauling 56 boats and keeping track of them on the water was a challenge.





— Donate Your Boat —

Did you know that donated boats are a MAJOR source of financial support for TACS? Donated boats that don't fit our teaching profile get sold for cash to support our programs, providing funds for scholarships, facility maintenance and fleet additions and replacements. In reality, TACS would not exist without the generous boat donations that have been made to us over the years.

Used boats can be a real hassle to sell! First you have to drag it out, empty it out, clean it up, put a sign on it, then set it out in the yard or driveway where it can be seen (and in your way), buy some ads in the paper then answer a bunch of calls. You drop the price several times, run more ads and maybe two years later sell it for less than what you spent on the ads!

Help TACS and help yourself at the same time. Donate the boat to us! You'll feel better, save a lot of hassle and get a tax deduction that very well could be worth more than you'd get by selling it in the end. Sail or power, if you think your boat has value to us **call Bill Allgaier now at 231-218-1227**. Even if your hull is no longer useable, we are always looking for replacement parts and rigs for Optimist Prams, Sunfish, Lasers, JY15s, and Interlakes.



Adaptive Sailing — The summer of 2010 was memorable for 54 individuals with disabilities.

Even though our participants included individuals who were physically challenged, blind, and those with mental delays, the response from the sailing opportunity was amazing! The smiles, grins and screams of delight could be heard across Boardman Lake, as the participants either independently, or with assistance, sailed the specially designed Access Boats. Our goal at TACS is to get all participants to sail to their highest level of competence. The sport of sailing levels the playing field for those with disabilities because it does not require a significant amount of movement, with the use of our adapted boats. The feel of the boat on the water and the freedom of the winds allow all to get that amazing "rush" we all experience while sailing.

Sailing participants teamed up with AB's (able bodies - whatever that means) to experience the joys of sailing, until they were able to sail on their own. Last summer we had 6 independent sailors, who participated in our weekly Tuesday and Thursday sessions with Christina Sanok, Certified Instructor.

Christina recruited and trained a dozen or more volunteers to assist with the mechanics of the program. They rigged boats, helped with our new adapted lift system, and sailed with participants. Volunteers came from all parts of the community, including NMC and Munson and did not have to have any special skills to help out. Last year there were hundreds of hours of volunteer time spent with the Adaptive Sailing Program!

The TACS Adaptive sailing program is one of the only programs of its kind in the Midwest, with Chicago the closest.

We are in need of volunteers for 2011 and Training will be available in the spring for anyone who wants to get involved with this fun and rewarding opportunity. We are also looking for those who are able to help fund the program by providing scholarships for participants. Email tacs@tacsailing.com for more information.



FROM THE AFT DECK

..... **Eric Lind, Past President**

THANK YOU — I did enjoy my two years as President of TACS and am looking forward to continuing on the Board and assisting our new President, Jim Sorbie, as he takes the reins. From the dedication of the Cornwell Sailing Center, thru several successful fundraisers, the beginning of our Adaptive Sailing, High School Racing, and Rowing programs to the Cressy Qualifier Regatta it's been a **BUSY** two years and very rewarding. We could not have done all of this without your support and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you again. You are the community in Community Sailing!!!



These young sailors are enjoying some friendly competition on Boardman Lake.

— T A C S 2 0 1 1 C a l e n d a r —

- Jun 07 - 11 Site Set Up & Instructor Orientation
- Jun 14 - 26 Adult Learn to Sail 1 Tues, Thurs, Sun Evenings
- Jun 20 - Jul 01 Youth Learn to Sail 1 AM, PM, & Full Day Sessions
- Jun 20 - Jul 01 Advanced Sailing Program Full Day Session Only
- Jun 28 - Jul 10 Adult Learn to Sail 2 Tues, Thurs, Sun Evenings
- Jul 05 - 08 Youth Learn to Sail 2 Full Day Session Only
- Jul 11 - 22 Youth Learn to Sail 3 AM, PM, & Full Day Sessions
- Jul 12 - 24 Adult Learn to Sail 3 Tues, Thurs, Sun Evenings
- Jul 25 - Aug 05 Youth Learn to Sail 4 AM, PM, & Full Day Sessions
- Jul 26 - Aug 07 Adult Learn to Sail 4 Tues, Thurs, Sun Evenings
- Aug 08 - 19 Youth Learn to Sail 5 AM, PM, & Full Day Sessions
- Aug 09 - 21 Adult Learn to Sail 5 Tues, Thurs, Sun Evenings

Registration is open now, online at www.tacsailing.com or mail to TACS; POBox 4149; Traverse City MI 49685

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I am pleased to make the following donation to Traverse Area Community Sailing (TACS). I understand my contribution will support the mission of TACS in making sailing opportunities available to the youth of the Grand Traverse Region.

Donation Amount \$ _____ You may also contribute online securely at www.tacsailing.com

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

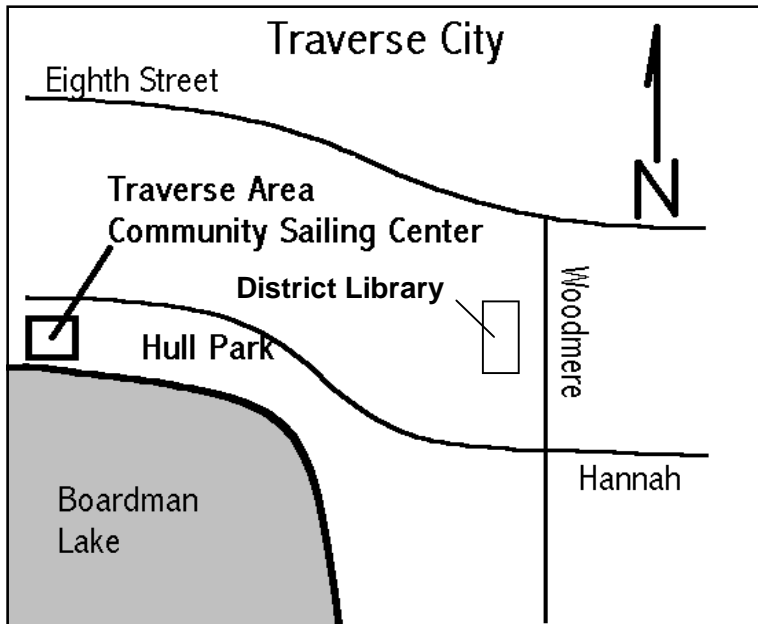
Email _____ Phone #s _____

☐ please send me TACS Monthly Newsletter via email.

_____ My contribution is enclosed _____ I would like to make (circle one) Semi-Annual / Quarterly / Monthly Installments

Visa / Mastercard — Number _____ — Exp Date _____

_____ I am interested in volunteering with TACS. _____ Please have a TACS Board Member contact me.



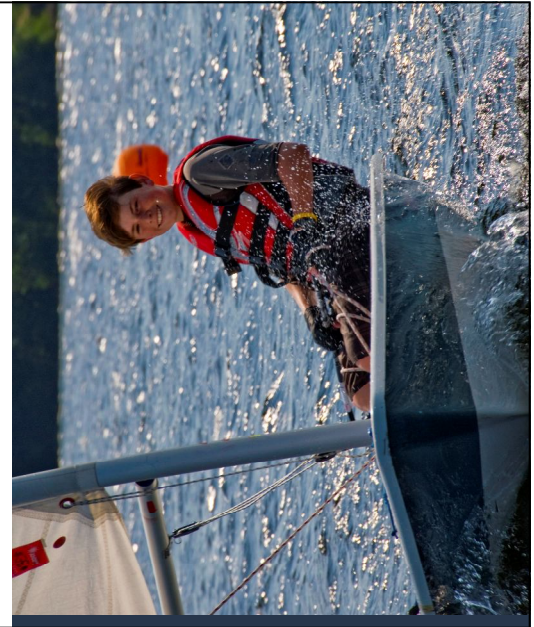
FOR SALE FOR SAIL..... FOR SALE

The following boats and sailboards have been generously donated to TACS and are available for purchase. For more information please call Bill Allgaier at 231-218-1227.

16' Mistral with trailer.....	\$700
12' Windsurfer.....	\$100
7 ½ ' Fiberglass tri-hull dinghy	\$175
18' 1992 TriStarTrimaran sailboat with trailer	\$3000
1974 14' Dingo Cat Catamaran sailboat with trailer....	\$250.00
1991 14' Capri sailboat w/ furling jib & trailer	\$2300.00
1976 14' Oday Javelin sailboat with trailer	\$1300.00
1981 12'6" AMF Puffer sailboat w/ trailer	\$995.00
2008 14'6" Hunter sailboat w/ trailer	\$6000.00



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