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## News From Your Community Sailing Center - TACS!

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### Spread the Word!

TACS is dependent on our community of friends to spread the word about our programs. You can help by forwarding these newsletters to your friends and family that might be interested. just click on "[Forward email](#)" at the bottom of this message !

### Volunteers Needed!

TACS is always in need of people to help us administer our programs, assist at the site, or help maintain or refurbish the boats in our fleet.

Of particular interest this month is someone to help with our communications needs (newsletters).

at

: [volunteer@tacsailing.com](mailto:volunteer@tacsailing.com)

Dear Jim,

Slowly deteriorating skiing conditions means only one thing: we're getting closer to sailing season! Here at TACS we're looking forward to the opening of the season literally soon as the ice disappears from Boardman Lake. High school sailing starts with it's organizational meeting on Tuesday March 22nd at 7:00 PM at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club (our thanks to the folks at GTYC for all their support!)

We've got some new offerings for this summer so please check out the 2011 Programs article below.

Each season we review our programs and re-affirm our commitment to our mission to provide sailing opportunities for the Grand Traverse Region in order to strengthen and expand those programs. We welcome your suggestions and input. You can respond to this e-mail with your thoughts and suggestions or visit us at our board meetings (3rd Monday at GTYC) and informal lunch meetings at Scott's Harbor Grill each Friday at noon. Almost all of our new programs have come from suggestions from the community. Let us hear from YOU!

Jim Sorbie  
President,  
[Traverse Area Community Sailing](http://www.traversearea.com/sailing)

### 2011 Programs Are Open For registration!

Were pleased to announce that our 2011 programs are open for [registration](#). This year features the return of

If you have some time and the interest drop a line to our volunteer coordinator

#### **Boat Donations Needed ...**

TACS strives to keep it's programs affordable by limiting what we charge to cover only the direct costs of the events. We rely on fund raisers and donations to acquire additional boats and equipment necessary to support our programs. To that end we are actively looking for donations of boats to support these programs.

We are slowly migrating to a fleet mix of 420's, Lasers, & Opti's. if you have any of these boats we're certainly in need! We are also looking for donated Lasers (or rigs and sails) and a boat to support keel boat training on Traverse Bay such as a J-24 or J-22.

If you have such boats or are aware of someone who might be willing to donate such boats please contact us at [TACS@tacsailing.com](mailto:TACS@tacsailing.com).

#### **Great Way to Learn the racing Rules of Sailing!**

Here's a blog that expalins the racing rules of sailing in explicit detail, try it out if you want to more about the details around the RRS!

["Look To Windward"](#)

#### **Keep Track of TACS on Facebook!**

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all our old favorites (Youth Learn to Sail, Adult learn to Sail, Advanced sailing, Open sailing & season passes, Adaptive Sailing and Rowing) and some significant new programs as well.

New this year is a revision of the TACS Summer Race program: we'll offer a morning **Learn to Race Program** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30. In addition participants of the race program will be allowed to use TACS Interlakes & Lasers in the Thursday Night Interlake Series at GTYC and the Tuesday Night Laser Series (GYTC Race Fees will apply).

For details on all our programs see the [TACS Webpage](#) and the programs Description Page. [Online registration is available](#) or you can [fill out our registration form](#) and mail it with a check to :

Traverse Area Community Sailing  
PO Box 4149 Traverse City, Michigan 49684

#### **TACS & Encore Winds Join to Raise Funds ...**

Mark your calendar on Saturday, April 30 for a evening of **"Boats, Bands & Blue Skies"** as TACS joins with Encore Winds to benefit the two non-profit community groups. The jazzy event will begin at 7 p.m. at GTYC with catered heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, silent auction items and *kick your heels up* live music. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$350 for a table of eight. Look for your invitation on this site soon. For advanced ticket reservations call 231.486.7200.

#### **High School Sailing Update ...Spring Organizational Meeting**



The spring High School Sailing season will kick off with the organizational meeting on **MARCH 22 at 7:00 PM at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club.** All High School and Junior High School students are

invited. The Junior High Students will be part of the Junior Varsity team and be eligible to compete in our local regattas as well as those travel regattas that allow Junior varsity teams.

If you know of any students from 7 - 12th grade who would be interested in sailing competitively please invite them to this meeting.

If you have been part of the program in the past, please attend to

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introduce new parents and students to the program and voice your opinion on regatta selection and the new opportunities for competitive sailing!

Previous sailing & race experience is helpful but not absolutely necessary: hard work and effort can overcome lack of experience.

### Where Are They Now?

Since 1994 many students have gone through our sailing programs and more recently our high school sailing program. Here's a short update on two TACS folks, one (Anna Frick) a former high school sailor and the other (Wendy Schoeder-Kelly) a former instructor.

Anna recently dropped us a note about life at the University of Michigan. Here's her status:



*"I am a sophomore at U of M, majoring in Microbiology with a German minor. U of M sailing is a club sport, which means we're entirely student run and anyone can join and sail with us. We sail on Baseline Lake, which is a small inland lake about 40 min from campus. We don't have a*

*coach, so more advanced sailors set up courses or run drills. Since this is not a varsity sport, we have a lot of new sailors on the team and do a lot of teaching at the start of the semester. I personally like it a lot, because there's really no pressure this way- some people have been racing since they were little kids and some people started two months ago; and that is all OK. This also gives us a lot of flexibility about practice and regattas. People sign up to go to regattas on weekends when they are free and go to practice when they can. The only 'mandatory' part of being on the team are meetings on Monday nights. The Sailing Team also likes to do non-sailing things together. In the off season, like right now, we play intramural sports like Intertube Water Polo and Soccer. We also have assorted parties and get-togethers as we see fit.*

*In non-sailing life, I work as a research assistant in a Communications lab running studies and managing data. I volunteer with an Urban Debate program and with an Adaptive Skiing program; both of these are a lot of fun and pretty fulfilling. I'm majoring in Microbiology with the goal of doing grad school here at the School of Public Health."*

Wendy Schoeder-Kelly was one of our first instructors. The Kelly part of the name is relatively new, first of all let's offer our congratulations to Michael & Wendy! She remembers TACS when we were teaching out of the old Grand rapids bus that was towed to



the site each spring!  
Her greatest joy is seeing some of her former students now instructing for TACS when she returns to Traverse City each summer. Wendy now teaches sailing to adults and students at the North Texas Sailing School on Lake Ray Hubbard in Dallas Texas and is also an elementary school teacher in Dallas.

Thanks to Anna and wendy for their updates! To all our TACS alumni, drop us a note and let us know what you are up to these days!

**US Sailing Area K Qualifiers for the Sears Beemis Smythe Trophies**

This summer GTYC and TACS will be hosting the US Sailing Area K Qualifying Regatta for the Sears (Triple), Bemis (double) & Smythe (singlehanded) Trophies for sailors between the ages of 13 and 19. This will be a four day event with a day long instructional clinic on July 5th and then three days of racing on July 6, 7, and 8.

For our local sailors this is an outstanding opportunity to compete against the best young sailors in the midwest here in our home waters!

For parents and supporters of TACS there will be MANY opportunities for to help out. For all those who have been meaning to get involved this is your chance! We need help with launching, storage, on the water management and safety boats, kitchen and hospitality. You don't have to volunteer for all 4 days or even all of one day. We're planning on holding and organizational meeting on Wednesday March 9th at GTYC in the Commodore's Room at 7:00 PM. Stop by and see what you can do to help out!

For more information on this event see:  
[GTYC.org](http://GTYC.org) or [US Sailing Championships](http://US Sailing Championships)

**Donated Boats For Sale**

TACS depends on donations as a fundraising source for most of our equment additions and improvements. In that vein, we have several donated boats for sale:

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 sailboat with trailer.....	\$250
1991 14' Capri sailboat w/ furling jib & trailer....	\$2,300
1976 14' Oday Javelin sailboat with trailer.....	\$1300
1981 12'6" AMF Puffer sailboat w/ trailer.....	\$995

These boats not only are a good value, but purchasing them provides



significant help to the program. Contact [Bill Allgaier](#) for more information: 231-933-5414 (Office) or 231-218-1227 (Cell).

Traverse Area Community Sailing appreciates your continued support, we look forward to being able to keep in touch with you through these monthly newsletters.

Sincerely,

Jim Sorbie, President  
[Traverse Area Community Sailing](#)

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