



Broadsides April 2010

Dear Members, Sailors and Friends,

The time has come! The sailing season has begun! Starting this month, DC Sail's doors are open!

Beginner Sailing Lessons and Boat Rentals begin on April 17. We have a new Advanced Sailing Course running on May 1 and a new Intro to Racing Course on May 22. Members, brush up on your sailing skills for the 2010 season with our Refresher Courses! Sign up today at www.dcsail.org!

You may have noticed that DC Sail has a new website: www.dcsail.org. Our new system allows users to book classes and rentals and make payments online. Check out the site and renew your membership today!

See you on the water soon!

Fair Winds.

Blair Overman

Director of Sailing

Come Meet Rick Deppe!

America's Cup Photographer!

Join DC Sail at a fundraiser as we welcome Rick Deppe! Rick is an America's Cup media crew-member and will present behind-the-scenes footage of Larry Eliison's successful campaign to bring the Cup back to the United States.

What is it like to be a professional sailor? How does Ocean Racing and Match Racing compare? What WAS the deal with this years America's Cup and why did it take so long to race? Is Larry

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Ellison really as difficult as the media portrays him?

This is your chance to interact one-on-one and ask your pressing questions and see amazing on-the-water footage of both the America's Cup and Volvo Ocean Race.

Rick is a British native and professional yachtsman and has been involved in some of the most successful and memorable sailing campaigns of the last decade.

-Crew member aboard the local entry, Chessie Racing, in the 1998 Whitbread Round the World Race

-Director of Photography on the Disney sailing feature film "Morning Light"

-Production Team on the "Deadliest Catch"

-Media Crew Member on Puma Ocean Racing's "Il Mostro" in the 2007/2008 Volvo Ocean Race

-BMW Oracle Racing Team for the 33rd annual America's Cup

When: May 4, 2010 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G Street, NW (Metro Center)

Cost:

\$30 - DC Sail member

\$40 - Non- DC Sail member

\$15 - Youth

Register online at www.dcsail.org.



weather cancellations!



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Sign Up Today for Adult Sailing Lessons!

Spaces are filling up!

Details are on our website at

www.dcsail.org

DC Sail Open House

Come celebrate the National Maritime Heritage Foundation's 10th anniversary and the start of the 2010 sailing season. Bring friends and family to come down and learn about all of DC Sail's programs, including our sailing lessons, boat rentals, schooner cruises and youth programs.

Where: Gangplank Marina, 600 Water Street, SW

When: Thursday evening, May 6, 2010

What: Tour our facilities, meet DC Sail members, learn about volunteer opportunities, and share a drink at our local watering hole, Cantina Marina.

Save the Date: Happy Hour at The Passenger

Join DC Sail for happy hour as we kick off the 2010 sailing season at one of DC's coolest night spots, The Passenger! Join us for fun drink specials created by two of DC's most highly regarded bartenders in the city, Tom Brown and Derek Brown. This will also be your chance to learn more about DC Sail and its adult and youth programs and charters.

Where: The Passenger, 1021 7th Street, NW

When: Monday, May 10, 5 pm - 8 pm

Member Website Benefits

If you're a member of DC Sail, we're excited to share with you some great new member-only features on the website.

Once you log in to the new site, you'll have access to a **member directory** and exclusive **message boards**. Just look in the left hand navigation once you log in, and you'll see the members-area.

[Message Boards](#) - Use this area to ask sailing questions, DC

Sail questions, or connect with other sailors that are looking for crew or skippers.

[Member Directory](#) - As a member you can share your profile including your name, telephone number, email and even a brief bio. What you share is up to you. In the member directory you can look up other DC Sail members that have shared their information and find new sailing partners.

Online Boat Rentals

This year we are pleased to have an online real-time boat rental reservation system. Whenever you are interested in renting a boat, just click on Rentals and then "Book a Rental" on the website. You'll immediately see the available boat rental windows. Upon clicking a boat rental window, you'll see how many boats are available.

Once you decide you want to reserve a boat. You'll need to log in with your membership information, and then you can reserve and pay for a boat online.

If you have any problems logging in, please contact Emily Rodegast, erodegast@dcsail.org or (202) 547-1250, during regular business hours.

Please note, that all boat rentals must be done through the website this year, so please test out your log in information.

Thank You !

DC Sail would like to offer a BIG THANK YOU to Icom America for the donation of 20 IC-M34 radios to our programs. These radios will go a long way in ensuring the safety of our sailors of all ages.

Icom America is proud to be a sponsor of the DC Sail program. Icom's user-friendly, rugged marine VHF radios are up to the task. Every current Icom marine VHF radio offers military-rugged construction (MIL STD 810 E) and submersible performance (IPX7 or greater: tested to work after being submersed in over 3 feet of water for 30 minutes). Icom is proud to have won the coveted National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) Best of Communications award for the past 3 years straight - a feat only duplicated once before, and the company that did it the first time was also Icom.

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