



Broadsides November 2009

Dear Members, Sailors and Friends,

We have reached the end of another sailing year (except for those crazy frostbite types - this means you Hans and Christof!)

It was a great season with more students and adults on the water than ever before. NMHF has grown into a pretty special organization helping a lot of kids and adults learn to sail. We are on the verge of moving from a "sailing organization" to a "sailing education organization" and that is a truly special thing.

You might have heard about some big projects and some big changes coming to NMHF. NMHF has been working on the Maritime Museum of America project and the tall ship, Spirit of Enterprize project, for over five years (the SOE has been a goal of the foundation since its founding.) Both of these projects will require the foundation to undergo change and growth. In order to ensure that the sailing and community boating programs never are short changed, I recommended that our Board explore setting up a subsidiary 501 (c)(3) organization or spin off the sailing programs to a new and independent organization. This would provide the sailing programs with three very important items; 1) a Board of Directors made up of local sailors completely focused on the health and welfare of the sailing programs, 2) executive leadership whose focus is not split between large projects and educational programming, 3) the independence to grow the programs as the community desires. The Board welcomed this suggestion and requested that I move forward with this process. Since that time we have formed an exploratory committee made up of volunteers and members who have given a great deal of time and effort to this foundation over the years. Additionally, we have given them all the support they have requested and allowed them the freedom to plan this future organization. I hope you will all join me in saying that we wish them luck and look forward to the birth of this new and dynamic local sailing organization.

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Sign Up Today for Adult Sailing Lessons!

Our Adult Sailing Lessons are still taking place this season! Spaces are filling fast so sign up today.

Details are on our website at <http://www.nmhf.org/sailing/adult/dc-sail-programs-learn-to-sail.aspx>

As the end of the calendar year approaches so does the end of our fiscal year. Our goal, in these hard financial times, is to end the year in the black. In order to make that happen we need your help, support and donations. Every dollar will help and no amount is too small. In this issue of the Broadside you will find a number of ways to support NMHF: join as a member or give a membership to a friend, purchase sailing lessons or an American Spirit Cruise as a holiday gift, sponsor a sailor for 2010 or go to our ships store and purchase an NMHF gift for your favorite sailor this year. Any and all will be much appreciated!

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season!

Fair Winds.

Kevin Traver
Executive Director

Frostbite Series '09-'10

And you thought the sailing season was over...

This winter, NMHF is going to launch its second year of FROSTBITING. The name sounds daunting, but don't let that deter you! Frostbiting is a great way to stay on the water during the winter and learn more about racing. We welcome all levels of experience to come down to the dock on Saturday at noon, grab a hot drink, sit for a short racing lecture, and then head out on our fleet of FJs to participate in 1-2 hours of racing in the Channel. After the racing concludes, sailors head back up to the Cantina Marina to get warm, grab a bite to eat and discuss that day's session. If you do not have racing experience, we will pair you with an experienced skipper. The only requirement to race is that you come dressed appropriately. We will discuss this in detail on the first day, but that usually includes some type of wetsuit, drysuit, or offshore racing gear so that you will stay warm if you fall in...we don't anticipate any swimming, but everyone must prepare just in case.

Please refer to the [Notice of Race](#) for details such as: dates of the race series, pricing, the courses we will sail, scoring, etc.

Email or call Blair Overman with questions and to notify us if you are interested! DC Sail's Frostbiting Series is starting back up again!

Cantina Cup 2009

NMHF would like to thank the participants and sponsors of the 2nd Annual Cantina Cup. The October event was a huge success and we are already looking forward to next years regatta!

Take a moment to read the [Hill Rag Article](#) about the Cantina Cup!

Boat Pull-Out Nov 14!

**After another great season of sailing,
MNHF needs your help pulling the boats out of the water!**

DATE: 14 November

TIME: 10 am - 2 pm

LOCATION: Capital Yacht Club at 1000 Water St. SW

MORE: Come ready to clean the boats, secure them on trailers, etc.

We are in need of people willing to donate the use of their SUV with a 7/8 in tow hitch

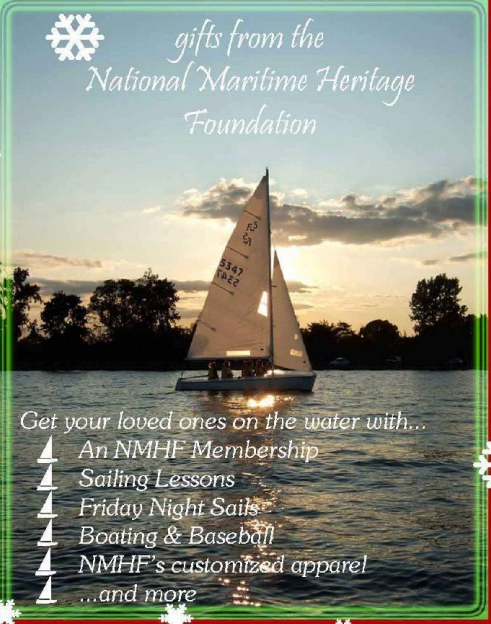
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