



MCSC 2016– 2017 Winter Class Schedule



Boat Maintenance & Repair (BM&R) FREE – No charge
 Help get the MCSC fleet back in shape for spring! Hands-on experience with sanding, varnishing, fiberglass preparation, woodworking, marine painting and more.

Runs every week: January 9th - April 13th at MCSC
Mondays at 5:30 pm and Thursdays at 10:30 am
 No registration required. Come when you can!

Book Club FREE – No charge
Tuesdays: Dec 13, (No Jan), Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11
6:30 - 8 pm

Join Teresa Coronado in a fun adventure! On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, the Book Club will meet to talk about the latest great read! You are welcome to bring beverages and snacks!

The Name of the Game: Yacht Racing FEE - \$20
TWO Tuesdays: January 24 & January 31, 6 – 8 pm
 Dick Kinney teaches this is a 2-part class. Learn what it takes to participate in a racing program. Discuss planning, recruiting, approaches to series and debriefing, drills, boat handling, speed and tuning. Learn how to prepare for major regattas or fun Saturday races. Great for all levels of racers!

Basic Sail Trim and Sail Shape FEE - \$10
Tuesday, January 31, 6 – 8 pm

Tom Holman will help you explore the technical side of how to change the shape of your sail and how that affects your boat's performance and the forces acting on your boat. This is a good foundation as you move into the practical application of sail trim in other classes and on the water.

Advanced Theory of Upwind Sail Trim FEE - \$10
Tuesday, February 7, 6 – 8 pm

Nick Hayes will teach the importance of your sail's shape, sail trim and rig adjustments with a focus on upwind sailing. This is a great course for those with some experience. (1+ years of sailing recommended).

Cruising the Transatlantic Circle FEE - \$10
Thursday, February 9, 6 – 8 pm

If you've ever thought about doing an ocean crossing or just want to hear stories of one, join Tom and Jean Wolfrum who lived on their boat for 10 years and sailed the Transatlantic Circle. They will take you on a journey thru the Ocean Blue!

WeatherWise FEE - \$10
Thursday, February 9, 6 - 8 pm at MCSC

Join Sailor and Meteorologist Joe Fillingham for an introduction to basic weather concepts including large scale weather systems, fronts, and gradient flow. This great class for any skill level, will help you to gain a better understanding of the weather patterns around us and how they affect one of our favorite activities...sailing!

Advanced Theory of Downwind Sail Trim FEE - \$10
Tuesday, February 14, 6 – 8 pm

Nick Hayes will build on the basics from *Advanced Theory of Upwind Sail Trim* and continue to refine your trim and rig knowledge teaching with an emphasis on spinnakers and introduction to "polars". This is a great course for sailors with 2+ years of experience.

The Floating Gourmet FEE - \$10
Thursday, February 16, 6 – 8 pm

Sailor and author Jean Wolfrum spent 10 years living aboard her 35' sailboat! She and her husband sailed across the Atlantic. Jean will discuss how to keep a crew happy with gourmet meals aboard. Join her as she discusses recipes and ideas for cooking like a gourmet while you sail away!

Unexpectedly In Charge FEE - \$10
Tuesday, February 21, 6 – 8 pm

Join Sarah Pederson to discuss what to do in case you find yourself *Unexpectedly In Charge* and have to take over for someone who is no longer is able to get the boat safely back to port. Prepare yourself and the boat for a safe return. Basic review of sailing techniques, docking, COB, anchoring and operating under power. A great course for everyone.

Cruising 101 FEE - \$10
Thursday, February 23, 6 – 8 pm

Great Lakes cruiser, Jeff Bird, talks about cruising! We'll talk about destinations on the Great Lakes, marinas, cruising boats and systems, and what to expect when traveling and vacationing via sailboat. A class for prospective charterers, boat owners, or crew who want to see what cruising is about.

Race? Me!?!?!? FEE - \$10
Tuesday, February 28, 6 - 8 pm

Have an interest in getting on a boat to race, but aren't sure where to begin? Come join Tom Holman and Rachael Hughes and other racing newcomers to find out what racing is all about, how to get involved and how to have a great summer of rounding the marks next season!

Basics of Navigation FEE - \$100
Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 6 – 9 pm

Join Gary Berg and Jane Larson for this fast-paced, introduction to navigation aids, compass reading, charts, plotting and much more. For the experienced sailor, this course includes work completed both in class and outside of class. Some additional materials are required.

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Bareboat Chartering **FEE - \$10**

Thursday, March 2, 6 – 8 pm

Fine Yacht Finishing, LLC owner and bareboat charterer, Mary Richter shares her knowledge on bareboat chartering with a focus on the US and British Virgin Islands. Ideas on researching, organizing and executing a great charter from start to finish. Get busy planning your own great adventure!

Block & Tackle **FEE - \$10**

Thursday, March 2, 6 – 8 pm

Cunningham...Vang...Preventer...Mainsheet...Backstay...Traveler...Outhaul...Uphaul...Downhaul... SO many moving parts and SO many uses for a basic, simple device – the block and tackle! Do you want to move it? Use a block and tackle! Come work with Phyllis McDonald and learn what it is, how it works and how to utilize this simple machine that is truly a “sailor’s best friend”!

Personal Safety Afloat **FEE - \$10**

Tuesday, March 7, 6 – 8 pm at MCSC

Brian Adams will help us increase the level of safety for our boats, ourselves and our preparations to ensure the utmost safety in our sailing experiences. Whether you are a brand new sailor or a seasoned veteran, join us for a night dedicated to helping you to attain a higher level of safety afloat!

Anchors Made Easy **FEE - \$10**

Thursday, March 9, 6 - 8 pm

Learn how to anchor confidently. Great Lakes cruiser Jeff Bird talks about basic theory and procedures to make anchoring easy, including crew communications, selecting an anchorage, windlass operation, and mooring pickups. A great class for everyone.

US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification **Fee - \$125**

Thursday, March 9, 6 – 8 pm

Earn a national rating with US Sailing’s Keelboat Certification. You must have a current MCSC Medium or Heavy Air Rating. Fee includes US Sailing membership for a year, materials and exam.

This DARN VHF Radio! **FEE - \$10**

Tuesday, March 14, 6 - 8 pm

A VHF radio is our number one form of communication while aboard – and yet many people aren’t sure how to use it correctly. Brian Adams will help unravel the mysteries of that VHF radio! A great class for everyone!

Basic Racing Rules – “Big Picture” & ROW **FEE - \$10**

Tuesday, March 14, 6 - 8 pm

Join US Sailing Certified Race Judge John Strassman for an introduction to basic rules of racing and right of way. The better you know the rules, the sharper you will be tactically on the racecourse. This is a great course for the MCSC Certified Race Skipper and for anyone who wants to be safer on a race course.

Racing Tactics – Downwind & Spinnakers **FEE - \$10**

Thursday, March 16, 6 – 8 pm

Rounding the buoy and heading for the leeward mark – so, how do we handle downwind tactics? Is this a gybe-set or standard? Which side of the course do we favor? Discover the answers with local racers, Mark Rodaer & Scott Conger, two of the fastest racers in town!

Maintaining Marine Woodwork **FEE - \$10**

Tuesday, March 21, 6 – 8

Join *Fine Yacht Finishing* owner, Mary Richter as she explains the best ways to bring your dull, lifeless woodwork back to its original splendor. Whether you are helping with someone else’s boat or restoring your own...get your answers here!

Basic Racing Rules – The Starts **FEE - \$10**

Tuesday, March 21, 6 - 8 pm

Join US Sailing Certified Race Judge John Strassman for a closer look at the rules that surround race starts. This is a great course for the MCSC Certified Race Skipper and for anyone who wants to be safer on a race course.

Racing Tactics – Upwind and Starts **FEE - \$10**

Thursday, March 23, 6 – 8 pm

Which end of the line is favored – the pin or the boat? Do we go inshore or off? Which tack is favored? You will learn about some upwind tactics and basic race starts in this informational class taught by Art Mitchel and Rusty Keagle.

Basic Racing Rules–Mark Roundings **FEE - \$10**

Tuesday, March 28, 6 - 8 pm

Join US Sailing Certified Race Judge John Strassman for a discussion on the most hotly contested location on a race course...the marks. Come learn the specifics about mark roundings. This is a great course for the MCSC Certified Race Skipper and for anyone who wants to be safer a race course.

Racing a Soling **FEE - \$20**

Tuesdays: April 4 & April 11, 6 – 8 pm

Join Dick Kinney for this 2-part course in the basics of crewing a Soling. We will talk about crew roles, preparation, start, marks and finish lines. We will cover boat setup, tuning, sails and boat controls for the weather. The goal will be to help develop three to four teams to race Solings in a series of four regional regattas during 2017 (3 races are out of town).

Say “Hello” to Your Engine! **FEE - \$10**

Tuesday, April 4, 6 – 8 pm

Using detailed images of an inboard Yanmar diesel engine, Phyllis McDonald will show the basic systems. Learn about these systems: Fuel, Lubrication and Cooling and Charging Circuit, Gauges and Controls. Phyllis will point out the usual culprits for failures and symptoms that might point you to the source of the problem. Great class for everyone!

Introduction to GPS Navigation **FEE - \$10**
Thursday, April 6, 6 – 8 pm
Find your GPS way(point) with Jeff Bird in this class. Learn how to select and navigate to a waypoint with your GPS. Learn the points of a compass, steering a compass course, electronic charting and contingency plans. Bring your handheld GPS if you have one.

Lots ‘O’ Knots **FEE - \$10**
Thursday, April 13, 6 - 8 pm
Join Gene Cramer to learn some basic knots that every sailor should know. Learn – or just refresh your memory - on the bowline, clove hitch, dock cleat, figure 8, the dreaded “dragon” bowline and many more. A great class for anyone who needs to brush up on – or learn - their essential knots!

Line Splicing 101 **FEE - \$10**
Thursday, April 20, 6 - 8 pm
Learn how to splice and whip lines. This is a valuable maritime skill. Gene Cramer will teach you how to splice those eyes and make new dock lines for your boat...or ours. This course is limited in size due to the individual attention required, so sign up early. Walk-Ups will not be accepted.

Spinnaker Basics **FEE - \$10**
Saturday, April 22, 10 – 12 noon
MCSC’s own Jared Drake teaches this dry land, theory based course as he discusses the use of spinnakers in everyday sailing. Learn the different parts of the sail and the lines and learn how to set, fly and douse your “chute”.

Introduction to Sailing **FEE - \$10**
Saturday, April 22, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Brand new to sailing? Then this class is for you! Join us for an introduction to the basic concepts of sailing. Learn some basic boat parts, points of sail, sail trim, knots, tacking, gybing and much more.

Dryland Refresher for Returning Sailors **FEE - \$10**
Saturday, April 22, 12 – 2 pm
Shake out those winter cobwebs. Review basic theory, terms and maneuvers. Rigging, docking and crew-overboard drills are also covered. This class is a great way to prepare for the upcoming 2017 sailing season!

Women’s Introduction to Sailing **FEE - \$10**
Saturday, April 29, 9 – 11 am
Join us for an introduction to the basics of sailing in a relaxed and easy-going atmosphere. Learn boat parts, points of sail, tacking, gybing and more. This course is taught for women by women.

MCSC Race Skipper Certification **FEE - \$10**
Saturday, May 6, 9 am – 11 am
In order to check-out and skipper a boat for ANY racing, you must fulfill this classroom requirement and certification process. An “experienced” Medium Air Rating (for 1+ years) required to participate. This class assumes that you have a comfortable working knowledge of the racing rules.

Volunteer Instructor(VI) Training for NEW VI’s Only
Thursdays, April 13 & April 20, 6 – 8 pm
FEE - \$5 online / FREE if you call the office to register
Interested in becoming a new addition to the Volunteer Instructors? We would love to have you! If you are Medium Air Rated for a year or more and would like to help teach our new students, please plan to attend this two-session training.

New & Returning Volunteer Instructor Training
Thursday, April 20, 6 – 8 pm at MCSC
FEE - \$5 online / FREE if you call the office to register
We will continue training for our New Volunteer Instructors and refresh our expectations for our Returning Volunteers in this two-hour class. We will review specific teaching methods, outlines for scheduled sessions, emergency guidelines, good practices and hand out the 2017 schedule.

- *Classes are open to ANY interested participants (Members and Non-Members welcome).*
- *MCSC reserves the right to cancel or change classes. Registered students will be notified of any changes.*
- *Space is limited for most classes. Classes are filled on a first paid/first enrolled basis.*
- *Classes will be held at MCSC unless specified.*

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2017 MCSC Winter Class Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Class _____

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Class _____

Total Fees \$ _____

Payment can be made by cash, check or any major credit card.

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ 3 digits on back _____

Signature _____

~ January 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 MCSC Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 BM & R	10	11	12 BM & R	13	14
15	16 MCSC Closed NO BM & R	17	18 Lunch On The Lake	19 BM & R	20	21
22	23 BM & R	24 Yacht Racing - Pt 1	25	26 BM & R	27	28
29	30 BM & R	31 Yacht Racing – Pt 2 Basic Sail Trim				

~ February 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 BM & R	3	4
5	6 BM & R	7 Advanced Theory of Upwind Sail Trim	8	9 BM & R WeatherWise TransAtlantic Crossing	10	11
12	13 BM & R	14 Book Club Advanced Theory of Downwind Sail Trim	15 Lunch On The Lake	16 BM & R Floating Gourmet	17	18
19	20 BM & R	21 Unexpectedly In Charge	22	23 BM & R Intro to Cruising	24	25
26	27 BM & R	28 Race? ME?!?!?	29	30 BM & R	31	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Basics Of Navigation	2 BM & R Bareboat Chartering Block and Tackle	3	4
5	6 BM & R	7 Personal Safety Afloat	8 Basics Of Navigation	9 BM & R Anchors Made EZ Basic KB Certification	10	11
12	13 BM & R	14 Book Club VHF Radio Racing Rules – ROW	15 Lunch On The Lake Basics Of Navigation	16 BM & R Race Tactics - Downwind	17	18
19	20 BM & R	21 Marine Woodwork Racing Rules – Starts	22 Basics Of Navigation	23 BM & R Race Tactics – Upwind	24	25
26	27 BM & R	28 Racing Rules – Marks	29	30 BM & R	31	

~ April 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 BM & R	4 Soling Racing – Pt 1 Diesel 101	5	6 BM & R Intro to GPS Navigation	7	8
9	10 BM & R	11 Book Club Soling Racing – Pt 2	12	13 BM & R NEW VI's Only Mtg. Know Your Knots	14 MCSC Closed	15
16	17	18	19 Lunch on the Lake	20 ALL VI's Mtg. Line Splicing	21	22 Intro to Sail Dryland Refresher Spinnaker Basics
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29 Women's Intro to Sail OPENING DAY

