



MCSC 2019 – 2020 Winter Class Schedule



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 otherwise.

Boat Maintenance & Repair ***FREE – No charge***

Runs every week: January 6 – April 16

Mondays at 5:30 pm and Thursdays at 10:30 am

Help get the MCSC fleet back in shape for spring! Here's a chance for experience with sanding, varnishing, fiberglass preparation, woodworking, marine painting, and more.

No registration required. Come when you can!

Note: There is no BMR on Jan 20 or April 13.

Book Club ***FREE – No charge***

Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10, Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join the 6th year of Book Club! Book Club will meet to discuss the latest great read—usually sailing or water related. We encourage you to bring beverages and snacks. The books will be announced as they are chosen (recommendations welcomed). Please RSVP to the office.

Winterizing Your Boat ***FEE-\$10***

Tuesday, October 15, 6-8 p.m.

Gene Cramer will lead you through the steps that every good boat owner should use to properly ready your boat for the upcoming winter months. Gene will also be ready to answer questions you may have, including (but definitely not limited to) readying your outboard or inboard engines, draining tanks, inspecting for repairs, and covering your boat.

Craft Night! ***FREE-No charge***

Wednesday, October 23, 6-8 p.m.

Come to MCSC and make some of our unique tree ornaments! You keep one ornament for every two you make for MCSC. **RSVP** at the office so that we have enough materials on hand.

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

Tuesday, November 19, 6 – 8 pm

Earn a national rating with US Sailing's Keelboat Certification. You must have a current MCSC Medium (for 1+ seasons) or Heavy Air Rating. Fee includes US Sailing membership for a year, materials, and exam.

Advanced Upwind Sail Trim ***FEE - \$10***

Tuesday, January 14, 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).

Advanced Downwind Sail Trim ***FEE - \$10***

Tuesday, January 21, 6 – 8 pm

Nick Hayes will build on the basics from *Advanced 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.

Dealing with the Unexpected! ***FEE- \$10***

Thursday, January 23, 6-8 pm

Will you know how to handle your boat and your crew when the unexpected arrives? What about if your mainsheet comes unbolted or your backstay snaps in a strong breeze or your tiller cracks? Join Tom Holman as we explore some ideas during this interactive class geared for those "Uh oh!" moments that every sailor eventually experiences.

Racing 101 ***FEE - \$10***

Tuesday, January 28, 6 – 8 pm

Join Ken Quant for this Basics of Racing class that will take you through the frequently asked questions about Racing Rules, including Right of Way at the start and at the mark, Mark Room, and Barging. For reference, you can get the MCSC Racing Handbook or the US Sailing *Racing Rules of Sailing* to follow along or to prepare questions.

Cruising 101 ***FEE - \$10***

Thursday, January 30, 6 – 8 pm

Great Lakes cruiser Jeff Bird talks about what cruising is, and why it's fun! 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.

(Mostly) All Things Ensign ***FEE - \$10***

Tuesday, February 4, 6 -8 pm

Dick Beverly got his Ensign up to 6.8 knots this summer... so he seems like an excellent resource for learning about Ensigns! Come hear about the design and construction of the awesome Ensign, as well as their history, and more.

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

Thursday, February 6, 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, and windlass operation. A class for cruising skippers and crew alike.

What's That Cleat?**FEE - \$10****Tuesday, February 11, 6 – 8 pm**

Cam, Clam and Jam! Where is the horn, duck bill, and base of a cleat? Join Phyllis McDonald for this hands-on class that will cover use and installation of several kinds of cleats.

VHF Radios**FEE - \$10****Thursday, February 13, 6 - 8 pm**

VHF radios are used to communicate with MCSC, other boat traffic, the Coast Guard, bridge operators, and with marinas. Not sure of the proper radio procedures? Jeff Bird will help unravel the mysteries of that VHF radio! Bring your own VHF radio, if you have one.

Block & Tackle**FEE - \$10****Tuesday, February 18, 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”!

What's in Your Sailing Bag?**FEE - \$10****Thursday, February 20, 6 – 8 pm**

Instructor Kristin Pratt will discuss what you should bring with you when sailing, where to find the gear you need, and how to use tools every sailor should bring along for the ride. Whether you going to be sailing for two hours or two weeks, this class is for you!

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Earn a national rating with US Sailing’s Keelboat Certification. You must have a current MCSC Medium (for 1+ seasons) or Heavy Air Rating. Fee includes US Sailing membership for a year, materials, and exam.

Lots o’ Knots**FEE - \$10****Tuesday, February 25, 6 - 8 pm**

Gene Cramer will go over knots that every sailor should know, such as the bowline, clove hitch, cleat hitch, figure 8, sheet bend, and many more. A great class for anyone who needs to brush up on – or learn – their essential knots before the sailing season starts!

Basic Sail Trim and Sail Shape**FEE - \$10****Thursday, February 27, 6 – 8 pm**

Jared Drake 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.

Line Splicing 101**FEE - \$10****Thursday, March 3, 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.

Basics of Navigation**FEE - \$100****Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 5:30-8:30 pm**

Join Gary Berg 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. 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****Thursday, March 5, 6-8 pm**

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”.

WeatherWise**FEE - \$10****Tuesday, March 10, 6 - 8 pm**

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!

Keeping Your Sails Ship-Shape**FEE - \$10****Wednesday, March 11, 12 noon to 1 p.m.**

Learn more about sail-making and the history of sails, as well as tips and tricks for maintaining your sails. Todd Basch from Quantum Sails will be ready to answer your questions about sails and sail-making—it doesn’t matter where you got your sails, he is ready to talk sailcloth with you!

Women’s Introduction to Sailing**FEE - \$10****Thursday, March 12, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Join Instructor Teresa Coronado for this introduction to sailing class for women. Brand new to sailing? Then this class is for you! This is a dryland introduction to the basic concepts of sailing. Learn some basic boat parts, points of sail, sail trim, knots, tacking, gybing, and much more.

MCSC Race Skipper Certification**FEE - \$10****Tuesday, March 17, 6 – 8 pm**

In order to check-out and skipper an MCSC 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. To prepare, ask for the MCSC Racing Handbook at the office, and/or attend the *Racing 101* course.



Introduction to Sailing **FEE - \$10**

Thursday, March 19, 6 – 8 pm

Brand new to sailing? Then this class is for you! Join Tom Holman for a dryland introduction to the basic concepts of sailing. Learn some basic boat parts, points of sail, sail trim, knots, tacking, gybing, and much more.

Milwaukee Weather 101 **FEE - \$10**

Tuesday, March 24, 6 – 8pm

Join Ken Quant as he takes you through the local wind and weather systems: how they form, and what it means to you as a sailor.

Mooring Basin 101 and 102 **FEE - \$10**

Thursday, March 26, 6 – 8 pm

Want to know more about how to strategize sailing through the mooring basin? Tom Holman will be working with you to plan, prioritize, and calm your fears! An expansion of his Chalk-Talk Video on the Mooring Basin, you won't want to miss this class.

Sew Your Own Bag With Recycled Sails **FEE - \$20**

Tuesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 2, 6 pm – 8 pm

Learn to sew a bag! Join two experienced sailors and sewers for two nights of cutting patterns and sewing a bag out of old sails. Sewing experience is helpful but not required. Bring your own sewing machine if you have one. We will have two machines to share. Sail cloth provided. This course is limited in size due to the individual attention required, so sign up early. Walk-Ups will not be accepted.

Race Committee 101 **FEE-\$10**

Tuesday, April 7, 6-8 pm

Have you always wanted to know what is involved with being on the Race Committee? Then this is the class for you! If you are looking to hone your racing skills, knowing the mechanics of the race set-up and the procedures for scoring will add to your racing "toolbox." Join Paul Baldino as he introduces the basics of being Race Committee.

Winch Cleaning for Beginners **FEE - \$10**

Thursday, April 9, 6 – 8 p.m.

This hands-on course will allow you to get your hands dirty in the care and cleaning of winches, led by expert Debbie Koelliker. Winches and supplies provided. This course is limited in size due to the individual attention required, so sign up early. Walk-Ups will not be accepted.

Dryland Refresher for Returning Sailors **FEE - \$10**

Tuesday, April 21, 6 to 8 pm

Shake out those winter cobwebs and 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 2020 sailing season! Come with your questions.

Volunteer Instructor (VI) Training

New Volunteer Instructors

Thursdays, April 16 & April 23, 6 – 8 pm

FEE - \$1 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 23, 6 – 8 pm

FEE - \$1 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 2020 schedule.

Milwaukee Public Museum at MCSC

Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

FEE - \$1 online / FREE if you call the office to register

10 am – 11:00 a.m.

The Beautiful World of Butterflies

Butterflies may be beautiful, but that's not why they're important! Learn about the residents of MPM's Butterfly Vivarium while we get up close and personal with these fascinating animals. Participants will have an opportunity to observe real butterfly specimens under a microscope while exploring how special their wings really are.

11:30 am – 12:30 p.m.

Wisconsin Rocks!

Discover how Wisconsin's landscape has evolved through time and what geology can tell us about our state's past.

Participants will get a chance to examine real fossils and use them to determine how Wisconsin's geography has changed over millions of years.

These are for all ages--and we encourage families to come to MCSC and enjoy these special programs.

~ January 2020~						
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5	6 Boat Maintenance & Repair 5:30	7	8	9 Boat Maintenance & Repair 10:30 a.m.	10	11
12	13 Boat Maintenance & Repair 5:30	14 Upwind Sailtrim, 6-8	15	16 Boat Maintenance & Repair 10:30 a.m.	17 Blood Drive! 1-6 pm	18
19	20 MCSC CLOSED	21 Downwind Sailtrim, 6-8	22	23 Dealing with the Unexpected, 6-8 Boat Maintenance & Repair 10:30 a.m.	24	25
26	27 Boat Maintenance & Repair 5:30	28 Racing 101, 6-8	29	30 Cruising 101, 6-8 Boat Maintenance & Repair 10:30 a.m.	31	~~~~)~~~~

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9	10 Boat Maintenance & Repair 5:30	11 Cleats, 6-8 Bookclub	12	13 VHF Radio, 6-8 Boat Maintenance & Repair 10:30 a.m.	14	15
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22	23 Boat Maintenance & Repair 5:30	24 MKE Weather, 6-8	25 Basics of Navigation 5:30-8:30	26 Mooring Basin 101, 6-8 Boat Maintenance & Repair 10:30 a.m.	27	28
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~ April 2020 ~						
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5	6 Boat Maintenance & Repair 5:30	7 Race Committee 101, 6-8	8	9 Winches, 6-8  Boat Maintenance & Repair 10:30 a.m.	10	11
12	13 MCSC Closed	14 Bookclub	15	16 VI Training (new)	17	18
19	20	21 Dryland Refresher, 6-8	22	23 VI Training (all)	24	25 OPENING DAY!
26 Open Sailing begins at 10 a.m.	27	28	29	30	~~~~_~)~~~~	~~~~_~)~~~~

# To Register for Classes

**Call:** 414-277-9094

**Email:** Info@ SailingCenter.org

**Online:** SailingCenter.Org (Click on “Learn to Sail” and then “Fall & Winter Classes” to Register Online)

**By Mail:** Fill out the form below and mail it in to:  
MCSC 1450 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive Milwaukee,  
WI 53202

## 2020 MCSC Winter Class Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Class _____

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Total Fees \$ _____

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

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ 3 digits on back _____

Signature _____