

# New Castle Sailing Club

## NEWSLETTER

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### *Commodore's Corner*

The year's sailing season kicks off on Saturday, February 8th at the Club House with the boat maintenance work session at 9 a.m, classroom instruction at 10:30 a.m., and a lunch meet and greet at noon. I'm looking forward to seeing all our existing members and welcoming new members on that day, so make it a point to stop by! The map below shows the available parking, with the Club property highlighted in blue in the center.

The parking lot that we used for years at the old lumber yard around the corner is no longer available to us. The SPCA is the main tenant there and Saturday is their busiest day of the week. We want the Club to continue to be a good neighbor in the community so please park only in the areas highlighted in green on the map and



NOT in the areas highlighted in red. The parking lot highlighted in green on 7th street is at the Touch of the Master's Hand church. Thank you for your cooperation!

As you know, our Club runs mainly on the cheerfully-provided sweat equity of our members. However, for a few things—like replacement parts for our boats, the maintenance of our shore facilities, and a host of other items—there is no substitute for cold hard cash. Which brings us to the subject of overdue dues.

Remember, dues are \$350/year and are payable by December 31, 2019. There are many who likely overlooked sending in their check due to the hustle and bustle of the Holidays, but the new sailing season is upon us and the payment is past due. If you have not yet paid your dues for this season, bring it to our season's kick-off on Saturday, February 8th or better yet, please send a check to: New Castle Sailing Club P.O. Box 46 New Castle, DE 19720 ...or contact our Treasurer, Laura Fontana ASAP at [treasncsc@gmail.com](mailto:treasncsc@gmail.com).



Steve Constable  
Commodore  
New Castle Sailing Club

## *From the Fleet*

### *All Hands on Deck!*

Our first work session is scheduled for Saturday, 8 February from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. (note: instruction begins at 10:30 in the Clubhouse) - join us for our kick-off lunch following! Please see [the website](#) for your work teams, as several teams have been reassigned this season.

For those of you who have recently joined us, a few gear/clothing tips for upcoming on-land work sessions:

- Wear comfortable, warm clothing that you are happy to get dirty and wet
- Wear durable shoes that will protect your feet and keep them warm
- Layer your clothing so that you can easily adjust for your comfort
- Bring water/coffee in SEALED bottles to prevent spills in an active work area

The work sessions are also a great time to gain a better understanding of overall rigging - you will learn the mechanics of the boats as well as how to rig yourself out for the water. Although instruction sessions will cover this as well, now is actually a good time to begin shopping for (or replacing) your gear for the upcoming season. You will need:

- A Coast Guard approved PFD (life jacket)
- Sailing gloves
- Boating shoes or boots (white or light soled with good grip)
- Water/wind proof jackets
- Water bottle
- Dry bag (for phones, lunch/snack, wallet, extra gear, etc.)
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- A change of clothes and a towel to keep in your car

Looking forward to seeing you on 8 February - get in touch in advance with any questions or to sign up for a team if you do not see your name on the list!

Meg Farrugia  
Fleet Captain

## ***Membership***



### **New Members**

Please welcome our newest members:

- Sallie and Luke Reissman of Wilmington. They are beginner sailors, and will both be active in the Club.
- Rob Vanderslice of Wilmington. Rob is a beginner sailor with powerboat experience.

### **Advertising our Club: We Need Your Help!**

Please promote the flyer I sent out to the Club earlier this month. I will continue this year with the events we did last year to promote the Club, but your help can actually be a greater service by reaching out to friends, family and colleagues. The events we did last year include our spring Open House in May, the City of New Castle Separation Day event in June, Newark Community Day at UD in September (new in 2019), and our fall Open House in September. We also had an article in *Out and About* magazine in June. I am also looking at other media advertising.

I invited recent Open House guests to attend our instruction session Saturday, February 8 without a commitment to join, or another date that fits their schedule. I will also be providing tours of our Sail and Club houses. Please let others know that they can also attend a complimentary instruction session that fits their schedule, where I will also provide a tour as requested. Please have them contact me at [MemberNCSC@gmail.com](mailto:MemberNCSC@gmail.com) to schedule an instruction session and or tour.

Thank you!

John Harder

Membership Director

# Racing

The 2020 Racing Schedule is posted on the [Racing Page](#) of the NCSC website. When I went to prepare the racing schedule, I noticed that our 2020 sailing season is a week longer than our 2019 season thanks to favorable launch and haul out dates. One extra week of sailing at no extra cost. Such a deal!

The 2020 Racing Schedule is similar to our 2019 schedule with an added racing day for a make up race or racing clinic and a few shifts like moving the Pea Patch Island Race to a day and time with favorable current. The 2020 season will feature:

- Regular spring and fall Thistle racing series (Yellow) with awards for each series;
- Six relaxed Club regattas (Blue);
- Three Flying Scot fun racing days (Green);
- Four race skills practice/development days (Orange); and
- One day for a make-up race or race clinic (White).

There will be something for everyone this racing season. I hope that all Club members will participate in some of our races during the 2020 sailing season.

Tom Gorman  
Racing Director



Date	Event	Time	
		Start	Finish
4/25/2020	Boat Launch		
5/2/2020	Boat Captains Race	9:00	13:00
5/9/2020	Spring Series 1	9:00	13:00
5/16/2020	Spring Series 2	9:00	13:00
5/23/2020	Spring Series 3	9:00	13:00
5/30/2020	Race Practice Day	9:00	13:00
6/6/2020	Flying Scot Race	9:00	13:00
6/13/2020	Separation Day Regatta	10:00	14:00
6/20/2020	Spring Series 4	9:00	13:00
6/27/2020	Spring Series 5	9:00	13:00
7/4/2020	Spring Series 6	9:00	13:00
7/11/2020	Lady Skippers Race	9:30	13:30
7/18/2020	Charity Regatta	9:30	14:00
7/25/2020	Flying Scot Race	9:30	13:30
8/1/2020	Race Practice Day	9:30	13:30
8/8/2020	Make-up Race	9:30	13:30
8/15/2020	Founder's Day Regatta	10:00	14:00
8/22/2020	Fall Series 1	10:00	14:00
8/29/2020	Fall Series 2	10:00	14:00
9/5/2020	Fall Series 3	10:00	14:00
9/12/2020	Pea Patch Island Race	11:00	15:00
9/19/2020	Flying Scot Race	9:30	13:30
9/26/2020	Silver Fleet Skippers Race	9:30	13:30
10/3/2020	Fall Series 4	9:00	13:00
10/10/2020	Fall Series 5	9:00	13:00
10/17/2020	Fall Series 6	9:00	13:00
10/24/2020	DELRIPETT Regatta	10:00	16:00
10/31/2020	Boat Haul Out		

## ***Instruction***

The 2020 Classroom Instruction season starts Saturday, February 8, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at the NCSC Clubhouse.

Classroom instruction is fun and helps to ensure safe sailing experiences for the upcoming season. Please feel free to invite a friend. Instruction is included in your membership fee, so please take advantage.

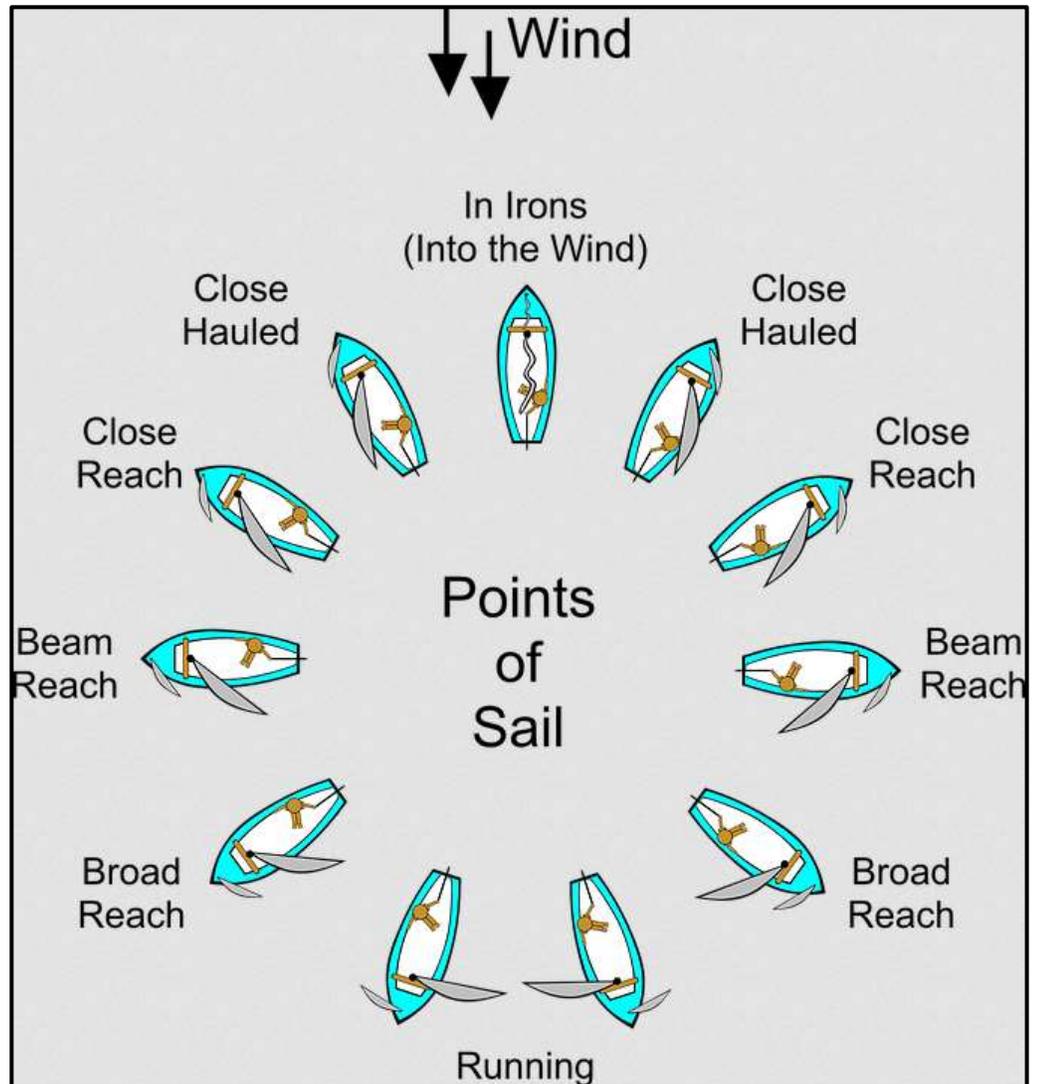
NOTE: The Hazards Class on March 28 is Mandatory for skipper certification; other sessions are optional, but

certainly useful. The first class will provide an overview of the season's instruction, introductory sailing, and an opportunity to meet the NCSC board and fellow sailors, so attendance for new members is strongly encouraged.

Additional information on instruction and certification requirements, as well as the full instruction calendar, can be found on the [Instruction page of the NCSC website](#).

Clay Greer

Safety & Instruction Director



## *Cruisers' Corner*

**Cruisers' Meeting Thursday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the NCSC Clubhouse.**



We will discuss:

1. Far away (e.g. The Caribbean, Greece, etc.) and fun cruising ideas for the 2020 year
2. Chesapeake Cruising—2019 FALL BIG SUCCESS—lets re-plan for 2020!!
3. Sun sail agreement for a free cruise, where are we in the countdown?
4. Cruisers communication: how to set up your own cruise!
  - a. Navigating the cruisers list
  - b. [Cruisers' Corner on the NCSC Website](#)

Highlights of the 2019 Season--will try to have some slides available

1. Spring cruise to Exumas / Bahamas with two boats and cruising cats
2. Two Fall Chesapeake Bay cruises—mid week—a big success!
3. Fall cruise to Guadeloupe and Dominica

Please bring your new ideas for 2020 year!!!

Hoping to see you there!

Craig B Quigley

## *Reminder: First Lunch*

The first lunch of the 2020 Season will be held on Saturday February 8, after the classroom instruction and work session, at noon. Please join us for some delicious food and interesting conversation. It's a good chance to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Hope to see you there.

Vice Commodore,  
Barbara Woods

## *Let it Snow!*



If you can't sail because of the snow, try skiing! If interested in joining other NCSC members who ski, send an email to the Commodore and we'll add you to the ski interest group. Pictured are Nancy Peffer, Don Grant, Cathy Thompson, Len Saari, Ed Ryan and Steve Constable (not shown Jim Tait and Jim Looloian) from a recent trip to Blue Mountain.