

New Castle Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Corner

This year's first boat maintenance work session starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, and classroom instruction starts at 10:30 on the same day, both at the club house.

I have prepared the following map to help you with parking availability. The club property is highlighted in blue in the center of the picture.



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 now and Saturday is their busiest day of the week. There is still plenty of parking available, just not quite as close as before.

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.

Regards,
Michael Evans
Commodore
New Castle Sailing Club

Fleet

I'm really excited to think that our work sessions will start in only a couple weeks...can Spring be far behind?! I'm looking forward to seeing you all on **Saturday, February 10**, at 9 a.m.

Your fleet assignment can be found on the Fleet Page of our website. Tentative assignments are already posted, but I'll do a final run by February 5th. If you'd rather be on a task team other than the one to which you've been assigned, please let me know, and we'll see what can be done. Please be aware, however, that I need to balance the make-up of the teams so that all the work will be successfully completed.

Attention Thistle lovers!

The new sails should be here by March 1! It's pretty exciting to be getting new racing sails!

A big "thank you" in advance to the Sail Team for getting the new sails and the Scot sails, bags and covers in tiptop shape for the new season.

Say goodbye to the old day sails! In with the NEW!

Steve Constable
Fleet Captain



REMEMBER WHEN...



We used to not cover our Scots for the winter.

Membership

Please welcome the club's newest member:

Charles Metzger has some sailing experience; he took sailing classes last spring (ASA 101 at Baysail Havre de Grace). He enjoys gardening, carpentry and painting. Thanks to Mari Tyler for referring Charles.

Welcome to the club, we look forward to meeting you soon!

Classroom Instruction starts Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 10:30 at the Club House. Michael Hyzny looks forward to seeing any new members who joined the club after last year's classroom instruction or anyone else who wants a brush-up before the sailing season begins. Michael will provide information on the classroom agendas and let you know which classes are mandatory. Please ensure you join us!

Mari Paz Russell
Membership Director

2018 First Lunch!

**Enjoy a delicious lunch Saturday, February 10.
Lunch is served after instruction and work sessions,
about 12:30 p.m. and will be catered from
Iannoni's Italian Specialties!**



Instruction

Classroom Instruction starts Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at the NCSC Club House. Since it is included in your membership fee, please take advantage of the privilege. Instruction covers familiarization with the vessels at NCSC, sailing fundamentals, some racing tips, and the principles and rules of sailing safely. You are encouraged to attend all the instruction classes.

Classroom instruction is for any club member, whether you've recently joined, have been through prior classes, or simply want to brush-up before the sailing season begins. In the first class, we will provide an overview of the season's instruction and begin the introduction to sailing. A syllabus is provided below, but keep in mind that many of the club's best sailors will be periodically instructing, so attending all will assure you meet more of the club and get a rounded perspective on sailing. Please clear your schedules to join us!

Date	Event	Time	
2/10/18	Intro to Sailing 1 - Points of sail, anatomy of a sailboat	10:30	12:00
2/17/18	Intro to Sailing 2 - Knots, boarding, controls, rigging, moving	10:30	12:00
2/24/18	Getting a feeling for sailing - jib, spinnaker, sail trim, tack, Jibe	10:30	12:00
3/3/18	Sailing skills 1 - Strong wind, light wind, managing emergencies	10:30	12:00
3/10/18	Sailing skill 2 - slowing, backwinding, heave to, docking, mooring	10:30	12:00
3/17/18	Sailing rules - required equipment, navigation, right of way	10:30	12:00
3/24/18	Tides, Currents & Moorings, Weather - forecasts, patterns, indicators, proper judgement	10:30	12:00
3/31/18	Hazards - what, where, how to avoid	10:30	12:00
4/7/18	Rigging a Scott, Racing fundamentals	10:30	12:00
4/14/18	Rigging a Thistle, Advanced Racing	10:30	12:00
4/21/18	Possible makeup day	10:30	12:00
4/28/18	Boat Launch	10:30	12:00

Classroom Instructors: To those of you who have instructed in the past, please let me know if you are interested in leading a class or assisting this year. It's always great to provide additional variety and perspective from the more seasoned members.

All club members: During classroom instruction, please be respectful of instructors and class members and move conversations elsewhere. Sound travels easily throughout the club house, and conversation and noise in the kitchen can be very distracting to the class participants. We appreciate your assistance with this request.

On the water (OTW) Instructors: Once again, we encourage all club members who are keyed to instruct. It makes each of us better sailors, provides a great service to the new members and is great fun. Please reach out to me to let me know of your interest before official launch on April 28. (instncsc@gmail.com)

Instructors by appointment: Often there are folks who would like OTW instruction, but their schedules don't allow connecting at the typical Saturday and Sunday time of 1:30 p.m. If you enjoy instructing, have a flexible schedule, and would be willing to schedule time for OTW instruction by appointment, please let me know so that I can add you to the list.

I look forward to a safe, informative and enjoyable instructing and sailing year.

Michael Hyzny
Safety and Instruction Director

Racing



Announcing our 2018 NCSC Racing Schedule.

We our offering:

- Regular spring and fall Thistle racing with awards for spring and fall series (Yellow)
- Six relaxed club regattas (Blue)
- Three Flying Scot fun racing days (Green)
- Four race skills practice/development days (Orange).

For those who like to sleep in on Saturdays, we will have seven weeks of afternoon racing in late July, August and early September.

There is something for everyone, so we hope all club members will participate in some of our races during the 2018 sailing season. Racing is a fun way to improve your sailing skills.

2018 NCSC Race Calendar			
Date	Event	Time	
		Start	Finish
4/28/2018	Boat Launch		
5/5/2018	Boat Captains Race	9:00	13:00
5/12/2018	Spring Series 1	9:00	13:00
5/19/2018	Spring Series 2	9:00	13:00
5/26/2018	Spring Series 3	9:00	13:00
6/2/2018	Racing Practice Day	9:00	13:00
6/9/2018	Separation Day Regatta	10:00	14:00
6/16/2018	Flying Scot Race	9:00	13:00
6/23/2018	Spring Series 4	9:00	13:00
6/30/2018	Spring Series 5	9:00	13:00
7/7/2018	Spring Series 6	9:00	13:00
7/14/2018	Charity Regatta	10:00	14:00
7/21/2018	Lady Skippers Race	12:30	16:30
7/28/2018	Racing Practice Day	12:30	16:30
8/4/2018	Flying Scot Race	12:30	16:30
8/11/2018	Founder's Day Regatta	10:00	14:00
8/18/2018	Silver Fleet Skippers Race	12:30	16:30
8/25/2018	Fall Series 1	12:30	16:30
9/1/2018	Fall Series 2	12:30	16:30
9/8/2018	Fall Series 3	12:30	16:30
9/15/2018	Pea Patch Island Race	9:30	14:00
9/22/2018	Flying Scot Race	9:00	13:00
9/29/2018	Fall Series 4	9:00	13:00
10/6/2018	Fall Series 5	9:00	13:00
10/13/2018	Fall Series 6	9:00	13:00
10/20/2018	DELRIPETT Regatta	10:00	16:00
10/27/2018	Boat Haul Out		

Sail Trim Clinic

North Sails will be running a "Boat Speed & Sail Trim" clinic on Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 3 - 5 p.m. at North East River Yacht Club in North East, Maryland.

Click on this link for information, registration and directions:
http://www.neryc.com/pages/activities/Sail_Race/race_seminar.html

If you would like a ride from North Wilmington, send me an email at RacingNSCS@gmail.com

Tom Gorman
Racing Director