



## 2013 DRYA Winter Sailing Seminars

Please find below a description of the 2013 DRYA Winter Seminar Series, scheduled for Wednesdays in January, February, and March. All presentations start at 7:00 PM. All seminars are free (except for the CPR seminar with a nominal materials fee) and are open to the public. Additional weekly reminders/updates will be sent from the DRYA Facebook Page [<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=264045363592>] and the DRYA website [DRYA.org]. Junior and collegiate sailors are especially encouraged to participate.



**January 9, 2013**

**“Always on Call: Stories from the Port of Detroit Mail Boat”  
by Sam Buchanan**

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**“Cruising the Dalmatian Coast, Its Beauty and Charm”  
by Tom Boyce & Frank Sonye (at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club)**

The J.W.Wescott II continues its long standing unique job of delivering "mail by the pail" as well as many other ferrying activities to the many ships passing through the Port of Detroit. This is a 24/7 operation that dates to 1874. With Captain Sam Buchanan, who has 27 years behind him on the mail boat and who is one of its current captains, we have the opportunity to learn how this service functions and hear stories about its current and past operations. Captain Buchanan, a native Detroiter, holds a 100 Ton Master's License for the Great Lakes and Inland Waters and spends his life immersed in boating as a tour boat captain, model boat builder and freighter sitter (during the winter months).



The Dalmatian Coast is widely held to be one of the best and, until recently, one of the least discovered cruising areas in Europe. Jacques Cousteau described the Adriatic as “one of the cleanest seas on earth” while George Bernard Shaw suggested “those who seek paradise on earth should come to Dubrovnik.”



These observations are absolutely confirmed by Lake Shore Sail Club & DRYA members Tom Boyce and Frank Sonye whose presentation will show the beauty and charm of Croatia. Included will be commentary on the cuisine, anchorages, marinas, history, currency, shopping, chartering information and weather.

Please join us from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for our kick-off seminar of the 2013 series. The Spinnaker restaurant is open beginning at 5 p.m. and the special of the evening is hamburger and house wine. Reservations are advised (313-884-2500). The dress code will not be in effect. Credit cards only.

**January 16, 2013**

**“The Need for Speed: Ice Boating”  
by Ron Sherry (at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club)**

Come and enjoy the excitement of ice boating. You will see videos of these extremely fast craft in action. Ron Sherry (along with members of his team) will be the presenter and he absolutely sizzles when discussing the sport he is so passionate about. This one will keep you on the edge of your seat. Several ice boats will be on display and everyone is encouraged to bring cameras, have photos taken sitting in the boats, and see for themselves how these speedsters work.



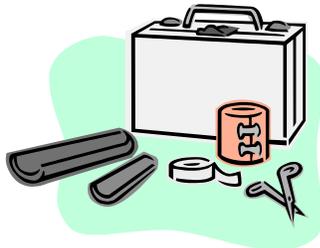
Ron Sherry is an eight time World Champion in three different classes; ten time North American Champion in the DN class; and a Euro Champion. He will be assisted by Leon LeBeau who will discuss the history of ice boating and Chris Clark who will discuss the science of ice boating. Ron's son Griffin will speak about sailing Ice Opti's, ice boating's version of the small Optimist dinghy. See more at his website: [iceboatracing.com](http://iceboatracing.com)

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**January 23, 2013**

**“Medicine for Sail”  
by Robert Amsler (at the Bayview Yacht Club)**

Robert Amsler, D.O., Fleet Surgeon for the Bayview Yacht Club, is well known for his many medical presentations to our sailing community. This year he will be approaching the topic of on board medicine from a fresh and unique common sense perspective, building on basics with ample time for questions. You will come away from this seminar with new confidence in your ability to deal with common problems that arise when sailing (racing and cruising). Please join us on January 23 for a most informative and empowering evening.



Dr. Amsler, is a local family practitioner with 37 years of practice behind him. He is well known in the one design fleets (NA 40's and J120s) and is a Past Commodore of Bayview Yacht Club, our hosts for this evening. His first aid book is available for downloading on the Bayview web site.

Please join us at the Bayview Yacht Club from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The restaurant and bar will be open to all for dinner and socializing before the seminar starting at 1730. There are daily specials. Reservations are not accepted. Payment is by credit card or *via* other yacht club accounts only.

**January 30, 2013**

**“Trouble Shooting Diesel Engines”  
by Warren Roosen (at the North Star Sail Club)**

Everything in sailing is important, but some things are more important and frustrating than others. You may understand this better if you have been in the situation where the engine fails to start or to charge the batteries. Warren Roosen of Blue Water Marine will give us some "tools" to help keep us problem-free and to deal with the inevitable when he discusses the maintenance and trouble shooting of diesel engines.



This seminar will be held at the North Star Sail Club on Wednesday March 3, 2010 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Beverage service (only) will be available.

February 6, 2013

**“Safe Sailing: Prepare or Beware”**  
**by Phil LePage & Tim Metcalf (at the Detroit Yacht Club)**

Ask sailors the definition of "safe sailing" and you will get many different answers. This session will address the topic from two points of view. The first part will review some of the equipment, techniques and training that can reduce the likelihood of an emergency at sea. Later, we'll take a look at what can be done with a boat's electronics and software.



Phil LePage is a founder and twice Past Commodore of the Doublehanded Sailing Association. He has a lifetime of sailing experience, including multiple Atlantic crossings. He owns and sails a C&C 44 sloop. He is the owner of Northeast Metalcraft, a custom and limited production machining and metalworking business located in Pontiac.

Tim Metcalf is the Vice Commodore of the Doublehanded Sailing Association for the 2012 sailing season. He has been sailing for more than 30 years, on boats from twenty to seventy feet long. He has owned his current boat, a C&C 41 sloop, for more than twenty years. He owns TCM Marine Electronics Services, a small business that

sells, installs and integrates marine navigation electronics hardware and software. He is also a Licensed US Coast Guard Captain.

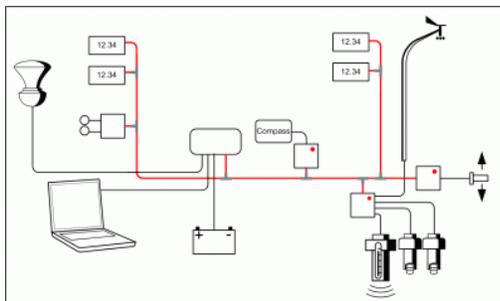
This seminar will be held at the Detroit Yacht Club from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Bar and (limited menu) grill service will be available starting at 1730. Food and drink specials will be featured for DRYA seminar attendees. Credit cards only. The dress code has been waived for the evening.

February 13, 2013

**“The Science of Optimizing & Interpreting Instruments”**  
**by Mike Ruhland (at the Grosse Pointe Sail Club (Tompkins Center))**

The yacht “Dolphin” and its crew are folk heroes around the Great Lakes. Despite her 35 years, this one-off Mull 54 has finished in the money 11 out of the last 18 Bayview Macs amongst many other races. Mike is her tactician and speed-king, and applies his business analysis and technical problem-solving skills to the art of winning sailboat races.

In 1987, after attending an Ockam U seminar, he sold his dad and team patriarch on the ideas and the need for new instruments to implement them. Then he bought and installed an Ockam system himself and trained the crew in its use. They are still using that same system.



Mike will tell how to calibrate sailing instruments so you can have confidence in the information they provide. With that trustworthy information, he will discuss how to use it in the context of a race, e.g. what numbers do the tactician, the helmsman, and the sail trimmers need.

He will illustrate the value of this approach with an experience from a race in which it was used. Finally he will tell us about the Ockam U seminar and how it can help us to do better on the race course.

This seminar will be held at the Tompkins Center from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Refreshments are often available at GPSC hosted events.

**February 20, 2013**

**“CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation)”  
by Loretta Rehe (at the Edison Boat Club)**

Because an emergency can happen anytime anywhere, the American Heart Association's CPR and AED learning programs help increase survival rates by training people just like you to respond quickly. The sad truth is most people don't survive a cardiac arrest. Four to six minutes is the window of opportunity for someone to act before it is too late, but fewer than one-third of cardiac arrest victims get CPR from someone nearby.



In the HeartSaver CPR/AED course, you will learn how to perform "Hands only CPR", and single rescuer CPR which includes Compressions, Airway and Breathing. You will learn abdominal thrusts to help someone who is choking. If you complete the course and pass your skills test, you will receive a card that states you have completed the objectives of the course.

You should be aware that this session is by advance registration only and is available for a limited number of participants. It is the only seminar with a fee to cover the cost of materials -- \$30.00 paid with the registration. In the event that we receive reservations in excess of the capacity there may be a second session on Thursday,

February 21. Final day to register is Friday, February 15, 2013.

The presentation will start *promptly* at 7:00 PM at the Edison Boat Club. No food or beverage service will be available.

**February 27, 2013**

**“Weather – Big Picture/Little Picture”  
by Pat Healy (at the Port Huron Yacht Club)**

The Olympics, Paralympics and coaching at the Naval Academy, with a little Detroit Weather Safety thrown in. Pat Healy has been a coach or an official at six Olympics, as well as last year's Paralympics, and has been the coach of the intercollegiate sailing team at the US Naval Academy for ten years. He also has a BS in Meteorology from the University of Wisconsin.



He will discuss how experiences in all of these endeavors are related and how it can help you be more weather-wise and a safer boater this summer.

This presentation will be held at the Port Huron Yacht Club from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Beverage service (only) will be available. There are excellent nearby restaurants for food.

**March 6, 2013**

**“The Allure of Chartering – Great Lakes & Caribbean Adventures”  
by Dave Conrad (at the Great Lakes Yacht Club)**

There is a wonderful world of chartering - not only in the ever popular Caribbean but also in our own Great Lakes. Dave Conrad will widen our horizons in both areas this evening in his comprehensive discussion.

First we'll explore the “Pine Tree Paradise” with an insider's guide to the islands, bays, beaches and harbor towns of Northwest Michigan. This seminar will familiarize you with little known anchorages, local festivals, navigational hazards, weather options, even where to go wine tasting! In the second half of the presentation, Dave will lead us through the “Palm Tree Paradise” with an insider's guide to cruising the Virgin Islands. There's a reason why the Virgin



Islands are one of the most popular cruising grounds in the world and this presentation will show you how to make the best of your Caribbean charter with tips on travel logistics, provisioning, ferry routes, charter base check out procedures and alternative cruising itineraries. We'll also compare charter companies and how the Virgin Islands stack up to other Caribbean charter destinations.



Dave Conrad, owner of Bay Breeze Yacht Charters and Sailing School, has 20 years of cruising, crewing, captaining and living aboard vessels in the Caribbean and on the Great Lakes. As a USCG Captain and ASA sailing instructor, Dave, with his wife Kristen and their daughter Adele, have a passion for the sailing lifestyle and for introducing sailors to new cruising grounds.

Hand-outs are available during the presentation and an online PDF is also available for further review on these two great cruising grounds.

The presentation will be at the Great Lakes Yacht Club from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. The GLYC will have snacks and soft drinks. Restaurants will be open along the Nautical Mile between 9 & 10 mi.

**March 13, 2013**

**“Sailboat Racing Tactics”  
by Glenn Burton (at the Detroit Yacht Club)**

This seminar will focus on the key elements of starting, racing upwind, downwind, boat-on-boat decisions, boat tuning for light and heavy wind, and do's and don'ts on the race course. While primarily for the small boat and one design sailor, there will clearly be something to be gained by all sailors in attendance.



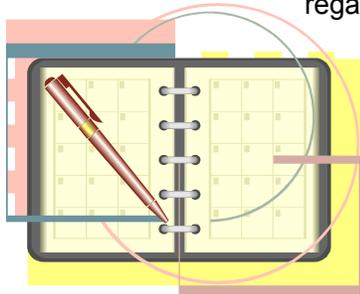
Glenn Burton is known for two Olympic campaigns in the Flying Dutchman, as well as two-time Etchells World Champion, Etchells North American Champion, and current Etchells International Governor.

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**March 20, 2013**

**“What You Need to Know About the New Racing Rules”  
by Ted Everingham (at the Bayview Yacht Club)**

The Racing Rules of Sailing are revised every four years by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). The new 2013-2016 edition becomes effective on January 1, 2013, and it includes some significant changes. We will review some rules basics and then dissect the changes in a way that will be easy to understand



regardless of your experience level. This informative and entertaining seminar will be led by Ted Everingham, an International Judge, US SAILING-certified Umpire and Senior Judge, past chair of the US SAILING Judges Committee and former member of the US SAILING Umpires Committee. Please join us on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00 PM at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit.

We encourage you to bring a copy of the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, which are available free of charge at [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ISAFRRS20132016Final-\[133761\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ISAFRRS20132016Final-[133761].pdf).

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**March 27, 2013**

**“Know to Make it Go: Heavy & Light Air Sailing”  
by Al Declercq of Doyle Sails, Detroit (at the Ford Yacht Club)**

Al has been supplying sails to Detroit area sailors since 1979. In that capacity, he sails with his customers and advises them on how to make the most of their sails and to best handle their boats. Al will discuss how to adapt to wind strength while sailing our boats. He will discuss what we should do in light and heavy air to get the most from our boats in terms of sail trim, steering, tactics, boat handling and sail selection. Al will have returned from Key West Race Week, and he will tell us about his experiences in this high profile event.



Please join us at the Ford Yacht Club for this seminar from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Beverage and limited menu food service will be available commencing at 1730.