

Milwaukee Community Sailing Center
2004 Membership Handbook

Welcome to the Sailing Center! Thank you for joining one of the premier community sailing organizations in the United States. I hope you find sailing at the Sailing Center to be a fun, rewarding experience for you and your guests.

Your 2004 Membership Handbook contains MCSC membership information, Open Sailing regulations and other pertinent information. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the handbook. It should answer many questions you may have about the Sailing Center, including the fleet and rating system. You'll also find information on special events, volunteer opportunities and year-round social activities.

If you have questions or comments regarding this manual or any of the courses or programs available at the Sailing Center, please call me at 414-277-9094 or email at james@sailingcenter.org. Thank you for joining the Sailing Center.

Sincerely,

James E. Keck
Associate Director/Head Sailing Instructor

Dear Fellow Sailor:

Welcome to the wonderful world of sailing! We're glad you joined. If you are enrolled in basic lessons, it probably is a dream come true to be able to get on the water and try this great sport!

For many years income barriers and physical boundaries have kept many from sailing. Thanks to generous donations and the foresight of MCSC board members 24 years ago, everyone can afford sailing in Milwaukee. At the same time, MCSC needs to keep up with the demands that are placed upon the Sailing Center fleet, grounds and facilities. During your lessons you will hear of plans to renovate our less than adequate buildings and add boats to the fleet.

Recently, we kicked off a capital campaign to raise \$3 million dollars. We need your help to continue the tradition to keep MCSC strong and growing. Donate your time, energy and financial support to the Sailing Center to keep it a great place on a great lake! Enjoy your adventures in sailing!

Sincerely,

Bill Mosher, Board President

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE SAILING CENTER!

The MCSC Membership Handbook is designed to assist you in getting familiar with The Sailing Center. It is each member's responsibility to understand and comply with the information provided. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with The Membership Handbook. If you have any questions regarding your membership, contact MCSC.

We want you to enjoy your membership and take advantage of what we have to offer in a safe and fun manner. You are part of one of the best learn-to-sail organizations in the nation! If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Sailing Center or the Membership Handbook, please call MCSC.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP

MCSC membership is valid for 1 year from sign up and entitles you to:

- register for basic, intermediate and advanced courses.
- access Lake Michigan and use the fleet at no cost.
- enroll in the Enrichment Program and sail May - October.
- get involved in regattas and social activities.
- volunteer instruct or give rides at special events.
- attend the Lobster Boil, Holiday Party and the Sailor's Ball.

QUICK FACTS

- 2003 - 2004: 700+ youth & adult members
- entering 25th season of sailing on Lake Michigan
- 20 Members on the Board of Directors
- Fleet: 25 Ensigns, 5 Solings, 4 J24s, 6 470s, 6 Hunters
- private, not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization
- capital campaign for new facilities
- 2004 Sailing Season: May 1 - October 24
- 4 full time, year-round staff
- Basic, Intermediate and Advanced courses
- 3 Boston Whaler Safety boats
- McKinley Marina in Veteran's Park location
- over 10,000 members in MCSC history

MCSC INFORMATION

Address: 1450 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Office: 414-277-9094 Fax: 414-277-9124 Weather Information Line: 414-277-9272

e-mail: info@sailingcenter.org website: www.sailingcenter.org

Directions: From I-94 take 794 east to the N. Lincoln Memorial Drive (Lakefront) exit. Go north on N. Lincoln Memorial Drive 1.2 miles to Lagoon Drive. Turn east on Lagoon Drive (towards the lake) and continue past the kite shop. Turn left where Lagoon Drive forks and enter the MCSC parking lot. The office and classroom are in the gray building just inside the fence line. The restrooms are located southwest of the office and the dockhouse is to the northwest near the docks.

MCSC STAFF

MCSC has four full-time, year-round and nearly twenty-five seasonal staff members. Most MCSC staff are US Sailing Certified Instructors and trained in American Red Cross, Standard First Aid and C.P.R. Staff members can be identified by their olive green staff t-shirts. MCSC year-round staff:

Peter Rieck	Holly Davenport	James E. Keck	Jared Drake
Executive Director	Director	Assoc. Director & Head Sailing Inst.	Fleet & Operations Mgr.

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MCSC STAFF FOR SAILING SEASON 2004

Maja Akerblom	Anna Bargren	Gary Berg	Nick Bowers	Jon Breschak	Patrick Cobb
Kelsey Cramer	Nick Cregor	Joe Fillingham	Augie Haas	Chris Herbst	Karina Hoth
Wike Kaiser	Donna King	Ryan Krafcheck	Don Monnot	Lauren Thomas	Ron Reitz

MCSC STATEMENT

The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center is a private, non-profit 501(c) 3 agency located north of downtown in the heart of Veterans Park at McKinley Marina. MCSC provides educational and recreational sailing programs to those who wish to gain access to Lake Michigan and learn to sail; regardless of age, ability or financial concerns. In 2004, MCSC celebrates its 25th year of sailing.

MCSC owns and maintains over 80 boats and members have no-charge access to the fleet after successfully demonstrating basic sailing skills and earn a rating. The Sailing Center also offers private boat owners 24-hour access to the lake, year-round boat and dinghy storage, mast stepping, boat launching and haul out services.

Each summer, MCSC partners with local organizations to provide sailing opportunities to thousands of at-risk and economically disadvantaged youth, the physically challenged and others. MCSC also provides social activities and volunteer opportunities to members. Take a few moments to browse through our brochure and learn about a great community organization.

MCSC HISTORY

The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, Inc. was founded in 1977 when a group of local sailors got together with county officials to form a unique organization that strived to make sailing accessible to all in the community. After incorporation and construction of the offices and maintenance facility, the Sailing Center opened with lessons and rentals in 1980 with an enthusiastic staff of ten and a humble fleet of Tech Dinghies, Volants and a safety boat. As membership began to grow, so did the staff, fleet and course offerings. Basic adult and youth courses annually brought hundreds of new members to learn to sail on Lake Michigan. The nationally renowned "Prims in the Park" program began in 1984 and continues to bring sailing and water safety to Milwaukee County Park Lagoons, offering scholarships to the economically disadvantaged and providing the opportunity to learn to sail.

Through generous donations from fellow sailors throughout the United States and fleet purchases, MCSC now owns and maintains nearly eighty boats, including twenty-five Pearson Ensigns, one of the largest such fleets in the United States - as well as Solings, J24s, 470s, Designer Choice dinghies, Hunter 146s, JY dinghies, Holder Hawks and Access dinghies specifically designed for physically challenged sailors.

The instructional programs have also expanded - MCSC offers a full range of basic, intermediate and advanced adult and youth sailing courses. But the growth has placed unprecedented demands on the offices, classrooms, fleet, dockhouse and maintenance facility. More member-friendly space and larger buildings are needed in order to offer the highest quality programming that we possibly can.

The groundwork is in place for a 'new' MCSC. With the support of members and the local community, MCSC will continue to make sailing available to all in the Milwaukee community.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Bill Mosher
Vice President	Marilyn Walczak
Secretary	Mike Drew
Treasurer	Paul Geenen

Current MCSC Board Members:

Frank Arndorfer	Marge Beil	Barb Bloch
Thomas Gale	Clarence Johnson	Bob Mueller
Cookie Mueller	Gene Neyhart	Bob Rice
Mary Thuemling	R.C. Zingler	

THE SAILING CENTER IS A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

MCSC is a membership-driven organization. The Sailing Center is funded through membership dues, class fees and winter and summer storage fees paid by private boat owners. The Sailing Center is not run by Milwaukee County nor does it receive funds from Milwaukee County. We lease the property from the County. Also, a significant percentage of our budget is derived from donations and fundraising events such as the Lobster Boil and the Sailor's Ball. We have taught over 10,000 youth and adult members to sail since the Sailing Center opened its doors in 1980.

THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS, GUESTS AND THE FLEET IS THE PRIMARY CONCERN.

Although the fleet is owned by MCSC and shared by all members, we want you to take ownership of the fleet and grounds. This 'ownership' allows the Sailing Center to keep maintenance costs and membership fees to a minimum. Please do what you can to keep the fleet and grounds in great condition.

The Sailing Center is involved in many community-based outreach programs. These programs are specifically targeted at non-members and provide sailing opportunities to those who may not otherwise get the chance to go sailing on Lake Michigan. Programs include the MAST (Milwaukee Area Sailing Teens) program, sailing events for physically and financially disadvantaged individuals, the Open House and the nationally acclaimed Prams in the Park program.

MCSC FLEET

The Ensign

Made by Pearson, the Ensign is a stable and comfortable 23' keelboat that handles well in various wind and wave conditions. Great for the beginner or the experienced sailor, the Ensign can fit four to five adults comfortably or can be handled by just two sailors. The Ensigns have been fitted with Harken Roller Furling Units for the jib which makes rigging quick and easy.

The Ensign is used in Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Courses as well as Open Sailing and the Enrichment Program. They are great boats for giving rides to youth and adult guests. The Sailing Center has a fleet of 25 Ensigns. This classic Carl Aberg design is a safe, versatile boat that is comfortable and easy to sail.

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MCSC FLEET (con't.)
The Soling

Formerly the triple-handed (3 person) Olympic Class race boat, this sleek and narrow 27' racing sloop is very responsive and challenging to sail. The Soling has many sail trim and rigging adjustments, making this a very performance-oriented, technical race boat. Used in the Intermediate and Advanced courses and Open Sailing and Wednesday Night Racing, the Soling sails well upwind and is equipped for spinnaker use on downwind runs. Sailed with 2 or 3 crew. Fun, fast boat!

The J24

The most popular one-design boat in the world because of its versatility for racing or cruising, the Sailing Center has three J24s. J24s are used for Open Sailing, Wednesday Night Racing, Sunday Racing and the Women's Offshore Racing Team. The J24 is technical and challenging because of its unique design and multitude of sail and rigging controls. You can sail a J24 with 2 crew, or race with 4 or 5.

The 470

Another Olympic Class race boat for double-handed competition. The 15' 470 is very fast, ultra responsive and offers youth and adult intermediate sailors the opportunity to use a spinnaker, hike out and trapeze using a harness. There is a growing fleet of 470s at the Sailing Center that race regularly. MCSC hosted the 470 National Championships in July, 2001.

The Hunter 146 and Designer's Choice Dinghy- These 15' centerboard dinghies are used in Youth Courses. Great boat for new sailors or experienced youth members for learning and practice basic sailing maneuvers.

The Holder Hawk and JY Club Trainer - Fun and durable, these 10' single-handed dinghies are designed for kids to be easily rigged and sailed. These sturdy, light-wight boats are used at local Milwaukee County Park Lagoons in MCSC's nationally acclaimed Prams in the Park program for 8 - 12 year olds.

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PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, RATINGS AND FLAG SYSTEM

The performance evaluation system incorporates MCSC course curriculum and US Sailing's requirements on sail theory, boat handling and decision making in various wind and wave conditions. To ensure a safe sailing environment and to accurately evaluate one's sailing abilities, this system requires that members demonstrate proficiency in wind conditions stronger than what they are being evaluated for.

Members evaluating for any rating are expected to position and rig the boat properly, inspect and identify nomenclature, depart and return to the dock safely and demonstrate sailing maneuvers and sail trim using appropriate terminology. Right of Way knowledge, knot tying and proper decision making are also evaluated.

Additional Performance Evaluation Information:

Call the Weather Information Line at 414-277-9272 for prevailing weather conditions and staff availability. If the wind conditions are appropriate and staff is available, call the MCSC office to schedule an evaluation. Each evaluation takes approximately one hour. You may be evaluated during Open Fridays, Spinnaker Club for a Light or Medium air rating.

For a Heavy Air Evaluation, you must register for the Heavy Air Sailing Session. If you receive a Plan of Improvement, you must allow at least three to four weeks to practice and improve before another evaluation will be scheduled. In Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Courses, students generally receive a Performance Evaluation (weather permitting) during the course.

The MCSC dockmaster declares wind conditions and posts this information at the MCSC office, the dockhouse (using flags) and on the Weather Information Line. Dockmaster decisions regarding whether to allow boats out on the water are final and MCSC members must comply with the decisions and/or directions of the dockmaster.

Wind Speed	Flag at dockhouse	Evaluation requirements
Light Air • 1-10 knots	White Flag	Light air evaluation requires 9 – 12 knots.
Medium Air • 11-15 knots	Yellow Flag	Medium air evaluation requires 14–17 knots.
Heavy Air • 16-20 knots	Green Flag	Heavy air evaluation requires 19 – 22 knots.
No Open Sailing • 21+ knots	Black Flag	No Open Sailing or Evaluations.

White, Yellow or Green flag + Orange Flag Sail in Area A only - Changing conditions.

OPEN SAILING

This is the best part of sailing at MCSC! Rated members are eligible to use MCSC boats at no charge during Open Sailing once they must have successfully passed a Performance Evaluation and earned a rating. Members must have a rating (light, medium or heavy) for the prevailing wind conditions and boat type (centerboard, keelboat or J24) that they wish to check out. If you don't have a rating for the wind speed or boat type, you will not be allowed to check out a boat at that time.

Call the Weather Information Line at 414-277-9272 for the prevailing weather conditions, rating requirements and any other important information. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon sailing on Lake Michigan with your family and friends. Take advantage of the best sailing deal around - no charge use of the MCSC fleet!

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MCSC OPEN SAILING REGULATIONS & BOAT CHECKOUT PROCEDURES

1. MCSC Skippers must be rated for the prevailing wind conditions and the boat type that they wish to check out. Members will not allowed to check out boats in wind conditions they are not rated for.
2. MCSC skippers must speak with the Dockmaster and receive verbal permission to check out a boat. MCSC boats are not allowed to leave the dock without verbal permission.
3. There must be at least one rated MCSC skipper and at least one crew on each boat. Crew must be at least 12 years old or they need to be accompanied by another adult. Dockmasters reserve the right to restrict or not allow skippers to check out boats based upon their crew and other factors.
4. MCSC skippers must complete a Check Out Sheet at the dockhouse. Skippers are responsible for developing a safe sail plan for the mooring basin, indicating a sailing area and ensuring that their guests have signed and dated the guest waiver. There is no charge to take guests sailing.
5. Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) must be properly secured and worn on MCSC docks and boats at all times. MCSC supplies Type III PFDs for you and your guests (ages 8 - adults). You may use your own US Coast Guard approved Type I, II or III PFD.
6. All skippers and guests using MCSC boats must be capable of swimming at least 75 yards. Skippers and guests are required to sign the waiver on the reverse side of the Check Out Sheet. stating such.
7. Sailboats may be checked out for a maximum period of two hours. If no other sailors are waiting, you must check in and be approved by the Dockmaster to sail for an additional two more.
8. All MCSC boats must be at MCSC docks by sunset. Skippers are responsible for ensuring that they are at the dock by sunset. The time of sunset is posted at the office and dockhouse, and is stated on the Weather Information Line at 414-277-9272. Most MCSC boats do not have lights. Failure to be at the dock by sunset will result in a suspension of sailing privileges. Plan ahead!

9. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on MCSC boats at any time. Use of alcohol before or during use of MCSC boats will not be tolerated and will result in a suspension of sailing privileges. Smoking is prohibited on boats, offices and maintenance facility.
10. MCSC skippers must report all accidents, injuries and collisions to the dockmaster in a timely manner. Skippers are responsible for "checking in" by signing the bottom of the Check Out Sheet. Failure to report any incidents will result in suspension of privileges. Staff must complete an Incident Report for documentation purposes. If you are involved in ANY type of collision with a boat, wall or other obstruction, you must report it to the dockmaster.
11. Except in an emergency, MCSC skippers are not allowed to dock anywhere other than MCSC docks. See the McKinley Marina Mooring Basin Sailing Plan on page 14 for specific guidelines.
12. MCSC skippers are responsible for their guest's behavior and safety. Unruly, arrogant or dangerous behavior will not be tolerated and will result in the suspension of the members' sailing privileges. It is important that MCSC skippers respect the Rules of the Road and the rights of privately owned boats.

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MCSC OPEN SAILING REGULATIONS & BOAT CHECKOUT PROCEDURES (con't.)

13. Each MCSC skipper is responsible for his/her actions and will be held liable for damage or collisions caused by their use of a MCSC boat. Be sure to check your insurance coverage if you have questions. Students enrolled in classes are generally covered under MCSC's insurance policy.
14. Skippers are responsible for sailing in the sailing area they have indicated on the Check Out Sheet. In case of fast moving weather systems, fog or other situations, dockmasters refer to the Check Out Sheet to locate boats on the water. Stay in the sailing area that you have indicated.
15. SAILING AREAS (see page 12 for a diagram of the MCSC Sailing Areas)
Light and medium air sailors are generally not allowed to Open Sail outside the breakwater. You must have a heavy air rating to Open Sail outside the breakwater. You may sail outside the breakwater if you are in a class and are directly supervised by the sailing instructor. Centerboard boats are not allowed outside. Boats outside the breakwater must stay within 1 mile of the Main Gap.
16. In order to improve members' sailing skills and enhance on-the-water experiences at MCSC, the dockmaster may decide to allow medium air rated members to sail outside the breakwater on light and medium air days. This is not a "green light" for all medium air rated members to automatically sail outside the breakwater every time they go sailing. You must get verbal permission from the dockmaster each time you want to sail outside the wall.

Please read and understand the following:

- The Sailing Center owns and maintains the fleet and is responsible for providing a safe sailing environment. Dockmasters on duty will decide if medium air sailors are allowed outside the breakwater at that time and will post this at the dockhouse.
- You must have verbal permission from the dockmaster on duty. The dockmaster must initial your Check Out Sheet if you are allowed outside the breakwater at that time.

- There are many factors that staff consider before making this decision. Factors such as prevailing and forecasted wind conditions, wave size, current/tide conditions, your experience, your crew, time of day, staff availability and others will be considered. Sailing conditions can change dramatically and quickly on Lake Michigan. Lighter wind and choppy seas can be more problematic than heavy wind.
 - The dockmaster's decision is final. Do not try to circumvent this decision by challenging it, trying to find a second dockmaster for a "yes" or worse, imparting to the dockmaster that you can handle it. This is usually when sailors get in over their heads and into trouble.
 - Keep in mind that even heavy air rated sailors are sometimes restricted from sailing outside the breakwater. Safety of the crew & fleet is the most important concern.
 - If you sail outside the breakwater without permission, or intentionally break any other rule or regulation, your sailing privileges will be suspended for a minimum period of two weeks and/or your rating may be suspended and/or revoked. If your rating is revoked, you must reevaluate for that rating. We want to continue to offer medium air sailors the opportunity to sail outside the breakwater on light and medium air days, but only if sailors respect this policy and the decisions made by MCSC staff. If not, the Sailing Center will simply revoke this policy.
17. Appropriate shoes and sailing attire must be worn at all times. Non-skid soled shoes are important not only for personal safety, but the appearance of the boats' deck as well. Tevas, sandals and other open-toe shoes are not allowed on MCSC boats or docks.

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MCSC OPEN SAILING REGULATIONS & BOAT CHECKOUT PROCEDURES (con't.)

18. Pets are not allowed on MCSC boats or docks. Animals on MCSC grounds must be leashed and supervised. Please clean up after your pets if you bring them to the Sailing Center.
19. Use common sense. It is impossible to list every rule that governs sailing and water safety in this handbook. MCSC needs to monitor and limit certain behavior to ensure the safety of all participants and local boat owners. If you are unsure about any aspect of MCSC, ask the staff.
20. Boats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. MCSC classes and special events may limit boat availability, especially at peak times. No boat reservations are accepted.

THIS IS YOUR SAILING CENTER!

Please take ownership of the fleet. Before leaving the dock, carefully inspect the boat for potential equipment failures and notify the dockmaster if you are unsure about anything. When you are finished sailing, secure the boat properly on the Med System, flake or fold the sails properly, stow all lines and gear and use the sail covers. Clean up any items or garbage. Assist others if they need a hand docking or securing boats. Hang up your PFDs and complete the Check In portion of the Check Out sheet.

The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center takes pride in the quality and safety of our programs. Therefore, it is inherent to the continued safety of all concerned that MCSC staff is able to respond quickly and confidently to changing weather conditions and/or dangerous situations. MCSC members must comply with the decisions and directions of MCSC staff. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Cancelling sailing classes, open sailing or other on-the-water programs.

- restricting sailing areas or sail plans (requiring reefed mainsails and/or small jibs).
- requiring MCSC sailors to return to the dock or accept a tow.

Directors, dockmasters on duty and/or staff members retain the right to limit, suspend and/or revoke any ratings, membership or sailing privileges in the event of MCSC rules or procedures violation. This includes checking out a boat without permission, not being at the dock by sunset, sailing outside the breakwater without permission, sailing outside the permitted 1 mile range and dangerous or risky sailing that jeopardizes the safety of the crew, fleet or other boats in any MCSC program.

If you feel that you have been treated unfairly, please respect the decision of the staff and comply at that time. You may set up a meeting with executive staff or representatives from the Board of Directors to further discuss the matter at a later date.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS & GUIDELINES

Along with the excitement of sailing come the risk of emergency situations. Fast moving weather systems, equipment failures, sea conditions and injuries are among these situations.

Fast moving weather systems – The Sailing Center uses live Doppler radar images to predict the movement of weather systems. Staff will not jeopardize the safety of the students or fleet by sailing in precarious or unstable weather, wind or wave conditions. If you see a fast approaching weather system, reduce sail area by furling the jib and head for MCSC docks. The dockmaster may tow boats back to the dock or allow members to sail in.

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EMERGENCY SITUATIONS & GUIDELINES (con't.)

Current, wave or weed conditions – Each of these underwater forces can cause major loss of maneuverability and steering. Anticipate these conditions by watching other boats to see where the trouble spots are. The staff will not jeopardize the safety of the students or fleet. If you are caught in weeds, luff your sails and use a paddle to push the weeds away from the rudder or keel. Secure your boat to a mooring

Equipment failures – Thoroughly inspect the boat to ensure that all standing and running rigging is in good shape. Ask the dockmaster if you are unsure about anything. If something breaks on the water, do your best to jury rig or compensate for the broken equipment and report it to the dockmaster at the first reasonable opportunity.

Sailing injuries - The severity of sailing injuries can range from small cuts or scrapes to violent blows to the head or a crew overboard in frigid waters. The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center prides itself in providing a safe sailing environment. Prevention and common sense are key.

EMERGENCY GUIDELINES

- Use common sense in any emergency. Get the boat under control, prevent any additional injuries or boat damage and reduce further risks. Try to anticipate situations before they become emergencies. Many situations can and should be prevented with common sense.

- Be pro-active. Make solid sailing decisions based upon the situation. Doing nothing or 'hoping' things work out usually results in allowing the situation or weather conditions to control you. Make a decision and execute it with safety of the crew and fleet is mind.
- If you are having trouble or equipment failures in the mooring area, try to keep the boat moving forward and under control and get to the dock or to an open mooring. If you are having trouble on the open water, go to the Safety Position, beam reach and/or reduce sail area to keep the boat under control. Once you stop moving forward, you give up your control.
- Go to the safety position and if feasible, furl the jib to get the attention of the instructor. If possible, hail a nearby boat and have them radio the Sailing Instructor on the safety boat or the Sailing Center Dockmaster by using their VHF marine radio or cell phone.
- Assess the situation and offer basic first aid or try to resolve the equipment problem. For sailing injuries, use the safety kit located on each boat.
- You may be able to sail back to the dock and get medical attention or fix the problem at MCSC depending on the condition of the injured person or type of equipment failure.
- All MCSC members are required to notify MCSC staff in the event of any sailing accident, injury or equipment failure. Staff must document all accidents and injuries.

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MCSC SPECIAL EVENTS & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Sailing Center hosts numerous special events and social activities throughout the sailing season and winter. MCSC members are always welcome with their guests. Some of the can't-miss events include:

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| • MCSC Open House in June | • The Annual Sailor's Ball in March |
| • Regattas all season long | • 3rd of July Fireworks Extravaganza |
| • Blue Moon Cruise in early August | • Volunteer Appreciation Party in August |
| • The Annual Lobster Boil in August | • Holiday Party in December |
| • MCSC Carribean Cruise in March | • Fiesta Mexicana Boat Rides |

THE BIG EVENTS

The 3rd of July Fireworks Extravaganza draws nearly 1 million people to Milwaukee's lakefront for the spectacular fireworks display. Although access is heavily restricted on this day, MCSC has July 3rd parking passes available on a limited basis. Members and their guests are welcome to picnic and enjoy the open green space of MCSC. Due to the high volumes of boat traffic, there is no Open Sailing. Parking passes are available by contacting the MCSC office.

The Volunteer Appreciation & Class Graduation Party on Thursday, September 2nd highlights the achievements of MCSC students, volunteer instructors and staff. Find out who receives the Hank Feiertag

Memorial "Volunteer Instructor of the Year" Award and the Doug Drake "Love of Sailing" Award. RSVP to attend this fun, catered affair.

The 14th Annual Lobster Boil on Friday, September 3rd at MCSC is one of the largest such events in the state. Over 250 fresh, live Maine lobsters are served along with a wonderful selection of side dishes, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The Lobster Boil is one of the largest fundraisers that MCSC hosts. Make your RSVPs early for this event.

The 11th Annual Sailor's Ball on Saturday, March 7th, 2005 is the gala event of the spring season. A fun evening of dinner, dancing, silent auction and the presentation of the MCSC "Sailor of the Year" award await you. Last year over 400 friends and supporters of MCSC raised nearly \$25,000! for programs and facilities at the Sailing Center.

Members are encouraged to support the Ball and other MCSC events through product or service donations, volunteering on committees or simply by attending and spreading the word about the Sailing Center.

MCSC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Sailing Center's unique volunteer instructor program has received national acclaim. Volunteer instructors sail with new students in the Adult Basic Courses to lend a hand and reinforce basic sailing concepts. In 2003, volunteers logged over 3,600 hours of instruction. For info, email Head Sailing Instructor James Keck at james@sailingcenter.org

Volunteers are also needed to provide sailboat rides during special events such as boat rides (usually Fridays) the Open House in June, and others throughout the season. Contact Program Director Holly Davenport at holly@sailingcenter.org if you are interested in giving sailboat rides at these events.

The Sailing Center also recruits volunteers for MCSC's committees such as membership, grounds and facilities, capital improvements and the board of directors. Please contact Executive Director Peter Rieck at peter@sailingcenter.org for additional information and get involved! We have great aspirations for the future of the Sailing Center.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL DRIVE CLOSINGS & MCSC GROUNDS

There are special events that limit access to MCSC. These include the 3rd of July, Al's Run, the Circus Parade, Miller Lite Ride For the Arts and other events. For most of these occasions, your MCSC Membership Card will provide access to MCSC grounds. Without your card, you may have to pay for parking. Call the Weather Information Line at 414-277-9272 for specific information. Your Membership Card will not allow you to park on MCSC grounds on July 3rd or during some other special events. You must have special parking permits for these events. Contact MCSC for information.

MCSC has a large picnic area available for special events such as field trips, group picnics or corporate outings. The Sailing Center has a volleyball net, grills, picnic tables, restrooms and lots of open space. Reservations are required for groups of ten or more and a facility fee is charged. Contact the office at 414-277-9094 and speak with Holly Davenport to arrange your next outdoor get-together at the Sailing Center. Boat rides with MCSC staff are available as well!