



# SJJF Newsletter

February 2017

As we start the new year we would like to give the friends of the St. Joseph Junior Foundation an update on exciting changes for 2017. First off, with the support of our many contributors and the generous matching grant provided by the FS Upton Foundation, we are purchasing a brand new Boston Whaler safety boat to replace the 1960s Whaler that has served us well for over twenty years. There are many changes to our class offerings as well including the addition of one week classes at St. Joe, the return of **“Fun Fridays”**, a women’s only adult sailing class and an expanded racing class among others. Below are additional details about the new class offerings.

## 2017 REGISTRATION.

The website has now been updated for the 2017 offerings and you can go online to register at: [www.sjff.org](http://www.sjff.org)

While we strongly encourage the online registration process, you may also get off-line registration forms from the website if you prefer to mail in your form with a check. We are excited about the upcoming season and we hope you are too!



### Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline

You are encouraged to sign up for classes early and take advantage of the **\$25 per class discount for registering for classes before June 1<sup>st</sup>** (or before July 1<sup>st</sup> for the Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club classes). The more early registrations we get the better prepared we can be for the start of classes with proper staffing to meet class sizes.

### Return of Optional “Fun Fridays” for the St. Joseph location

This summer we are bringing back the optional Friday fun sail days open to all students currently enrolled in a class. These **“Fun Fridays”** will be held on Friday mornings from 9-noon on those weeks when there is not a travel regatta, see calendar for dates. There is no additional cost for participating in **“Fun Fridays”**.



### New Women’s Only Adult Sailing Class

This summer we are offering a new adult sailing class on **Thursday evenings** catered to women. The classes will meet from 6-9 PM and will include classroom instruction and on-water sailing in our 420 sailboats and larger J-24 sailboat.

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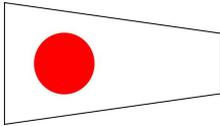
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## New Team SJJF Racing Classes

Sailboat racing can be an exciting way to expand your knowledge of sailing, a sport you can enjoy for a lifetime. The racing classes have been moved to **Monday & Wednesday afternoons** to provide more time for classroom instruction and on water practice. We will continue to participate in the West Michigan Youth Sailing Association regattas on Fridays, see schedule below. On Fridays when there is not a travel regatta we will be having local races as part of the optional "**Fun Fridays**".

### West Michigan Youth Sailing Association (WMYSA) 2017 Regatta Schedule



- June 30 @ MBYC- Opti, 420 & Laser
- July 7 @ SJJF- 420 Team Event
- July 14 @ Spring Lake- Opti, 420 & Laser
- July 21 @ SYC- No Tears Opti Green Fleet
- July 28 @ White Lake- Opti, 420 & Laser
- August 11 @ MYC- WMYSA Championships- Opti, 420 & Laser

Participation in the WMYSA regattas is open to all students advanced beginner or above who have shown the boat handling skills to navigate a race course successfully. There will be a \$20 per student fee per regatta for participation in all away regattas. The above race calendar includes all WMYSA races but SJJF may not attend all races listed.

## Monday Night Racing @ SJJF

Monday night racing series open to all current or past students of all ages including parents. The racing will be in SJJF 420's and Lasers with 1-3 short races per night. Boats will leave the dock at 6:00 PM and return by 8:30 PM. There is a \$50 per boat fee for the race series or \$10 per week per boat. Racing will begin on June 5th and continue through August 14th with no racing on July 3rd. For more information contact **Chris Marzke (269) 208-3635** or [chrismarzke@gmail.com](mailto:chrismarzke@gmail.com).

## SJJF Volunteers Needed

We are requesting the assistance of parents to help with various aspects of promoting SJJF. Opportunities include:

- coordinating the year end awards banquet
- taking pictures for the website and news articles
- writing regatta reports and sending to the paper to publish
- posting to social media to promote SJJF
- visiting schools to hand out flyers in the spring

If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact us via email at [info@sjjf.org](mailto:info@sjjf.org) or call 269-983-5441.