



Happy New Year!

The St. Joseph Junior Foundation experienced another very successful year in 2017 as we expanded class offerings, upgraded facilities and purchased new boats. The new class offerings included one week youth classes, an expanded Team SJJF racing program and a women only adult class. The facilities improvements included new boat racks and replacement of the powerboat lift that was no longer safe and reliable. Our boat fleet was upgraded substantially in 2017 with the purchase of four more **SailCubes** and a new **Boston Whaler** safety boat which replaced the 1969 Boston Whaler that served us well for decades.



This year we hosted a 420 team regatta which allowed our sailors to get a taste to the style of sailing found in interscholastic and collegiate sailing. This experience sparked interest among our sailors to start a high school sailing team, which they did. Teams were formed at both St. Joseph and Lakeshore Schools for students in grades 6-12. Both teams train together with practices hosted by SJJF but compete separately under their membership in the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association. The teams got off to a great start competing in two Fall regattas and look forward to the spring season that starts when the ice breaks in March.

In December, SJJF was awarded a three year challenge grant from the Frederick S. Upton Foundation in the amount of \$8,000 per year towards equipment purchases. Utilizing the grant funds we plan to purchase a new ZIM Club 420, four more SailCubes and new 420 sails. However, to take advantage of the matching funds we must generate at least \$8,000 in



contributions from other donors. We need your help to reach these goals and welcome your support. Please consider making a donation through our web page: [SJJF Donate](#)

Preparing for the 2018 season we identified several program changes to make the sailing school even better. We partnered with the ACTIVE Network to handle our class registration process to provide an easier sign-up experience for our customers and enhanced management tools for our staff. ACTIVE is the largest sports registration provider with customers like Ironman Triathlon and Notre Dame Sports Camps. **The new ACTIVE Network registration site is now ready for you to sign up for classes, [click here](#).** See our website for more information: [SJJF.org](#). We are continuing with the early enrollment discount program for those who sign up for classes by June 1st. In addition, we have added a new discount to encourage enrollment in multiple sessions during the summer. For those who enroll in three sessions the discount is equal to 50% off the third session. Be sure to take advantage of these discounts when you register.

We created three new classes for 2018 including a **Learn to Race** class and two Keelboat classes using the J-24 that was donated to our program. The **Learn to Race** class is designed to introduce racing to intermediate sailors in a low stress environment in hopes they will want to join the **Team SJJF Racing** class.



The **Learn to Sail - Keelboat** class is for those intermediate sailors looking to gain the basic sailing skills needed for a larger keelboat. The last new class, **Learn to Race - Keelboat** is being held on Wednesday evenings in two three week sessions and open to adults and youth sailors over 13 years old with prior learn to sail completion.

We are excited for the future of the St. Joseph Junior Foundation and look forward to seeing you on the water this summer.

Regards,

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President



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