



Winter 2010

## Hello Sailors and Families,

Now that the holiday season is over, Northport Youth Sailing School (NYSS) is getting ready for the 2010 sailing season. We're busy building boats and have hired a second instructor in order to provide more individualized instruction and serve more students. In addition to having Dustin Webb return as our director and instructor, we've also hired Matt Hartman, another experienced sailor. We hope the following information will help you plan for this coming summer, as we expect another busy sailing season.

### 2010 SAILING CLASSES

This summer we are offering four weeks of classes for youths aged 8 to 16. Adding an extra week will provide more kids the opportunity to sail. We're offering 8 half-day classes, Monday through Friday, 9am-12 and 1pm-4pm. Dates of the 2010 sessions are: July 19-23 July 26-30 August 2-6 August 9-13

### 2010 REGISTRATION

Applications will be available by mid-April. If you know of anyone who should be added to our e-mail or mailing list please e-mail me at [dchap\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:dchap_99@yahoo.com). Last year, sessions filled up quickly, so be sure and return your application along with full payment ASAP.

### OPTIS, OPTIS EVERYWHERE

Last year, we owned two of the eight Optimist sailboats we used. The rest were rented from TACS in Traverse City. We recently purchased four OPTI kits which are being built by a crew of volunteers. Easling Construction has offered to let us work on the boats at their shop. Also, Inland Seas in Suttons Bay applied for and was awarded a grant to build two Optis which will be given to NYSS. Students who help build them this spring are eligible for a full 2010 NYSS scholarship. If you're interested, contact Chuck Dickerson or Tom Kelly at Inland Seas. (231) 271-3077

### NON-PROFIT STATUS

The State of Michigan has granted our request for non-profit status. We have filed an application with the IRS for 501(c)(3) status and hope to get a ruling in early March. According to the IRS, donations made to NYSS while our 501(c)(3) application is pending are tax deductible. The catch is that if they turn down our request, the ability to deduct the donation is rescinded. We had the application reviewed by an attorney and feel confident that our request will be approved.

### FUNDRAISING

Last fall we sent out a fundraising letter. To date, we have received \$6,899.33 in donations. These donations allowed us to purchase the four Opti kits. Thanks to everyone who contributed. If you meant to donate, but haven't gotten around to it, it's not too late. We will continue our fundraising efforts so we can purchase two inflatables and small motors to use as chase boats and a couple of larger sailboats. Just send a check payable to 'NYSS' and mail to 'NYSS, 477 S. Shore Drive, Northport, MI 49670.' ALL funds directly support the program. Only the instructors receive a salary; everyone else is a volunteer.

### FACEBOOK

NYSS has a Facebook page. To view or become a fan, search for 'Northport Youth Sailing School' on Facebook, or go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Northport-MI/Northport-Youth-Sailing-School/116961566389?ref=ts>.

WEB PAGE: In the works!

See you in the summer - Donna Chapman ([dchap\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:dchap_99@yahoo.com))

