



# SBCSA Newsletter Winter 2005

### From the President:

Now that the Sailing Association's summer season has come to a close, it is time to reflect on the events and accomplishments of the past season and, after taking a deep breath, start planning for 2006.

Once again we are indebted to our members and volunteers whose commitment and dedication to the sport of sailing make possible everything that we accomplish. Our supporters, through their donations of cash and equipment, are equally critical to our continued success. I'd like to personally thank everyone who has helped over this past year.

To continue our mission of introducing area youth and adults to sailing and providing affordable opportunities for continued sailing, we must continue to rely, in part, on the generosity of our donors. Therefore, as you plan your year end tax saving strategies, please consider a donation of cash or equipment to the SBCSA.

The rest of the newsletter contains some highlights and news from 2005 and a preview of 2006.

Happy Holidays.

Joe Parker, President  
December, 2005



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## SBCSA NEWS

### Sailing Activities

The SBCSA has 43 memberships in 2005. Five of these are youth memberships, the balance are divided between adult and family memberships. Our able team of instructors, Zak Bowdish, Alex Niederer, and Bob Nelb, gave lessons to a total of 36 youth, intermediate, and



adult lessons. Several students joined the SBCSA to take advantage of our Open Sailing nights.

This year a group of teens made their Bay-

view-Mackinac Race debut and they finished third in their class. But what is special about this group is that they all started sailing with the SBCSA! Several had never been in a boat before their first lesson. The self-confidence they gained while sailing solo in the prams and the value of team work they learned while sailing the Transfusions both contributed to their success. This is a great testament to the positive influence the SBCSA has on our students.

A thoughtful donor and a grant from the Morley Foundation provided the means to acquire a Boston Whaler and outboard to use as a safety boat during lessons and as a work boat. The Whaler is a vast improvement in performance and reliability over the old inflatable it replaced.

### Boat Building

The 2005 boat building class took on the ambitious task of building not one, but two, fifteen-foot, cedar strip planked Rangeley rowing skiffs. One boat was built for the Appledore IV to use as a tender, the second was raffled at the Labadie Pig Gig in Bay City to raise money for the SBCSA.

The 2006 class will be building the Joel White-designed Shellback sailing dinghy. This boat will be raffled during the Tall Ships Festival in mid-July to benefit the SBCSA. If you are interested in participating in the



class, call 989-922-7245 or send an email to: bob.nelb@sbcса.org

### Financials

The SBCSA operated in the black with our income from memberships, lessons, donations, and the sale of donated items exceeding our expenses by a small margin. If you want to see the detailed breakdown, please contact our treasurer.

### Donations

The SBCSA can offer affordable sailing opportunities only through of the generosity of its members and supporters. Because the SBCSA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, all or a portion of your donation may qualify as a tax deduction on your federal income taxes. In addition, donations to the SBCSA's endowment fund with the Bay Area Community Foundation may qualify for a partial income tax credit on your Michigan tax return. Consult a tax advisor for details.

Cash Contributions to SBCSA Contributions of cash may be sent directly to the SBCSA.

Contributions to the Bay Area Community Foundation Send a check payable to the Bay Area Community Foundation to the BACF, 703 Washington Ave, Bay City, MI 48708 with a note indicating that your contribution is for the SBCSA Designated Fund.

Donations of Boats, Equipment, and Materials With the prior approval of the SBCSA Board, the association will accept donations of boats, equipment, or materials. The association may choose to use the donated item or to sell it and apply the funds to meet other needs.

### Executive Director

This year, the SBCSA hired Bob Nelb as the Executive Director to help with the day-to-day operations of scheduling lessons, promoting the SBCSA, and being the voice behind the 922-SAIL number to respond quickly to any inquiries. Bob also is a certified sailing instructor and gave some lessons this summer.

## Looking to 2006

**Members** We need more members who not only take the lessons but also take advantage of the opportunities we provide. These include Open Sailing nights and the SBCSA's boats that can be checked out for sailing on the bay. The best advertising is through word of mouth so please help by telling your friends about the SBCSA.

**Membership Renewal** Speaking of membership, now is the time to renew your membership for 2006. You can download an application as a pdf file from our web pages or call Bob. Please list an email address that you monitor frequently as email will become our preferred method of announcing activities.

**Open Houses** Save Saturday, June 10, 2006 on your calendar for our annual *Try Sailing Day*. This is a great way to entice people to try sailing and sign up for lessons. We will also sponsor a booth at the Bay City Yacht Club Open House event on June 17. We will need volunteers for both events. More details will follow.

**SBCSA Web Site** Our web site, [www.sbcsa.org](http://www.sbcsa.org), is undergoing an update. No date for completion yet, but check back occasionally.

**2006 Lessons** The schedule for next year will be posted in early spring.



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