

The Zephyr- HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

CLUB BUS TRIP TO STRICTLY SAIL BOAT SHOW IN CHICAGO

It's almost time for the annual **Strictly Sail Boat Show in Chicago**. For those of you familiar with it in years past, the dates and format have changed slightly this year. It is moved up earlier to January 14 – 18, is at the McCormick Center instead of Navy Pier, and is now part of a larger show including power boats and RVs. For those people unfamiliar with the show, it is an amazing opportunity to tour lots of new boats, buy fun gear for yourself or your boat, and listen to seminars ranging from where to cruise in the Caribbean to how to improve your start in a race. Tickets are \$14 and the majority of the seminars are free. More information can be found at <http://www.strictlysailchicago.com/>.

The club would like to organize a group trip to the show this year. Transportation would be provided by a mini coach bus which seats 27 passengers. **The bus would leave Neenah around 6:00 AM on Saturday, January 17 and arrive back in Neenah by 11:00 PM on the same day. The Packers play on Sunday so you will be home for the game!** The bus has a bathroom, spacious seating with reclining seats, and DVD players with monitors throughout the bus. Food and drinks (including alcohol) are allowed on the bus.

If you are interested in the opportunity, please RVSP to sailpromotion@nnyc.org as soon as possible. A minimum of 20 people is needed to rent the bus, with a maximum of 27. The sooner the minimum number is met, the sooner the bus can be reserved for this trip. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis with a final RSVP date of January 3. Cost of the bus ride will be between \$40 and \$60, depending upon the number of people who partake (you will be responsible for buying your own ticket to the show.) **Please feel free to invite guests interested in sailing or RV's and power boats!**

MONTHLY SAILOR GATHERING

We have a Monthly Sailor Gathering planned for **January 14th starting at 6:00 PM** at the Fan Club Bar and Grill in the Neenah Holiday Inn. Come out and tell everyone what Santa got you for your boat and catch up with your fellow club members. You can also get more info on the Sail Online race (see below). The Holiday Inn will be offering **\$6 domestic pitchers and margaritas** and the following rotating specials for our gatherings:

Hot beef sandwiches or pulled pork sandwiches with chips **\$5**

Brat or hamburger with chips **\$5**

Nachos with tortilla chips, nacho cheese, jalapeno and seasoned beef **\$4**

Large pizza up to three toppings **\$10**

SAIL ONLINE 2015

NNYC will once again be partnering with SailOnline.org to host a computer race around Lake Winnebago starting at **9:00 AM on Saturday, January 31st** for racers here and all over the world. The race tests your skills in navigation and plotting to make it around the marks as quickly as possible using the actual weather data of the day!

If you are interested, please register [here](#). All you need to provide is your email address, a boat name, and password. We suggest using the prefix "NNYC_" on your boat name. For example, Derek Walker has NNYC_Scooter. Feel free to use your real boat name, or something else.

If you have never "cyber sailed" before, don't worry, it is not complicated and we will teach you! Derek Walker and Jonathan Coultas will provide an overview of SailOnline as well as other online sailing programs during the January Gathering at the Holiday Inn on the 14th at 6:00PM.

If you have any questions you can contact [Derek Walker](#) or come to the January Monthly Sailor Gathering to get more info.

WORLD ICE AND SNOW SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

[Here is a new video](#) of ice conditions on Lake Winnebago for all those coming from far away to check out! **February 9th-14th the 2015 World Ice and Snow Sailing Association Championship** will be a big event in Fond Du Lac as kiteboarders, skate sailors, and sled sailors from all over the world take to the ice of Lake Winnebago for fun and competition. The ice sailing action will be fun but just as exciting will be parties in heated shelters on the ice, fireworks, live music, food and drink, and bonfires! You can help be a part of this event as mark rounding observers, race course management, and additional positions are needed. Contacting Kevin Gratton at 920-251-1002.

VINTAGE ICE BOATING ARTICLE

Check out our archives for an interesting local ice boating article from 1957 [here](#). You can learn about the Neenah Lumbermen raiding other towns along the lake on the "Cyprus" ice yacht!



Jim Kimberly gets his ice boat ready to go in 1947.

(above)



Boats tied off along the sea wall at the 2014 Sailing Open House.

06/14/2014 (above)



Calendar of Events

January Monthly Sailor Gathering-
Wednesday, January 14th
6PM at Neenah Holiday Inn

Bus Trip to Strictly Sail-
Saturday, January 17th
6AM

SailOnline Race Around Lake Winnebago-
Saturday, January 31st
9AM

February Monthly Sailor Gathering-
Wednesday, February 11
6PM at Neenah Holiday Inn

March Monthly Sailor Gathering-
Wednesday, March 11
6PM at Neenah Holiday Inn

Spring Fling-
Saturday, March 28th

April Monthly Sailor Gathering-
Wednesday, April 8th
6PM at Neenah Holiday Inn

Harbor Work Day-
Saturday, April 25th

Harbor Opening Day-
Saturday, May 2nd

Submit your sailing photos to communications@nnyc.org or upload them to our Facebook page and they might end up in a Zephyr!