

The Zephyr- Online sailing and winter events!

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 any questions you can contact Derek Walker at jderekwalker@gmail.com



Calendar of Events

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

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

Curling and Dinner at Appleton Yacht Club-
Saturday, February 21st

March Monthly Sailor Gathering-
Wednesday, March 11th
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!

CURLING AND DINNER AT THE APPLETON YACHT CLUB

Have you ever seen Olympic curling on TV and thought, hey, I'd like to try that!" Here is your chance to sail your stone down the ice when NNYC goes curling! Some call it "Shuffleboard on Ice," others "Chess on Ice," either way, come out and give it a try! **On Saturday, February 21st** the NNYC will hold its first "Winter Fling on Ice" at the **Appleton Curling Club** from **4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** with dinner at the **Appleton Yacht Club** to follow. **Those who only want to spectate and eat at the Yacht Club are welcome.**

To curl you need rubber soled shoes (athletic shoes), gloves, fleece/jacket, and maybe a hat. You will get some safety tips and instruction on how to curl. Then it's time to practice and have a game to test out your new curling skills.

Costs for curling will be \$15 to \$20 depending on the total number playing and the dinner bill at the Appleton Yacht Club will be for the individual or couple.

If you are interested in the opportunity, please RSVP to commodore@nnyc.org as soon as possible.

MONTHLY SAILOR GATHERING

We have a Monthly Sailor Gathering planned for **Wednesday, February 11th starting at 6:00 PM** at the Fan Club Bar and Grill in the Neenah Holiday Inn. We will be running some SailX races so bring a laptop if you have one. There is no software to install, SailX is all online. You can "spectate" the racing from a projector screen as well. See the article below for more details.

The Holiday Inn will be offering **\$6 domestic pitchers and margaritas and \$12 margarita pitchers** as well as the following rotating specials for our gatherings

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

Brat or hamburger with chips \$5

Loaded nachos with tortilla chips, nacho cheese, jalapeno and seasoned beef \$4

We had about 20 people out for our January Sailor's Gathering and had a great time. Be sure not to miss this one!

SAIL X

Want to keep your tactics and racing rules knowledge honed and have some fun competing against other NNYC sailors or sailors from around the world? Give SailX a try! It is an online program that is easy to learn and free to use and only requires you to register with a valid email. Races are short (less than 10 min), use a rules engine to apply penalties, offer all sorts of chances for tactical decision making, and are a lot of fun (and slightly addicting)! NNYC has our own private sailing area available where you can practice or we can hold our own races without having to worry about the general public.

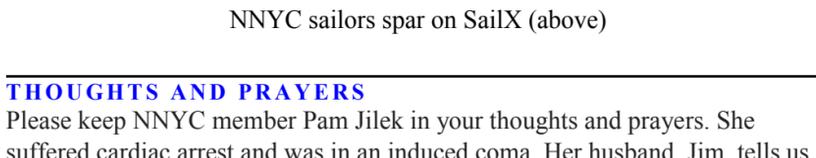
Here are the instructions for joining the SailX group and entering the NNYC playing field:

1. Go to www.sailx.com and register a boat.
2. To access the NNYC sailing field, you need to first join the NNYC SailX group by going to [THIS LINK](#). Please email Derek Walker once you have requested so he can approve it. Derek's email address is jderekwalker@gmail.com.
3. Once your membership is approved, you can enter the NNYC private sailing field through the menu-sailing fields, then click on the private fields tab and select the NNYC field. This link will get you there:

www.sailx.com/sailing-fields

(Note: It is recommended that you complete the quick training exercises before entering a race. The training is in the old 2D platform, actual racing will be in 3D. Then you can join the public races that are constantly going on or the NNYC private "sailing field" where you can practice solo, or participate in match or fleet races.)

Stay tuned for more info on exciting online NNYC fleet racing!



NNYC sailors spar on SailX (above)

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please keep NNYC member Pam Jilek in your thoughts and prayers. She suffered cardiac arrest and was in an induced coma. Her husband, Jim, tells us she regained consciousness yesterday, and is on the road to a full recovery. She is very tired and will be in the ICU for a number of days yet. The family is very grateful for the excellent care from the medical staff at AMC and appreciates all your thoughts and prayers.

WALK ACROSS LAKE WINNEBAGO

Interested in being part of a fun event that helps out local efforts? On February 7th you can be part of Walk Across Winnebago for an afternoon of laughter, friendship, craziness, and fun! What started out as 3 women walking across the lake had turned into 400 people that last year raised \$6030 for Menasha K9 and Neenah Animal Shelter. Get more details at www.walkacrosslakewinnebago.com

MIDWEST WOMEN'S SAILING CONFERENCE

The MWSC is a great opportunity for women sailors to learn how to sail or polish their skills. This is a one day event with your choice of workshops. It will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM in Milwaukee. For more information, visit www.womenssailing.org. This workshop fills up each year, so make sure to sign up early!

STRICTLY SAIL BUS TRIP

We had a group of 17 people partake in the bus trip down to Chicago for the boat show. The new show format was different... but it worked. Although it was odd to see boats with four 300 HP motors hanging off the back! The bus provided a fun, comfortable way to get down there and back and may become an annual club event.



The group on the bus after having a great day at Strictly Sail (above)



Flying along out on the ice on the Neenah River (above)