

J/35 Fleet Newsletter

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Learn to Sail

Our Great Lakes J35 fleet is leading the way, and you can be a big part of our journey by promoting our **annual sailing classes starting February 2nd, 2025**. New students must sign up by January 25th. Prior year students are welcome to repeat the class, too! Spread the word! Invite new students to call Dean for more information and to sign up today!



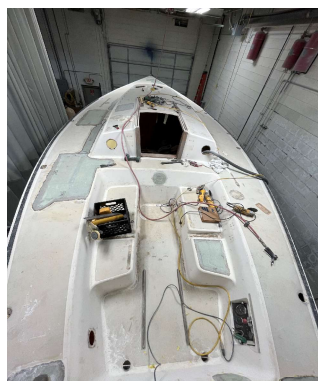
2025 Sailing Class:

When: February 2nd through March 2nd

Where: 1125 Naughton Rd, Troy MI

Details: Classes are ~90 minutes each Sunday for 5 Sundays. Textbooks, lectures, reference materials, and food are provided. Students also visit a boat storage facility mid-March to see boats in person and climb aboard to reinforce classroom lessons. Students outside the Detroit area may attend via Zoom.

We're Growing



Lyons' Den and Rumors:

We're adding two J35s to our NSSC Twilight series lineup in 2025, Lyons' Den and Rumors. Do you know someone interested in sailing or someone who has been away from sailing for a while and wants to jump back into the game? Reel them in! We have plenty of opportunities for newcomers and returnees to climb aboard! Share Dean's contact information at the bottom of this newsletter with potential new sailors. We'll help them build or refresh their skills and place them on the right boat for their experience.

Recruit!

We all know it can be tough to acquire and retain crew. To continue our growth and to sail our boats we must have crew. And our crew must demonstrate commitment and consistency. We all have life events that at one time or another take priority over sailing. Therefore, we must have a firm foundation of crew, including backup crew members on the ready to jump in when needed. To continue our growth, we must have all cylinders firing in synch, and that does not happen without our crew. Don't wait until March to start thinking about how you will adequately staff your boat with full crew. Put a bug in the ear of a potential sailor now. Inspire them by sharing your love for the sport of sailing and sailboat racing. Once they jump in and experience it themselves, they'll thank you over and over again.

Support Our Class Association

It's January 2025. The new year has sprung, and class association renewals are officially overdue. If you have not yet renewed, get online at j35.org today and renew those dues. Get your crew members to renew, also. Our class association promotes our regattas, contributes funds for our regattas, provides our class rules and class constitution, offers a forum for tips and tricks, and maintains the plumb line of consistency for our class, which is what makes our class a class. Support the class association and renew today!

Keep spreading the good word about our J35s! And call me if you have questions or need help with any J/35 resources.

As always, thanks for reading!

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