

Junior Olympic Festival at Mentor Harbor Yachting Club June 26-28

Bring your junior sailors and prove to US Sailing that I-LYA can support a fantastic JO!

Based on feedback thus far, I think it is safe to say we will be hosting 150 junior sailors at the event, so the camaraderie and competition should be great!

Here's why you should plan to come:

1) This is 1 of 2 skill-builder clinics in the US this year, sponsored by US Sailing. John Pearce, head sailing coach at GWU, will be leading the charge, and is collegiate-level coaches to work with each fleet. Friday's clinic will be on land and on water. Saturday/Sunday will be racing with debriefs by the coaches. We are hosting c420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Opti R/B/W and Opti Green. (Per the decision of the I-LYA, Great Lakes Thistle Districts are that weekend so we are not hosting a Thistle fleet at the JOs).

2) This is also a coach-the-coach clinic. This is a great way to get your coaches exposure to high-level coaching techniques that they can bring back to your programs. The head coaches will work with the local coaches before, during and after racing. This is not required for your coaches, but it is highly suggested that they participate.

Thanks to generous donations, we are able to keep the registration fees down to just \$100 per sailor and \$75 per coach - this includes all clinics, regatta events, and 3 meals/day for all 3 days, as well as t-shirts. We have also planned parties on Friday and Saturday evenings. I hope you agree it will be a very valuable and fun weekend!

Housing has been arranged for the weekend - but it's a busy wedding weekend around here, so make plans soon! Hotels will only hold their blocks until May 20. We do have local boarding school dorm housing available for just \$25/person for the weekend but we have only 30 beds, so they will go quickly. Or, if you are camping/RV people we have space on the beach and local lawns for camping out. All of the housing information is online.

This is the link to the junior sailor clinic/festival.

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10349>

This is the link to the coaching clinic registration.

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10353>

Please let me know if you have any questions - if you plan to use local/dorm housing I need to secure your spots ASAP.

Please pass this along to your teams and send me any and all feedback.

Kindest Regards,

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