



Welcome to Brother Rice Marian Sailing!

We are happy to announce the 2019/20 Brother Rice Marian Sailing (BRMSailing) to our students. Sailing is a fast growing, high school sport that is recognized throughout the country. There are already 123 teams in the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA). Michigan is host to 37 schools including, Cranbrook/Kingswood, Detroit Country Day School, U of D, Mercy, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield and Troy High Schools in our immediate area.

Sailing builds character, physical/mental strength, personal/social responsibility, critical thinking, and camaraderie. Students will be trained tactically and educated to understand the mechanics of rigging and caring for their vessel. Experience is not a requirement! It is a fall and spring sport. A student can choose to participate in either option or both. Each practice involves constant on-water supervision by a trained instructor. Safety is our number one priority. Boats sailed are club 420's, consisting of a two-man team. Sailing is a regulated sport through MISSA (missa.hsssailing.org). Throughout the season, the students will practice and train, race against schools in the area, and sail in specific sanctioned regattas.

High School sailing is a recognized sport and is a great addition to college applications. College sailing has been in continuous existence for over a century and is offered at many Ivy League schools and universities throughout the country.

PRACTICES:

- Practices are every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4-7 pm at PYC (Pontiac Yacht Club)
- Practice is followed by a sit-down dinner served to all the sailors. Parents will need to sign up to volunteer for at least one dinner per season.
- The fee for the season is \$550, plus regatta fees as attended

WHERE:

All practices are held at Pontiac Yacht Club on Cass Lake.

PYC

3270 Wards Point Dr, West Bloomfield Township, MI 48324

REGATTAS:

Regattas will take place on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season.

GEAR:

For fall/spring sailing you must have...

- Drysuit (mandatory for the spring season)
- Boots
- Gloves - Extra pairs recommended because they do get wet.
- Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD)

NEW SAILORS:

Sailing is open to all experience levels. The sailors will start in level 4 to learn skills and work their way up to level 1 as they progress. The coaches evaluate the sailors during practice.

Please feel free to contact Kelly Bannasch if you have any questions:

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