

# INTERMOUNTAIN SAILOR



## Upcoming Events:

3/12 Winter Racing Seminar  
3/15 Community Sailing's Gala  
4/16 Winter Racing Seminar  
5/29 Sailing Instructor Training  
Get more info at  
[www.rmsail.org](http://www.rmsail.org)

On Sunday, April 26, Community Sailing's Junior Race Team will begin practicing at Cherry Creek for the 2008 sailing season. Juniors from the metro area are invited to participate. Community Sailing Race team meets on Sundays through May. This season, juniors are invited to 2 junior only regattas. Both are Open Class. The 1st junior regatta, scheduled for Saturday, July 12th is hosted by the Colorado Sail and Yacht Club on Chatfield reservoir. The 2nd junior regatta is scheduled for August 23rd at Cherry Creek and is hosted by the Denver Sailing Association. Junior sailors are invited to participate in both regattas. Bring your own boat or boats will be available to qualified junior sailors, for loan, through Community Sailing. For more information on these regattas and to be sure you receive a notice of race, you can contact CSYC and DSA through their websites or Community Sailing by emailing [stevefrank@communitysailing.org](mailto:stevefrank@communitysailing.org)

## Junior Racing Circuit

*whats new in Jr Racing?*

*Key phrase for Fleet Builders: "To be inspired to perform the job is more important - for the work itself is the easy part"*

This is why many fleets either maintain their numbers or decline over the years, due to lack of inspiration and being content about the way things are. What attracts sailors to a particular fleet? A complex question but a very valid one. There are many types of people that sail, with varying reasons for buying boats and joining clubs; There are the hardcore sailors, the hardcore sailor wannabe's or sailors wishing they had more free time, there's the family guy that just wants to get his kids into sailing, the club racer that doesn't have tags on his trailer, the "belongsers" that just want to be part of a cool crowd that has good parties and fun people, there's even the guy that would rather crew on his own boat than steer. I think there is one recipe consisting of two main ingredients which will eventually draw all these types to buy a boat and join your fleet; 1) The strong will of one or more persons and 2) the persistent efforts of several people over the long course. I also believe the prior ingredient is the more difficult to acquire.

What does the common Fleet Captain want out of his fleet? That's simple, a 100 boat fleet with club races every weekend of 50 boats or more. Wishing this was achievable in today's fast paced career/family driven world, most will settle for a fleet with 10 to 15 boats at weekend regattas. I guess for many fleets the question is: how can we boost our fleet from 5 boats to 20? I think the answer lies in the motivation of one person to start the process.

*by Phil Grotheer*

*Phil Grotheer, a Lightning fanatic, resurrected fleet 329 in Annapolis, MD*

# REGATTA CALENDAR

## March

4th - SAIL Monthly Meeting, TBD  
8-9 Spring Series 1, RGSC, K  
12th? - Winter Racing Seminar, TBD  
15th - Community Sailing Gala & Fundraiser,  
Cherry Creek Yacht Club. 303-757-7718  
22nd - Race Management Seminar, TBD  
22nd (Easter Eve) Pickle Race (youth  
benefit), RGSC  
29-30 Spring Series 2, RGSC, K

## April

1st - SAIL Monthly Meeting, TBD  
12-13 Spring Series 3, RGSC, K  
12th - Race Mgt., SailWave Seminar, TBD  
16th - Winter Racing Seminar, TBD  
26-27 Spring Series 4, RGSC, K  
26-27 RGSC Club championship, RGSC  
26-27 - Liberty Point, Pueblo Res., LPSC, K

## May

6th - SAIL Meeting, TBD  
3-4 - Mile Hi Shootout, Ch. Creek, DSA, K  
11th - Sunday is Mother's Day  
17-18 - Hornblower, Ch. Crk., DSA, D  
17-18 Regatta, CSYC, Chatfield, K  
17-18 Colorado Scowboys, Loveland Lake,  
contact Woody Woodruff, 303-898-7870, D  
17-18 Hobie Pts. Meet, Union Res., USC  
24-25 Mem'l Day Reg., New Mex. SC, Heron  
Lk, K,  
26th, Monday, is Memorial Day  
29-6/1 US SAILING Level 1 Instructor  
Course. Request more info.  
31-6/1 Carter Open, CLSC, Carter Lk, KD

## June

3rd SAIL Meeting, TBD  
7-8 Prarie Winds, Boyd Lake Hobie Flt, M  
14-15 WY Gov. Cup, Casper Bt. Club, Alcova,  
KD  
21-22 Tropical Dreams, Lake McConaughy, NE,  
Hobie Flt., M

Level 1 Sailing Instructor Course  
May 29 - June 1, 2008

SAIL sponsors scholarship  
for US SAILING train  
the trainer course.  
Go to [www.rmsail.org](http://www.rmsail.org) for  
eligibility requirements &  
scholarship form.

*just for fun...*

1. Grab a calculator, you'll need it
2. Key in the first three digits of your  
phone number (NO T the area code)
3. Multiply by 80
4. Add 1
5. Multiply by 250
6. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number
7. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again
8. Subtract 250
9. Divide number by 2

Do you recognize the answer?



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## voice your opinion

Each year, the various SAIL member clubs identify one or two regattas on their lake that are open to all racers and are scored as a series to determine the best racers in SAIL. Then, each year at the annual SAIL Member's Meeting the winners of each category are identified and presented a trophy. Unfortunately, participation is down! Sailors are just not traveling to regattas as they once did. A number of racers have asked that SAIL take a fresh look at the Tour and make it into something that everyone can participate in and enjoy. On March 29<sup>th</sup> SAIL will host a luncheon meeting at Brooklyn's to help decide what the Tour will look like in 2008 and beyond. Please watch for an announcement as we get closer and consider joining us if you feel strongly about the Tour and are interested in voicing your opinion.



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did you see this great video?



## Commodore's Corner

The days are getting longer, the temperature is getting warmer, and spring is less than a month away. It's time to start thinking about getting the boats ready, into the water, and sailing. I don't know how many of you are like me but when it's cold and dark outside, I tend to procrastinate. I still have a spinnaker to get fixed and my boat is at the Anchorage having some bottom work done. But somehow, I'll be ready when it's time. I'll bet you will be too.

The boat show every year is always a wakeup call that it's time to get going. This year was no exception. There were lots of new boats, lots of sailors to talk with and a SAIL seminar on where to sail and race in our area. I don't know how many of you were able to catch it, but the presentation area was full with standing room only. Jim Ulatowski and Roy Burley put it all together then did the presentation and it was really, really good. Even though we don't have a lot of water in the area, I tend to forget how many great places there are to race and sail.

Then too, there are the four SAIL winter racing seminars at Brooklyn's. The first was the boat show presentation and February's was a lively session on PHRF and Portsmouth handicapping. We still have two seminars left so check out [www.rmsail.org](http://www.rmsail.org) for the dates and subject matter and please join us. The food is good and there is lots of "sailor talk". The March session will take a look at racing flags as you've probably never seen them before. The April session is still open so, if there is something you would like to see, please let Mike Wilson know. His email is [mlw.sails@att.net](mailto:mlw.sails@att.net) and I know he would like to hear from you.

At the 2007 Members Meeting, it was decided to put together some form of safety training to offer the various member clubs. We are putting the finishing touches on a plan for this year to be discussed at the March Board meeting. If you have any ideas you would like included please let me know. You can email me at [simpson@cattlefax.com](mailto:simpson@cattlefax.com).

SAIL Board meetings are open to all members and are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Please join us if you would like to see what is going on or have an interest in helping with the many SAIL activities. Be sure to contact me or one of the SAIL board members to make sure a meeting will be held as scheduled and where it will be located. All of the board members emails can be found on the SAIL website.

Please remember that SAIL memberships for individuals, clubs and fleets are for the calendar year. So, unless you have already renewed for 2008, we need your renewal now. The dues are still very reasonable and forms can be found on the website.

If I don't see you before the season starts, I wish you all a very safe and enjoyable year of sailing and racing. If there is anything SAIL or I can do to make for a better season, please don't hesitate to contact me. My cell phone number is 720.254.5594 and if I'm not available leave a message and I'll get back.

Ross Simpson

The 2008 SAIL Membership Year officially kicked off at this year's Denver Boat Show. SAIL, Carter, CSYC, and DSA had adjoining booths across from the Anchorage. The SAIL booth had lots of traffic and those of us working the booth had an opportunity to speak with many of the area sailors. We were able to sign up 51 members, a fleet, and a club at our booth during the show. That probably set a SAIL record for membership in January. A substantial part of our success was due to the generosity of Lisa and Randy Shelton. They provided us with 50 copies of their newest DVD, *Colorado Wind*, which is a video they made of the 2007 SAIL Tour. That allowed us to offer the first 50 people buying 2008 memberships a free copy of the video. I won't say it was successful but we sometimes had two or three people waiting to join.

If you missed out on the video, you can still buy one from Lisa and Randy at [sheltondev@msn.com](mailto:sheltondev@msn.com). If for some reason you haven't seen it yet, you can go to [http://forums.cruisingworld.com/videos/viewVideo.php?video\\_id=190&title=Colorado\\_Wind](http://forums.cruisingworld.com/videos/viewVideo.php?video_id=190&title=Colorado_Wind) for a look. Lisa and Randy, thank you for your support!