

SAIL TRAINING REPORT
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The Junior Program preseason practices are underway with good participation from the Lasers. Registration is under way for the Spring Season.

On Feb. 20th we had the John Bartlett Spinnaker Clinic and it was one of the most successful clinics we ever had. Seventeen boats signed up and crew totaling over fifty people attending! John gave an excellent chalk talk, using some very interesting props. I think that everyone learned quite a lot from his presentation and his on the water coaching was really good. Then he had a Q&A at the club and answered a lot of questions. Mack Warner videotaped the entire clinic which we plan on posting on the website. If this works out, we plan on videotaping other clinics in the future.

On March 5th, we will have the Scott Young Start & Tactics Clinic and this should be a good one. This will be a bring your own boat class, but if you don't have a boat, we will put you on one. The format will be the same with a chalk talk and on the water coaching. We scheduled this as well as the Spinnaker Clinic early in the season before the Spring Series, one of the most popular.

Steve Gay will be teaching U.S. Sailing Level 1 instructor course on April 23,24,30, May1. I encourage anyone interested in teaching kids how to sail to take this course. We will use FJs to teach this course.

On April 16th, we will have the first Learn to sail Keelboat class. This class is for beginning or intermediate sailors and also those wishing to learn more about crewing. We will provide the boats.

We are working on a speaker series and have talked to Jim Merritt to present the first talk. Jim is a boat surveyor, boat designer and builder, and former plant manager at C&C Yachts in Rhode Island. He has a very extensive resume and I will share his experiences with us.