

Hello!

Birmingham Sailing Club (BSC) is excited to announce multiple sailing opportunities for those looking to gain sailing experience! After many discussions and feedback from our recent survey, we assessed the options before us and came up with ideas that we believe fit the needs of many. These include Fleet Days, Wednesday Night Races, and Learn to Sail (LTS) classes.

We designed a LTS course with the goal of providing participants with the hands-on experience needed to sail a small boat on a fair-weather day. You will have sixteen hours with experienced skippers and US Sailing trained club members showing you the fundamentals of sailing, along with the opportunity to sail using club-owned 420 sailboats. Our next Adult Learn to Sail Class (LTS) will be taking place the weekend of May 22nd and 23rd, with an alternate rain date of June 5th and 6th.

Next, Wednesday Night Races. This opportunity allows for you to spend an evening aboard a Flying Scot, Thistle, or other sailboat and “round the marks” in a just-for-fun regatta. You will experience real-time reaching and running with an experienced skipper who will explain the science and art that is sailing. Check BSC’s homepage for dates.

Lastly, Birmingham Sailing Club will host *Fleet Days*, an opportunity to tour the Club, meet members, and take a casual sail on Logan Martin Lake. Event planned for mid-summer, so stay tuned to our Facebook page, and website for announcements.

#### **The Details:**

##### Learn to Sail (LTS)

The class will meet both Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with mornings beginning in the classroom for instruction and land drills, then spend the remaining time on the water putting that knowledge to practice. Do note, part of this experience will include capsizing drills and participants will be in the water! You *must* bring a life jacket and you *must* be able to swim. The cost of the course is \$250.00 for the weekend.

If you wish to join LTS click [on this link](#) to register. Upon registration participants will be mailed US Sailing’s *Learn Sailing Right!* textbook. It is highly suggested that you read the book and practice knots prior to class as having this basic knowledge will allow the class to move more quickly and have more time on the water. Further details will be emailed upon registration but do contact us if you have immediate questions. Inquiries can be sent to: [rebeccarodamar@hotmail.com](mailto:rebeccarodamar@hotmail.com)

##### Wednesday Night Races

Wednesday Night Races happen most Wednesday evenings at 5 p.m. weather permitting. If you wish to hop aboard a boat, please follow [this link](#) to BSC’s Education Contact page and put *Wednesday Night Race Inquiry* in the comment section. A BSC member will be in contact inviting you aboard and making date and time arrangements.

##### Fleet Days

This is a great opportunity to spend a summer afternoon with us and see all Birmingham Sailing Club has to offer! As mentioned, stay tuned to our Facebook page, and website for date announcement!

Events are posted at [our website](#) both in the events section and under the Education tab. Do note, BSC does offer Junior sailing opportunities and these can be found under the Education tab as well!

*We look forward to seeing you on the water!*