

WANT TO FIND A BOAT TO SAIL ON? NEED SOME NEW CREW MEMBERS?



SpinSheet CREW PARTIES



SOLOMONS, MD | SMSA CLUBHOUSE

Sunday, March 22 | 4-6 p.m.

Start Sailing Now Q&A - Open To All - 3 p.m.

HAMPTON, VA | MARKER 20

Saturday, March 28 | 6-8 p.m.

ANNEAPOLIS MARITIME MUSEUM

Sunday, April 19 | 4-6 p.m.

Start Sailing Now Q&A - Open To All - 3 p.m.



Register for the Crew Listings online at spinsheet.com/crew-listings

How To Meet More Sailors in 2015

Need crew? Need a new boat to sail on? Start here.

Through our publications, parties, and seminars, SpinSheet has been introducing sailors to one another for 20 years. For the 2015 sailing season, we will offer more ways than ever to connect with sailors of all levels. Did we mention they are all free of charge?

Here are the top three ways to meet sailors on the Bay and its tributaries:

SpinSheet's free online crew listing service. Over the years, we have heard the following: "I always find my crew on *spinsheet.com*." "I found my bowman on *spinsheet.com*." And our favorite: "SpinSheet crew service changed my life!"

Here's how it works. If you are seeking a boat to sail on or crew for your boat, visit *spinsheet.com* and search for the "crew listings" tab. Look for the dropdown menu for "crew update/sign up" or "boat update/signup," and follow the directions. We will not use your email address for anything other than communicating about the crew listing service.

Sailors who are new to crew listings—or new to sailing—should know that honesty about your experience is important. Don't worry if you don't have experience; many skippers prefer to train a new person than take on one who's set in his or her ways. Be honest about what sailing you have done, what sailing you aim to do, and when you're available. When skippers reach out to you, be communicative and show up on time willing to learn.

SpinSheet's free crew parties. We will sponsor three crew parties this year: Sunday, March 22 in Solomons (4-6 p.m. at Southern Maryland Sailing Association);



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Saturday, March 28 in Hampton (6-8 p.m. at Marker 20); and Sunday, April 19 in Annapolis (4-6 p.m. at Annapolis Maritime Museum).

All of our crew parties are free and open to the public. All we ask you do to is bring a friend, wear a nametag (that says "need boat" or "need crew"), and be brave enough to introduce yourself to anyone you see. It's helpful to bring business cards, a notepad, and a pen—although a smart phone seems to work pretty well, too. Such parties do favor the brave, so smile, tell people what kind of sailing you hope to do, and wait for the offers to come.

Free Start Sailing Now Q&As. You may have seen SpinSheet's annual new sailor guide, Start Sailing Now. The fun,



casual Q&A seminars are the live part of the program. We assemble panels of experienced sailors and give the new (or returning) sailors in the audience opportunities to ask them questions about how to get into sailing on the Chesapeake or its tributaries.

We've structured the Q&A do be a sort of "anything you ever wanted to know about sailing but were afraid to ask," so don't be shy. We're happy to answer questions about safety, lifejackets, footwear, sailing gear, the confusing language of sailing, the costs of boat ownership, sailing schools, and more.

We have three Start Sailing Now seminars on our agenda and at least one more to come (see the April issue for more): Saturday, March 14 (West River Sailing Club 1-3 p.m.); Sunday, March 22 (Southern Maryland Sailing Association, 3-4 p.m., before the crew party); and Sunday, April 19 (Annapolis Maritime Museum, 3-4 p.m., before the crew party).

This year, we'd like to challenge sailors to bring friends into sailing. If you bring or send a new sailor to one of our Start Sailing Seminars, make sure they let the moderator, Molly Winans, know you sent them. The sailor who sends the most new people to our Start Sailing Now Q&As will get a SpinSheet hat.