



ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION AND PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN SAILING

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US SAILOR Of The Week Phil Kurczewski



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Phil Kurczewski is a life-long Detroit area resident and sailor. Phil was listening to a local Children's Leukemia Foundation (CLF) radiothon in 2004 when he was struck by how normal recreational activities are often curtailed by leukemia. After talking with CLF, Kurczewski organized a sailing outing through his sailing club, Albatross Yacht Club. Volunteer boat owners are paired up with families and everyone gets a chance to get out on Lake St. Clair. When everyone returns from a fun and refreshing day on the water, they are treated to an afternoon picnic and barbeque at the marina. The 45-member yacht club has no club house or docks. Even so, for the last three years Phil has run the event with the help of Markley Marina in Harrison Township. In 2006, nearly 20 CLF families were able to participate in the mid-June weekend event. This is now an annual event with other local clubs participating. Phil was named Yachtsman of the Year by Albatross Yacht Club for his creation and management of this wonderful annual event.

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