

Johnson County Sailing Society
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ABOUT US

The goal of JCSS is to meet the needs of small yacht sailors and those interested in small sailboat racing in Johnson County, Kansas and surrounding areas. It is a diverse group spanning from young adults to retirees, nearly equal parts men and women with varying activity and skill levels. We have absolute beginners, accomplished racers, new boat owners and those who just want to crew. Club activities include fun sailing, racing, teaching, socializing and generally spending time with folks interested in sailing and the lifestyle around sailboats at a quiet local lake. Our home lake is at Shawnee Mission Park, located on the west edge of metro KC, just off Interstate 435 at 79th Street and Renner Road in Lenexa, KS. JCSS is affiliated with US Sailing and the Central States Sailing Association.

SAILING LESSONS

In cooperation with and through Johnson County Parks and Recreation, the club teaches 2 levels of sailing classes. We teach Sailing I - a beginning sailing class taught in the spring and summer and Sailing II - an advanced sailing class, taught in the summer at Shawnee Mission Park Lake. Sailing I consists of 2 evening sessions of classroom instruction followed by 4 on-the-water sessions during which participants receive one-on-one instruction from JCSS volunteers. The Sailing II class is more advanced; we instruct on use of a jib, sail trim and how to trailer a sailboat. This class also consists of 2 evening classroom sessions followed by 3 on-the-water sessions using boats with more complex sail configurations. Details regarding times, dates and fees are in the Johnson County Park and Recreation District Spring & Summer Activities Catalog, available at all Johnson County library branches, the JCPR District office or by calling 913.831.3359.

RACING and SOCIAL

Primarily we are about fun on the water. On the non-competitive side of sailing, JCSS offers its members a variety of events throughout the season. Included are racing clinics, rules review classes, movie nights, interclub day trips to area lakes, camping & sailing trips, barbecues, picnics and parties, both during the sailing season and during the winter months. The members of JCSS are very enthusiastic about sailing and want to share the sport with newcomers and "old salts" alike. You can get more information by contacting one of the JCSS officers listed at www.JoCoSailing.com or coming to the lake on any race day. If you enjoy a bit of friendly competition or just the challenge of navigating a set course, then club racing with JCSS may be just for you. We have three scored and awarded racing series throughout the sailing season at Shawnee Mission Park Lake. That's about 30 races scheduled for you to hone your skills. We also have fun races, a Keg race, "Come Sail with Me Days", and sunset sails. The series races are on Sunday afternoons and typically start with a Skipper's meeting at 12:30 PM by the boat ramp. Series races start in May and run through September, after that we gather at area lakes as the weather allows.

Some say the best way to learn the art of sailing is to race. We couldn't agree more, and if you want to improve there is friendly advice available. You do not have to be competitive, just interested, sincere and safe.

DON'T HAVE A BOAT?

Current students taking a Johnson County Parks and Recreation Sailing I or Sailing II course in the spring or summer have the opportunity to rent the Sunfish and Catalina Expo sailboats belonging to the JCPRD on any of our scheduled race days for the remainder of the year. Boat rental is also available to club members that can show proficiency with the Park's boats. For a nominal fee you can rent one of the class boats and spend hours on the water racing or practicing your skills.

The Lake at Shawnee Mission Park is ideal for a *quiet* day in the park, it is small enough that power boats (including Sea-Doos) are not allowed and large enough for dozens of day-sailors to race or cruise off and away from (and sometimes in-and-amongst) paddle boats, canoes, kayaks, and the like. **Come join us!**