



COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER  
INDIA POINT PARK, PROVIDENCE

## 2013 Fall Northeast Regional Sailing Programs Symposium

### AGENDA

Friday, September 20th, 2013 10:00 AM • 4:00 PM

*Hosted by:*

Community Boating Center <<http://www.communityboating.com>>

109 India Street • Providence, RI 02903

#### **EVENT OVERVIEW**

The Northeast Regional Sailing Programs Symposium (RSPS) provides an opportunity for organizations to share ideas and concerns about sailing education and programming within the New England region. All are welcome regardless if you're from a Community Program, Commercial School, Yacht Club, High School/College program, an instructor or from any other organization (sailing specific or not).

The event is set in a roundtable format designed for productive exchanges between participants. US Sailing will provide the moderator to facilitate discussion and offer a national perspective on some of the issues that face our industry. The topics listed below serve as a starting point for addressing a myriad of topics. The event is free and lunch is included. Please register in advance at:

[http://training.ussailing.org/Training\\_Events\\_Meetings/RSPS.htm](http://training.ussailing.org/Training_Events_Meetings/RSPS.htm)

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

##### **1000-1030: Welcomes and Introductions**

*Welcome:* John O'Flaherty, Executive Director, Community Boating Center- Providence

*Opening Remarks & Introductions:* Stu Gilfillen, Sailing Programs Administrator, US Sailing

##### **1030-12:30: Topic #1: Science in Sailing**

Improving education, specifically for children in K-12, is one of America's most pressing challenges. It is no secret that students in the United States have fallen behind their international peers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and this is most acute among low income and minority students. This growing gap poses a serious threat to America's competitiveness, innovation, and prosperity. Many sailing organizations, including US Sailing, have identified a significant correlation between STEM programming and sailing and are building programs that not only provide exceptional educational opportunities, but also new funding sources. This session will address what steps that organizations should take to become involved and speak about REACH, US Sailing's STEM educational program.



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**1200-1245: Networking lunch**

**1245-1430: Topic #2: Turning sailors into contributors**

Many organizations do an excellent job of getting people through the door and teaching them how to sail. Sometimes the biggest challenge is finding ways to get those same people invested in your club or organizations. From race committee to volunteer instructors each organization has needs that volunteers can assist with. In this session we'll discuss mechanisms that can help administrators not only keep their member, but work with them (and train them!) to be a valuable resource.

**1430-1445: Break**

**1445-1600: Topic #3: Connecting with all audiences**

Family sailing, adult-specific education, and 'women on the water' programs are becoming more and more prevalent in both yacht clubs and community programs. This session will focus on how organizations are structuring their programming to pull in new audiences, what equipment/materials they're using, and if/how they're training their staff differently to address these initiatives. We'll also discuss what resources are available out there for programs that wish to start a program of their own.

**1730-1930: Social Networking Opportunity**

Please join us at afterwards for a cocktail and to continue the conversation (Location TBA).

**Nearby Hotel Information:** Wyndham Garden Providence, 220 India St, Providence, RI 02903

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**Make the most of your trip- be sure to sign up for the STEM EDUCATOR COURSE-Sat., Sept. 21st, 2013!**

US Sailing's **STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Math) Educator Course: Middle School I**, is a one-day eight hour professional development/training opportunity for teachers and sailing instructors to learn how to implement US Sailing's STEM program and curriculum called **REACH**

<<https://webmail.ussailing.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=10f7050f98744de5bf87499a66841411&URL=http%3a%2f%2freach.ussailing.org%2f>> . The REACH modules feature inquiry-based learning and engineering by design processes to provide youth with hands-on integrated learning opportunities that inspire interest in fields of study including physics, marine biology, robotics, technology and more. Modules include on the water and classroom based activities, for easy implementation in multiple settings.

The course is \$150 and includes an 8 hour (8:30 AM-4:30 PM) professional development/training, materials, and a personal copy of the 132 page REACH Educator Guide for Middle School Modules 1-10 (retail \$59.95). Educators should bring a bagged lunch. Upon completion attendees will receive a US Sailing STEM Educator Course certificate and formal educators will receive a certificate for professional development hours.

**Register at:** <http://reacheducatorcourse-cbc.eventbrite.com/> <<http://reacheducatorcourse-cbc.eventbrite.com/>>