

Sailing Notes

Twenty OCC members completed 25 hours of club-sponsored sailing lessons which included classroom and hands-on sailing time.

The class of teenagers and seven adults learned the basics of sailing on the Club's Sunfish sailboats. They topped off their classes with a Saturday cruise on instructor Mike Ratiani's 45-foot sloop.

Sailing committee member Richard Coons donated his Sunfish to the Outrigger Foundation and the boat was used by the budding OCC sailors in their classes.

In other areas of sailing, the committee is planning on entering three sailing canoes in its HYRA-sponsored race this fall. Three boats of identical design comprise a class and we expect this will be the first class of sailing canoes to compete locally in many years.

Two members who plan to represent the Club in state and national sailing competition are committee member Hal Reilly and long-time sailing enthusiast Peter Dillingham. Peter's sailing record goes back a few years and includes many national and international honors.

We have a high degree of interest in sailing at the Club and we welcome assistance in the form of donations of Sunfish boats or parts (in good condition) such as masts, spars, hulls, etc. If you have such a boat that you do not use anymore, and you wish to donate it to the sailing program, please leave a message at the front desk for the sailing committee. If you wish to assist with the Pan Am Clipper Cup Race contact committee member George Norcross. If sailing your boat in HYRA races is your bag, leave a note for Hal Reilly.