



HUDSON RIVER MARITIME MUSEUM

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Museum Sailing School Spring Registration Open

Programs include virtual and COVID-safer in-person classes

KINGSTON, N.Y. – The Sailing School at the Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce that 2021 sailing programs are now open for registration. New this year are 2 online classes in addition to on-the-water sessions later in the season.

Sailboat Ownership - An online interactive 4-hour class featuring 2 sessions. This class is for newer and prospective sailboat owners. Participants will meet like-minded sailors and learn more about boat ownership. Class meets **March 1 and March 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**. Price is \$36/\$40 per person.

Introduction to Sailboat Racing - An interactive, online 4-hour class featuring 2 sessions. This class is for sailors new to racing or interested in learning more about racing basics. Participants will meet local sailors and become more comfortable with the excitement of sailboat racing! Class meets **March 15 and 22, 2021, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**. Price is \$36/\$40 per person.

Adult sailors will also find a variety of on-the-water classes beginning in May. COVID-safer practices will continue until New York State and local authorities change their directives. Practices include small class sizes, outdoor-only activities, and the wearing of masks. On-the-water classes include the following:

First Sail - A 2-hour introduction to sailing with a U.S. Sailing certified instructor on board our classic catboat *Tidbit*. Two to five students at any level of sailing experience are welcome to join this excursion out on the beautiful Hudson. Price is \$35 - \$50 per person.

New Boat Owners Sailing Class - Supports newer boat owners as they develop and practice their skills. Participants will sail their own vessels along with the sailing school fleet with instructors on nearby safety boats. \$50 per boat.

Adult Basic Centerboard, Adult Basic Centerboard Two, and Adult Centerboard Sailing Clinic – These classes will be offered in 2021. Centerboard boat classes are a great way to learn to sail. Participants will work with a U.S. Sailing certified instructor on small boats and get a close-to-the-water learning experience in this sequence of three 3-hour classes.



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US Sailing Basic Keelboat, Basic Keelboat II: Spinnaker, Basic Keelboat II: Skipper - These are in-depth courses on larger keel boats and will be offered in 2021 to those who wish to make a time commitment of 21 hours for each class. U.S. Sailing certified instructors cover many topics and students are eligible for testing to earn certification as U.S. Sailing Keelboat Sailors at the end of the first course. They can earn more sea time and hone their skills during the second and third classes in this series.

For details about classes and to find registration links for all Sailing School offerings, visit the Sailing School online at <https://www.hrmm.org/adult-sailing.html> or call (845) 338-0071.

The **Hudson River Maritime Museum** is located along the historic Rondout Creek in downtown Kingston, N.Y. HRMM is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the maritime history of the Hudson River, its tributaries, and related industries. The Museum opened the Riverport Wooden Boat School in 2016 and the Riverport Sailing School in 2017.

Photos

Four photos with captions are embedded in the following pages.

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Photo 1: Racing on the Hudson River with Kingston Sailing Club



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Photo 2: First Sail, a two-hour introduction to sailing aboard the classic catboat *Tidbit*



Photo 3: Participants enjoy learning during a U.S. Sailing Basic Keelboat class



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Photo 4: A view of the fleet on the Hudson River from the Rondout Creek in Kingston, N.Y.