



Start Crewing **NOW!**

Sailboat crewing is the greatest deal in all of sports. You don't need expensive equipment, sailing skills, or money. It's a simple fact of life, boat owners need crewmembers. The pay will rarely exceed refreshments after the race, but on the job training is always free!

There are several common methods that people follow to start racing sailboats:

The Seminar Method

The **DRYA** sponsors a variety of sailing seminars throughout the **2009 Winter Season** which are featured at various host clubs in our sailing community. These are an excellent way to meet boat owners, crew members, and other people interested in sailing. Yacht racing mavens from around the lake show up at these events to fight over the top notch rookies looking for a ride. All seminars are **FREE** and suitable for beginner to advanced level sailors.

The Show-n-Go Method

The time honored method of getting a ride is to simply show up one hour before a Wednesday or Saturday race ([see the participating Club schedules](#)) and to start asking around about who needs a hand. While this is best for people with *some* experience, a desire to learn is the key element most sailing teams are looking for. An outgoing personality doesn't hurt, either.

The Crew Needing A Ride Table

Before Wednesday and Saturday series races the "crew looking for a ride" table displayed at various clubs is always reserved for new sailors. Look for the [blue sign](#) that says "Crew Needing A Ride". (*This of this as a more refined version of the Show-n-Go method*).

The Call Us Method

If you already know which fleet you want to race with, contact a Fleet Captain (visit one of the clubs [Fleet Web Pages](#) for contacts) to ask who in their fleet is looking for crew. Additionally, our beloved **DRYA Website** (www.TheDRYA.org) can help you find a ride.

Parking

Race-day parking can be very crowded at many of the Clubs. Check with each **DRYA** Club for visitor / street parking availability. As a general rule, parking is very limited on race nights so plan on a couple minute walk to the club from the parking lots. Please, always respect our neighbors.

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