



# Compass Points

## The Journal of the Arizona Yacht Club

## October Meeting: Dave Perry with "Tactics in Crowds"

October 1, 2012 6:40 pm



Our October 8 speaker: Dave Perry

Our headline meeting of the fall: Hall of Fame sailor and teacher Dave Perry. Special meeting date to meet Dave's schedule:

**Monday, October 8**, but the regular meeting time and place, the Caddy Shack @ Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 North Mill Avenue, Tempe. (map) Dinner at 6. And come prepared for a longer than usual meeting, about two hours (but if you need to leave early, we'll be taking an intermission).

Also, come prepared to taste some more of that sweet Old Poultney Scotch. Just as they did with "Luigi" last year, Old Poultney is pouring tastes of the good stuff.

Oh, back to sailing. What's Dave's subject? *Tactics in Crowds*. What happens when you approach the start or mark in a herd of boats that all want to go first? Dave will offer the entertaining answers, backed by what he says are some spectacular videos.

Dave is one of the country's top sailing coaches and he's fresh from coaching the US Sailing Team women's match racing team for this summer's Olympic Games. He currently chairs the US Sailing Appeals Committee, was rules advisor for U.S. Olympic Sailing Team and he's rules advisor for Artemis Racing, the Challenger of Record for the 2013 America's Cup.

Here's his bio:

Dave grew up on Long Island Sound in Connecticut, racing Lightnings. He received his undergraduate degree at Yale University, and has received an honorary Doctorate of Education from Piedmont College. He is Chairman of the US Sailing Appeals Committee, and is a Senior Certified Judge.

He has authored three books on the sport, *Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing*, *Winning in One-Designs*, and *Dave Perry's 100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes*. He is a two-time All American sailor and Intercollegiate Dinghy National Champion, 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher at the 1979 Laser Worlds, two-time Congressional Cup winner (1983 & 84), Silver Medalist in the 1983 Soling Pre-Olympic regatta, 2003 Ideal 18 North American champion, and the 2006, 2008 and 2011 winner of the U.S. Match Racing Championship for the Prince of Wales Trophy (a championship he also won in 1982!).

He is a member of the *Sailing World* Hall of Fame, and recipient of US Sailing's W. Van Alan Clark, Jr. Trophy for Sportsmanship and Captain Joe Prosser Award for Excellence in Sailing Instruction. He was the Rules Advisor and Afterguard Coach for Victory Challenge, Sweden's 2007 America's Cup Team, and the Rules Advisor for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Sailing Team. From 2009-2012, he was the coach for the US Sailing Team Alphagraphics women's match race team, and is the Rules Advisor for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Sailing Team and Artemis Racing, the Challenger of Record for the 2013 America's Cup. He has conducted hundreds of "rules talks" and seminars on the sport, and is best known for his clear, humorous and highly interactive presentations.

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## Ruth Beals Cup Saturday, October 27

October 1, 2012 6:31 pm

The annual Ruth Beals Cup Regatta for women at the helm will be Saturday morning, October 27 at Tempe Town Lake.

Organizers Sheila Reed and Cindy Pillote say that the Skippers' Meeting will be a 8am and the first warning at 9am. Racing will end by noon.

This annual regatta honors AYC founder Ruth Beals (history here) by requiring that the Capri 14.2 sailboats be driven by women, though a man can act as crew. There will be room for a dozen entries, using personally-owned boats or using one of the Arizona Sailing Foundation boats on a first-come, first-served basis.

There's no charge for entry and there are actual, valuable prizes for the first three finishers. And breakfast for all.

Click here to go to the racing page and scroll down to get the race documents and entry information.

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## Help Clean the Highway for Fun and AYC Visibility

September 29, 2012 11:47 pm



Watch for the AYC sign on Carefree Highway. Photo: Peter Lehrach

Peter Lehrach is looking for a half dozen volunteers to take a nice walk along highway 74 on a Sunday morning and join him for brunch. Please email him if you can help on Sunday, October 14.

Next time you drive Carefree Highway to Lake Pleasant, watch for the Arizona Yacht Club signs. This one is at mile marker 25. You'll see another when you're headed the other way.

A bunch of us earned that sign one warm June morning by filling lots of purple bags with nasty roadside trash. Credit Peter for pushing the "adopt a highway" idea, gathering the clean-up crew, collecting the vests, gloves, pokers, and bags, sitting through the required training exercise, filing the paperwork, following up (through a change of DOT offices), and celebrating the arrival of the sign in August.

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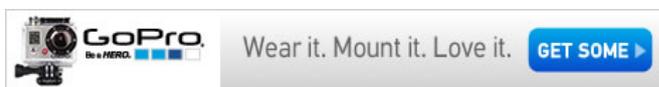
## Sailing Video Contest Supporting ASF

September 29, 2012 10:56 pm

Hey everyone!

There have been some pretty cool videos floating around the web from club members and now, we're going to have a contest! From NOW until the end of the Spring Season, submit your video (send me the link and I'll put it on our site) and you'll get a chance to win some AYC Swag in the form of Shirts and Hats!

How does this support ASF? Get your GoPro sport camera and accessories (mounts, floaty back doors, batteries, etc...) from the AYC Website and the partnership proceeds will be donated to the ASF! Click on the link below to go to the GoPro store right now and order!



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## Photos of Catalina 22 Clinic

September 25, 2012 7:11 pm

Christina and Steve Campo organized an amazing clinic day for Catalina 22s on Saturday, September 22. A herd of C22s came out for the event, plus many new people interested in trying this racing thing. In the pictures taken by Tom Errickson, you'll see the tent, the group, the boats on the water—and you'll get a small sense of the energy.

On the same day, George Sheller organized a clinic for Laser sailors at Tempe Town Lake and it turned out to be another exciting success, with lots of sailors and lots of learning and tweaking for the season. As a result, there are a herd of Lasers competing in the TTL fall series.



The C22 fleet was celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday for their boat, the venerable Catalina 22.



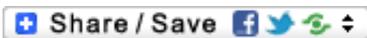
Some of the boats that came out to play.



The fleet launched the AYC race committee boat and ran starts and races.



Explaining the starting sequence from the deck of the race committee boat.



## Ladies Day at the Lake

September 24, 2012 3:54 pm

AYC is please to support the Lake Pleasant Sailing Club's third Ladies Day@the Lake on November 10.

Please pass this info along to any woman you know who would like to learn more about sailing. There will be something for every skill level. Instructors include Mike and Maryellen Ferring, Fran Weber — winner of the 2012 SCWSA Peggy Slater Award, Nancy Erley, Lynn Buchanan and other notable sailors.

**The Ladies' Day@the Lake** is a day-long, sailing summit for women sponsored by Lake Pleasant Sailing Club (LPSC). It is designed to introduce women to and/or enhance their skills in

recreational boating through both land-based seminars and on-the-water workshops.

Five packages are available to choose from, each specially designed with classes complementing each other to give the student a comprehensive day of instruction at their level of sailing experience. Our instructors have been carefully selected for their subject knowledge and instruction skills. A small teacher-to-student ratio in these courses will assure students will receive personal attention.

All instruction, light breakfast, use of boats, water, goodie bag, course materials and a box lunch are included in the \$85 fee for the Day@the Lake. Take advantage of this sure-to-be-fun learning opportunity. Remember, course enrollment is limited and registration closes on November 3<sup>rd</sup> or when a course is full. Don't be left watching from the shore!

### PACKAGES

#### **Welcome Aboard /novice**

##### ***Full day in the classroom and on-the-water***

For the newbie to learn the ropes, parts of the boat and what makes a sailboat work. Then take the helm of a sailboat to practice capturing the power of the wind. (All day classroom, dock-side and on-the water instruction.) This package includes the basics of boating safety, sailing terminology, points of sail, rules for Arizona waterways with hands-on sailing experience.

#### **Pleasure Sailing /novice & experienced**

##### ***Day sailing, vacation cruising and blue water sailing***

Its all about having more fun. During this package students will review rules of sailing, best safety practices, preparation to get your boat underway as well as learn tips and more from experienced sailors and cruisers.

#### **The Accomplished Sailor /intermediate to advanced**

##### ***Reach the next level***

Women choosing this package will learn ways to better make the boat do what they want. Participants will practice essential skills, discover tips and use practical skill building exercises to take them to the next level.

#### **Racing 101 /novice & experienced**

##### ***For friendly competition***

Sailboat racing offers many opportunities to hone skills and stretch sailing legs. As an introduction to the exciting world of sailboat racing, this course package will culminate in a just-for-fun race. (must know port and starboard!)

#### **Take a Kayak /novice or experienced**

##### ***Learn the basics***

Get a solid start or refresh your knowledge for flat water kayaking. Course focuses on safely taking a kayak for exercise, enjoyment and exploring the far reaches of Lake Pleasant and elsewhere.

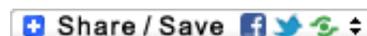
Further information and registration available here.

*Debbie Huntsman*

Lake Pleasant Sailing Club

*Commodore*

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# We're Looking for People to Help on Race Committee

September 13, 2012 6:12 pm

Do you like to help run races? Like to be on the water?

We could use your help.

We're looking for a few good people either to step in to help fleets that are short of people or to serve on a regular basis and provide needed expertise and continuity to the committees. If you'd like to help out, please contact Fleet Captain Greg Woodcock.

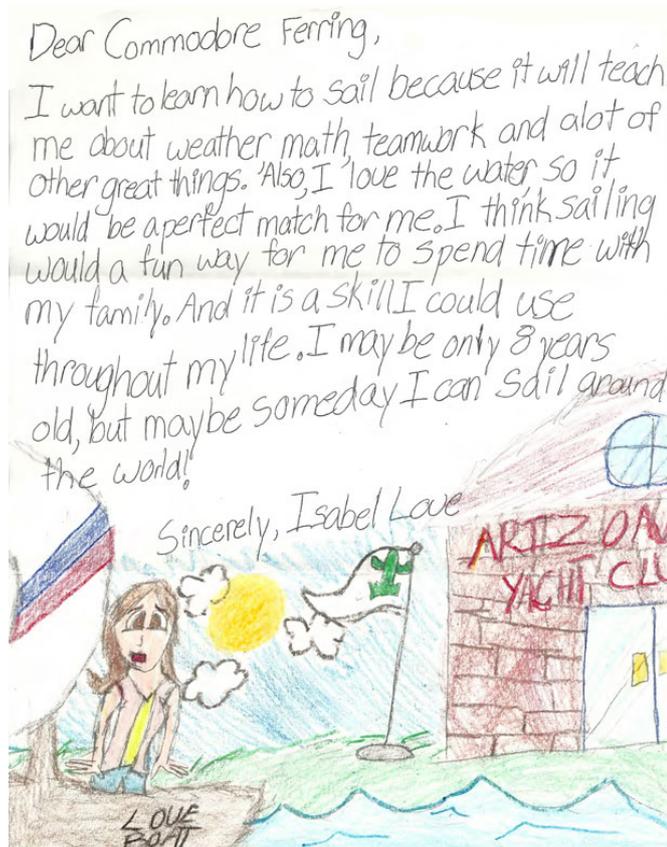
It's a great social time on race committee—a good time to get to know people in the club. If you're new to racing, it's a perfect spot to observe the process, to see what starting maneuvers work best, and to make connections that could put you on a crew.

People are needed for both Tempe Town Lake and Lake Pleasant.

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# Isabel Love Wins ASF-AYC Scholarship

September 11, 2012 7:56 pm



Isabel Love's successful AYC-ASF scholarship application.

Isabel Love will be sailing an ASF Opti class this fall, setting out on a lifetime of sailing that she says may one day see her sailing

around the world. When you're 8 years old, the entire world is open to you.

Isabel will receive \$50 toward the tuition of the ASF class as part of a scholarship program for AYC members. She submitted one of the best applications we've ever seen, the essay and picture reproduced here.

If your child would like to learn to sail, consider ASF and remember the scholarship: here's the link to the application. You'll find more information on the education page.

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# Viper 640 North Americans

September 11, 2012 7:42 pm



Hauling a trio of Vipers.

It's a long way from Phoenix to Marblehead, Massachusetts, especially if you're towing a trailer full of Vipers. Tony Chapman and Kelly Beaver made the trip for the regatta September 5-9, but Tony chose to crew for Tim Carter (Harbor City, CA) rather than sail his own boat, and the team finished a mid-pack 29<sup>th</sup>.

The overall winner was Pieter Taselaar with Willem van Waay and Nick Thompson aboard *Bliksem*. They managed to snatch the championship on the final day, overcoming a two-point deficit in Sunday's only race to win the 2012 Viper 640 North American Championship by four points over Glyn Locke's *Fer de Lance*. It's Taselaar's first in the Viper 640 NAs, but he's an accomplished racer, winning a world championship in Melges 32s in 2009 and the Viper 640 Atlantic Coast Championship in 2011.

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# Register for Fall Series

August 31, 2012 3:41 am

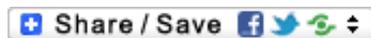


Opening Day Technical Shirt by Pirate's Lair.

Fall series registration is **now open**.

Click here to go to the racing page with the registration links and race documents for Lake Pleasant or Tempe Town Lake or both.

Not sure which fleet to participate in? Click to See Who's Registered



## US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Course Here in January

August 22, 2012 6:01 pm



Registration is now open for the US Sailing Level 1 Instructor course, to be taught here on two intensive weekends in January—the weekends of January 5&6 and 12&13.

US Sailing requires a minimum of 8 students in the course, a number we've failed to meet the last two times this course has been offered in Phoenix. So we really need your support this time.

Here's the sales pitch: Not only does the course prepare you to teach sailing, but it also makes you a better sailor. Course instructor Ray Deppa has taught all of the US Sailing Instructor courses in Phoenix, and he's a real pro, someone who will leave you knowing more about this game we play. But teaching sailing

is actually the best part. Introducing new people to the sport is a lot of fun—seeing them begin to understand how a boat moves through the water by wind alone and seeing the joy they get from figuring it out.

Sign up four weeks or more before the class and it's \$325. If you pass the course and teach for the Arizona Sailing Foundation, ASF will reimburse half your tuition. (If you're a high school or college student, check with George Tingom for possible higher reimbursement rate.)

I just paged through some of the US Sailing material on the course. You'll find some information here. And the registration begins here. There's quite a bit of paperwork involved and you'll need to be a member of US Sailing (a good thing anyway) and you'll need to pass a first aid and CPR course (definitely a good thing anyway). The prerequisites are extensive. My advice: don't let any of that discourage you. The other students and Instructor Ray Deppa will help you through it. If you want to pass, you'll pass.

For questions on the course, check with George Tingom, who's organizing the course and has been involved in every one we've held since 2003 (when I took it).



## Want Ads

July 11, 2012 4:11 am

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1 Radial Sail

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1 Mast (Top Section) brand new in plastic

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