Sail on Bde Maka Ska with Minneapolis Sailing Center

Minneapolis Sailing Center (MSC) is a non-profit organization located on Bde Maka Ska in Uptown, Minneapolis. MSC’s mission is to foster an inclusive, sustainable community and to teach sailing to all.

Sailing is for Everyone
Joyful, immersive, and rejuvenating, sailing is an experience like no other. At MSC, we greet new sailors with open arms, introducing the basics through fun and engaging instruction. Our programs teach the craft and science of sailing in an approachable setting with offerings for groups, families, and individuals at varying levels of commitment. Sliding fee scales ensure cost is not a barrier to participation in any MSC class or event.

Start Sailing on Bde Maka Ska
We offer a variety of programming and events for youth (age 4 and up) and adults. From newcomers to enthusiasts, MSC provides exciting sailing experiences in a safe and inviting environment. Groups and organizations can take part in half or full-day outings or enroll in youth, family, and adult classes. Get in touch to find the right fit for you!

Start Sailing
Affordable 30 minute introductory sails are a fun and approachable introduction to sailing basics. Walk-ups welcome.
1-5 ppl. per boat.

Youth, Family, and Adult Classes
Learn to sail or refine your skills. Group classes and individual lessons offered on a variety of boats for any skill level.
1-100 ppl. per class.

Share Sailing
Share sailing with the Twin Cities community. Volunteer at events and take new sailors out on the water.

Newcomer
Group Outings
Full or half-day sailing offerings for groups and orgs. Outings can be customized to serve groups of varying size and age.
3-100 ppl. per group.

Student
MSC Membership
Members can use MSC sailboats 7-days a week during open sailing and can be joined by up to 5 guests.*

Enthusiast
Racing
Crew or skipper a boat during weekly races. Hone your skills and join the 120 year history of racing on Bde Maka Ska.

*Requires certification for sailboat type and wind rating.
Community Events and Classes
MSC partners with organizations across the Twin Cities to introduce youth and adults to sailing. Partnerships range from short 1-hour sailboat rides and day-long field trips to group enrollment in classes. Groups can be as few as three people and up to 100 sailors. Events can be customized for your specific group.

A Lifetime of Sailing
Our goal is to inspire a lifelong passion for sailing. Learning to sail develops self-confidence, independence, communication, and critical thinking skills useful on and off the water.

Community Event participants are encouraged to return for Start Sailing introductory outings and to enroll in Youth, Family, and Adult Classes.

Safe and Fun
We strive to make sailing safe and fun by always practicing safe boating. MSC also complies with all current Minnesota Department of Health COVID guidelines.

Get in Touch
To schedule an event or learn more about partnership opportunities with MSC, contact Ted Salzman at ted@sailmpls.org or call 612-470-7245.

The Opti is our smallest sailboat and a great beginning option for young sailors.

420s are quick, agile boats, popular for youth development and racing.

Ensigns are the largest, most stable boats in MSC’s fleet and accommodate up to 6 adults.