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## 2018 Midwest Regional Symposium

### AGENDA

Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:00 AM • 4:00 PM

### HOSTED BY

The Foundry  
Cleveland, OH

### EVENT OVERVIEW

The Regional Symposiums provide an opportunity for organizations to share ideas and concerns about sailing education and programming within a specific region of the United States. All are welcome regardless if you're from a Community Program, Commercial School, Yacht Club, High School/College program, an instructor or from any other organization (sailing specific or not).

The event is set in a roundtable format designed for productive exchanges between participants. US Sailing will provide the moderator to facilitate discussion and offer a national perspective on some of the issues that face our industry. The topics listed below serve as a starting point for addressing a myriad of topics. The event is free for US Sailing members and \$10 for non-members. Lunch is included.

Please register in advance at: <http://www.ussailing.org/events/symposium-and-meetings/regional-symposiums/>

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **1000-1030: Welcomes and Introductions**

Welcome: Sam Patterson

Meeting Moderator: John Pearce, US Sailing Youth Director

#### **1030-1130: Topic #1: Youth Sailing 101**

We will discuss information and training for the development of personal leadership in youth that will target growth of self- identity, self-awareness, decision making, acceptance of responsibility and goal setting.

#### **1130-1230: Topic #2: Long Term Sailor Development**

During this session we'll discuss the nationwide movement to grow sailing. Hear about the plan; how it can positively impact your organization and find out how to get on board.



**1230-1330: Networking lunch sponsored by:** [zimsailing.com](http://zimsailing.com)

**1330-1415: Topic #3: Safety and Risk Management, Including presentation from Gowrie Group Rep Steve Schram**

This section will kick off with a presentation from Gowrie Group speaking about safety resources and templates that are available to clubs and junior programs. Examples include: Emergency Action Plan Template, Junior Sailing Safety Manual, and Safety OSHA Check List. Then we will discuss things clubs and organizing authorities can do to improve safety, and they can be both educational and in some cases, profitable: SafeSport training, Safety at Sea Seminars, and Powerboat Courses.

**1415-1430: Break**

**1430- 1530: Topic #4: Town Hall discussion of Regional Sailing Issues**

This time will be spent giving Midwest programs and leaders the opportunity to share best practices and learn from one another. Topics being put forth for discussion include: nontraditional pathways in junior sailing, engaging new sailors in Midwestern shoulder seasons, etc.

**1530-1600: Wrap Up**

Moderator lead discussion to recap the day's discussion, list takeaways, and ask questions.

**1600-1830: Social Networking Opportunity**

Please join us for a drink and some continued conversation after the event at *Brick and Barrel*.

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