



Fall 2018 Midwest Regional Symposium

Agenda

Friday November 16, 2018

10:00am—4:00pm

Hosted By

[Columbia Sailing School](#) at [Columbia Yacht Club](#)

111 N. Lake Shore Drive

Chicago, IL

Schedule of Events

10:00-10:30 Welcome and Introductions

US Sailing's Organizations Engagement Coordinator will make introductions and present an overview of the day.

10:30-11:15 Topic #1: Hot Topics Related to Sailing Program Safety

Steve Schram from Gowrie Group will lead an open discussion on safety issues facing sailing—topics will include prop guards, emergency action plans, training staff, and drone usage in sailing programs. He will also speak about useful safety tools and templates.

11:30-12:30 Topic #2: Off-Water Engagement

US Sailing will facilitate a discussion on the best on-land engagement for sailors of all ages. The conversation will cover rainy day activities, shoulder-season programming, classroom education and social calendars. Come prepared to share what's working in your organization.

12:30-1:30 Networking Lunch

Provided by US Sailing

1:30-2:30 Topic #3: Facilities and Fleets

US Sailing will lead a discussion on buildings and fleets, with the unique relationship between the Columbia Sailing School—a 501c3 sailing foundation—and the Columbia Yacht Club as a backdrop. Topics will include renovations, preventative maintenance, winterization, and how to optimize facilities to meet the needs of all sailors.

2:45-4:00 Small Group Sessions

Attendees will break out into smaller groups based on their role or area of focus—race officers, program directors, coaches, volunteers, etc.

4:00-6:00 Social Networking Opportunity

Please join us in the Columbia Yacht Club bar for continued conversation and socializing.

Please register in advance at: <https://www.ussailing.org/events/regional-symposiums/>