



Great Lakes Wind Forecasting: A Workshop For Sailors Saturday, March 25, 2017

Overview

No aspect of weather is more important to sailors than the wind. It dictates when it is safe to leave port and whether your journey will be fast or comfortable. On the race course, properly predicting the wind separates the winners from the losers.

This workshop is designed for sailors of all experience levels and interests. Accurately forecasting the wind promotes safer, more enjoyable outings and improves performance on the race course. Whether you are a day sailor, beer-can racer, long-distance cruiser or serious competitor, the skills learned during this workshop will enhance your understanding of the wind and improve your sailing experience.

What you can expect to learn at the workshop:

- Why the wind behaves the way it does
- How to translate the confusing symbols and meteorological short- hand on forecast graphics
- The basics of lake breezes, land breezes, thunderstorms, clouds and other dynamics that produce localized and short-term changes in the wind
- Ways to judge the likelihood, strength and duration of headers/lifts
- A methodology for observing the wind and using on-line resources to develop your own forecast
- Strategies for using your wind-forecasting knowledge to your advantage, whether you are a day sailor, cruiser or serious racer

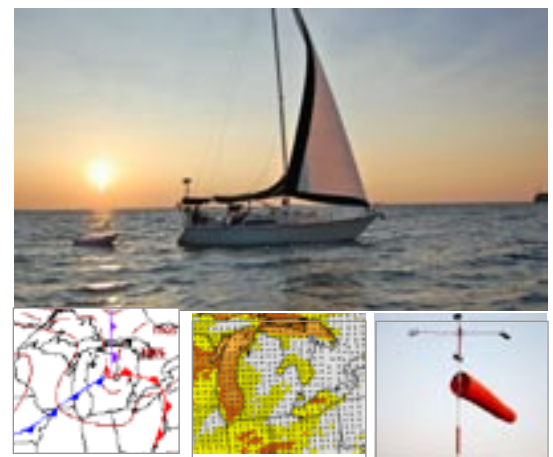
The workshop combines traditional classroom instruction, case studies and several hands-on forecasting exercises to create an engaging learning experience.

Location: **Columbia Yacht Club**
111 N. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60611

When: **March 25, 2017**
8:00 am to 4:30 pm Fee: Early bird fee of \$50 until March 1, 2017. After March 1, 2017, registration fee is \$65. (Fee includes lunch)

For additional information and registration, please contact the Columbia Yacht Club Purser at 312.938.3625 or info@colyc.org.

Seminar Website: <http://www.lakeeriewx.com/Seminars/ColumbiaYC/ColumbiaYC-Wind.html>



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