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Your Full Service Sailing Center
At Portage Lake—Pinckney, Michigan

Instruction Information

- Basic Package
- Refresher
- Rigging/Trailing
- Spinnaker
- Racing



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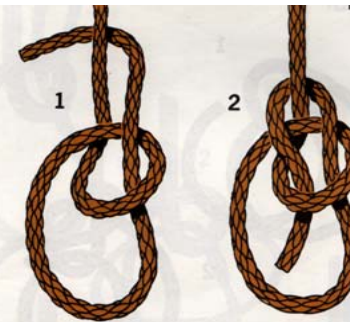
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BOWLINE

The most useful knot you can know. The Bowline forms a loop that will not slip or jam and is easily untied. It is used for mooring, hoisting, joining two ropes, and for fastening a rope to a ring or post.

To tie... Form a small loop in the rope. Run the end up through the loop, behind the standing part, then back down through the loop. Pull tight.



FIGURE 8 KNOT

The Figure 8 is an ideal basic knot form, used as a hand-hold at the end of a rope, or at any point between the ends... used at the end of a line to prevent a sheet or line from slipping through a block or pulley.

This knot is tied by making an overhand loop, then bringing the free end over the standing part and back under and through the loop.



CLOVE HITCH

One of the fastest and easiest hitches to make. It is used to fasten a rope to a stake or post. Make it by taking two turns around the post; the first, under the standing part; the second, also under the standing part but in the opposite direction.

WARNING: Never use the Clove Hitch where it needs to be released in a hurry. This hitch binds extremely tight and, in the case of a wet rope, may be virtually impossible to free quickly.

Introduction

Learn to sail, or improve your sailing skills, in a fun and relaxing atmosphere at Portage Yacht Club. Midwest Sailing offers a variety of sailing lesson options from beginning/novice to racing; all in a private one on one environment tailored to your skills and needs.

Our experienced and knowledgeable instructors take a friendly enthusiastic approach to help get you started in building your skills. All you need to bring is yourself and a desire to learn.

The key to our instruction is our on-the-water, "Hands-on" approach. You will spend the majority of your time in the boat, gaining valuable experience and developing a good "feel" for the sport. Come see how much fun sailing *really* is.

Lessons are generally taught in a 19' Flying Scot, which is known for its comfort and stability. If your interest is in learning to sail smaller boats like the Sunfish, Laser or Laser Pico, or speedy boats like a catamaran, we can include these with your instruction as boats are available.

You will learn

Rigging, boat handling, sailing terms, sailing theory, basic safety, man-overboard, capsize and recovery (if applicable), leaving and returning to the mooring and boat stowage.

Basic Package *

Beginner/Novice level:

- All inclusive (boat and instructor included)
- One hour & thirty minute lessons @ \$90 for up to two students.
- Option of adding 30 minutes of instruction per session for a total of two hours at an additional \$30.

Other Instruction *

- Refresher instruction for up to two people \$72/hour.
- Rigging/Trailing Instruction \$66/hour
- Spinnaker handling instruction \$96/hour.
- Racing instruction \$96/hour.
- Deduct \$20/hour with boat purchase from Midwest Sailing.

* Deposit in advance is required.

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Scheduling

Lessons are scheduled by appointment only.

Lessons are offered Monday through Friday when there is low traffic on the lake and when there is typically good wind between 10:30 and 6:00 or on Saturdays (which is busier) Between 10:30 and 5:00.

The sooner you call the more likely you are to get your preferred times.

Important notice: There is a minimum \$40 fee for cancellation with less than 24 hours notice prior to a scheduled lesson or no show.



Portage Yacht Club Marina