

2016 Sail Chicago Candidate Fact Sheet

Name: Bob Lapin

Sail Chicago member since: ~1998

Personal/ Professional skills and interests: My professional life began as a bench microbiologist; then, transitioned into quality control and quality management consulting where I focused on teamwork, process improvement and strategic planning. In 2013, I retired after 9 years as a Chicago Public School science teacher. I am currently teaching a Biology course at Wright College. My hobbies include tennis in the winter and sailing in the summer. I love to introduce Sail Chicago students to the joy of sailing.

Sailing experience: Sail Chicago (AYH) taught my wife and I to sail in 1976. We bought and sailed a Catalina 22 from 1976-1980. Left Chicago in 1980 and returned in 1996. Joined Sail Chicago in the late 90's where I began to sail and race the Shields. Began instructing in the early 2000's and became a U.S. Sailing Keelboat Instructor in June of 2005. Have been an instructor on the Colgates ever since. Qualified on ER and again on Priorities. Cruising Coordinator in 2015 and introduced Coastal Navigation and Bareboat Cruising to the cruising instructional program.

Involvement/experience with Sail Chicago:

Joined the Sail Chicago board in the early 2000's where I had program responsibility for the Shields and served as secretary. Participated in the separation from AYH and initiated strategic planning and annual recognition efforts at the annual banquet.

Why would you like to be on the Sail Chicago Board?

Sail Chicago is a wonderful organization that has been a significant part of my Chicago life. I admire the new directions that the club is taking and now that I am retired from full time employment would like to help the club that has been so important to me.

What is your vision for the future direction of Sail Chicago? I am very impressed with the revised direction of the club and see more of the same. Let our members' interests drive future directions. If they like the Colgate, get more Colgates. If they like cruising, get a modern cruiser and more cruising courses. If programs are of limited interest to our members, try first to market them and if still unsuccessful (financially) jettison the program. Instruction is the core of what we do and needs to remain so. Aligning our instruction with the U.S. Sailing Requirements brings much credibility to Sail Chicago.

Signature: Bob Lapin

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