

## **Tiller Time**

*by Chris Garvey, Tiller Time Coordinator*

Tiller Time has been restructured this year and is now a separate program from Member Cruise Outings. The purpose of Tiller Time is specifically to allow Sail Chicago members to practice the skills they learn in on-the-water courses, and to help them work toward becoming a skipper.

### Member eligibility:

- ✓ Sail Chicago members who have had at least one on-the-water lesson of a Sail Chicago instruction course during the current sailing season, and season following completion of the course.
- ✓ New skippers made during the current season, and the season following.
- ✓ “Rusty skippers” who have not skippered a boat during the prior season may have two Tiller Times, with the permission from the Tiller Time Coordinator.

### Skipper information:

- ✓ Skipper must be a Sail Chicago skipper for at least one year and be competent and confident to allow students to take the helm and practice skills without having a first mate of their choice aboard.
- ✓ Skippers satisfy service time requirements for the following season and earn \$50 in sailing credits after completing 5 tiller time sails and completing online surveys within 48 hours of each sail.

### Cost:

- ✓ Free and available to members only.

### Cancellation policy:

- ✓ Students who need to cancel must do so at least 24 hours prior the sail. If a cancellation occurs within 24 hours of the sail, please notify the skipper directly by phone.
- ✓ Currently, there is no financial cost for cancellations. However, if frequent cancellations occur, this policy will be re-evaluated.

### Schedule:

- ✓ Tiller time will be offered on all boat types at various times.

### Sign up policy:

- ✓ Students may sign up for 2 Tiller Time sails at one time.