



Learn to Sail Learn to Race with the WRSC Albacore Fleet

- The Boat:** The Albacore is a 15ft, 2-person dingy with jib and main.
- Who:** Anyone who wants to learn to sail a dingy
Anyone who wants to return to dingy sailing
- When:** Two series of four classes on weekends in spring and summer 2009
Start time is 1000
Classes will nominally run for about 3 hrs

Session 1

18 April (Saturday)
2 May (Saturday)
16 May (Saturday)
30 May (Saturday)

Session 2

20 June (Saturday)
27 June (Saturday)
28 June (Sunday)
11 July (Saturday)

- Where:** We will meet at the WRSC
4800 Riverside Drive Galesville, Maryland 20765

What do I get at the end:

If you complete the course and demonstrate competency you will be permitted use of the WRSC Albacore fleet boats for sailing or racing at the club through the fall*.

To sign up or for more information, please contact;

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Sign up soon as the number we can take will be limited for each session. Some portions of the training will be on the water and we only have a limited number of boats available.

*Use of the Albacore Fleet boats is coordinated by the West River Albacore Fleet and requires membership to WRSC and a small \$150 annual fee to cover maintenance and storage expenses of the fleet boats. WRSC offers a provisional status membership that lets you try out the club for a significantly reduced seasonal fee. Details can be found on the club website: www.westriversc.org. If you are already an experience sailor who wants to try an Albacore for the year, please contact us and we can provide a brief familiarization and check-out for you outside of the training program.

Additional Information

ALBACORE

At 15 feet in length and 240 pounds hull weight, the Albacore is a great first boat for those who are just learning to sail and a very competitive racer for more advanced sailors. The Albacore is fast and lively while being relatively easy to learn to sail and race. Sloop rigged with main and 3/4 height jib, the Albacore is typically raced with a crew of two, but the cockpit has room for day sailing with up to 4 adults. The high gunwales, integral bench seats and deep cockpit floor allow you to sail ergonomically, without the crawling, kneeling, and scooching found in other similarly sized dinghys.

<http://www.albacore.org/usa/>

WEST RIVER SAILING CLUB

WRSC is a diversified private sailing club located in lovely Galesville, Maryland. Our home waters on the West River empty into the Chesapeake Bay from its Western Shore. We welcome every boat owner who seriously pursues yachting under sail into membership. Our clubhouse and grounds occupy one of the most attractive sites on the Bay. From modest beginnings nearly 70 years ago we have grown into one of the most active sailing clubs on the Bay. We offer a complete range of friendly and relaxed sailing activities as well as high caliber racing to suit all sailors. WRSC has been part of the West River community since 1930. The Club has evolved with the times to remain one of the most diverse sailing venues on the Chesapeake Bay.

<http://www.westriversc.org/>

WEST RIVER ALBACORE FLEET

- ✓ A friendly and inclusive crowd of sailors
- ✓ Education and Training activities
- ✓ Club Racing & Social on Sundays
- ✓ Traditionally High Participation
- ✓ National and International Competition
- ✓ CBYRA Racing on the Chesapeake
- ✓ Performance racing in all wind conditions
- ✓ Day Sailing with Family and Friends

<http://www.sailingsource.com/wrsc/Fleet-Albacore/albacore.html>

THE DEAL TO SAIL

Sailing is one of the quality lifestyle offerings of the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area, and access to sailing is easy. The Albacore dinghy, with two area fleets, is one of the most popular boats for couples, parents and children and sailors of all ages. It is easy to learn and will challenge you for a lifetime. Ask any of the hundred or so active Albacore sailors, they will confirm.

The West River Albacore program is committed to making sailing accessible to all- and you don't even need to own a boat. We want you to try it out. Unlike most programs that require you own a boat and belong to an expensive club, this program allows you to make a non-committal, easy entry to the sport. You do not need to shell out \$\$ for a boat (good used Albacores start at \$2000), do not worry about registering, parking, and towing a boat trailer, and do not need to make a commitment right away to join a sailing club with initiation fees.

Members of the West River Albacore Fleet have come together to make several Albacores available for use on a shared basis. For those who join this program, we offer training and the use of an Albacore during club activities. Participation is limited to four shares per available boat. WRSC is one of the most affordable sailing clubs in the area and the "provisional" membership makes it very affordable to try for a season while you meet new friends and explore if sailing is right for you.

In these tight economic times many people are looking for an affordable alternative to travel and expensive vacations. Sailing on the Chesapeake with the West River Albacore Fleet is a low cost way to learn to sail and have fun throughout the summer.

In order to participate in this program you need:

- to apply for "Provisional Status" to the West River Sailing Club \$286
- Learn-to-Sail classes with Albacore fleet \$ 20 per person
- For use of an Albacore join the Albacore Fleet Shared Boat Program \$150 for season

For less than the cost of travel to many destinations, you can have over 20 weeks of fun, meet new people and learn to sail. Make this summer the summer you take that first step in fulfilling your dreams to sail. If you like it, you can become a full member later, and continue sharing for next year, or maybe upgrade to your own boat.