

# 2015 Sail Chicago Candidate Fact Sheet

Name: Dan Flavin

Sail Chicago member since: 2007

Personal/ Professional skills and interests:

- Business owner: computer service and repair, web site creation.
- Personal interests include sailing, golf and maintaining my business.

Sailing experience: I started sailing in the early 70's in Gloucester Harbor, MA. Later, in Houston TX, I sailed pocket cruisers out of Clear Lake and the Shipping Canal down to Galveston Bay. When I moved back to Chicago I started crewing with friends and did that until I joined Sail Chicago.

In 2007 I joined Sail Chicago where I became a skipper on several different classes of boats. Since joining Sail Chicago I have spent over 300 hundred days sailing.

Involvement/experience with Sail Chicago:

- Sail Chicago Director (Board Member) - Current
- Maintenance Coordinator - Current
- Instructor - Current
- Boat Manager – Meridian
- PSO/Dryland Coordinator
- Skipper's Test Checker
- Rudders & Tiller Coordinator – Winter Maintenance
- MCO – Skipper/Crew
- Tiller Time Skipper

While I've had a couple of sailing accidents in the past, I've been very grateful that Sail Chicago's attitude has been to help me improve my sailing skills rather than kicking me to the curb.

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

I see several opportunities that could allow for more boat use by members and others:

- A dynamic pricing structure for our fleet, that takes into account holiday weekends, periods of low use, etc.,
- Train members in boat maintenance. (keeps interest up in the off season)
- To facilitate planning, schedule major events in advance, e.g. launch and haul-out dates, etc.,
- Contacting former members to offer special "come sail with us" deals

What is your vision for the future direction of Sail Chicago?

I would like to increase the size of Sail Chicago to 500 members. With this as our base we would have enough people to handle all of the service time jobs and maintain a fleet size large enough to accommodate all of our members.

(Electronic) Signature: Dan Flavin

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