

Welcome to UMBC Sailing Team!

For UMBC Sailing everyone is welcome and no experience is needed! As a club we learn how to use the wind and sails to power your boat wherever you want to go. If you participate in regattas (races), the goal is to complete each course in the water before other teams do. There are lots of techniques that you can learn to become faster once you learn the basics of how to use the wind. Sailing is not hard to get into! We always require life jackets, so you are not required to know how to swim, but it totally depends on your level of comfort. Newcomers will be paired with experienced sailors who will talk them through the basics out on the water. Just be aware of your surroundings and bring medicine if you have motion sickness. The terminology we use can be intimidating, but you learn them quickly since we use them every practice.

This is a pretty relaxed and fun club and therefore we do not have tryouts/cuts to the team. On occasion we do have to limit the number of people to a practice for safety reasons and regattas have a maximum amount of people that can attend depending on host school rules and therefore these events are based on a first come first serve basis. We have frequent practices based on availability (for past semesters Sunday afternoons work best for most people). We travel for regattas (races) up and down the East coast, have chalk talks about sailing basics, and social events. We practice with 13 ft. boats called FJ's and 420's at Annapolis Sailing School and offer carpool from campus when drivers are available.