



Massachusetts Bay League

Dear High School Sailors, Parents and Supporters,

The Massachusetts Bay League is the largest and oldest local group of high school sailing teams in the country. As high school sailing has become more popular, we have grown to include more schools, including two new member teams in both 2003 and 2004. Today, we serve over 400 kids from more than 25 schools. Approximately two-thirds of our member teams sail primarily at Community Boating, Inc., on the Charles River in Boston, while the remaining teams sail at various nearby venues.

For the teams sailing at Community Boating, Inc., the growing number and the continuing development of our student sailors has increased the demand on the fleet of boats available to us. In particular demand are 420s, a high-performance double-handed racing dinghy widely used in high school sailing. While there is a plentiful supply of Cape Cod Mercurys, a sturdy but slower boat, we currently have only 13 420s to share among more than 15 teams. In addition, the 420s, while well maintained, are showing their age – half were manufactured in 1989 and the others in 1993.

In January 2003, the League launched a multi-year effort to raise funds to purchase new 420s and to expand the fleet to 20. This is the first time that the League has undertaken such an ambitious effort in its 20-plus year history. To purchase 20 brand new boats, it will likely cost nearly \$100,000. Even if we decide to get 20 well-maintained used, but much younger, boats, it will likely cost \$50,000.

We need your help to raise these funds. Please consider giving directly to the 420 Fund of the Massachusetts Bay League. Since we are a recognized 501(c)(3) organization, all such donations are fully tax-deductible. If you wish to donate in the name of a particular school, we would be happy to credit your donation to that school's annual obligation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss this with any of the League's officers, especially if you are interested in sponsoring one of our regattas or events. For more information about the League, including contact information, please visit our new web site at www.massbayleague.org.

Sincerely yours,

Carl G. Zimba
President
Massachusetts Bay League



Massachusetts Bay League

I would like to donate to the Massachusetts Bay League 420 Fund.

Name _____
Organization
or School _____
Address _____

City _____
State, ZIP _____ , _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Which Donation Club are you joining?

_____ Crew's Club	(under \$25)	_____ Sponsor	(\$500)
_____ Mate's Club	(\$25)	_____ Benefactor	(\$1000)
_____ Skipper's Club	(\$50)	_____ Patron	(\$5000)
_____ Commodore	(\$100)		

Send this form and your cheque to :

Beth Smith, Treasurer
Massachusetts Bay League
637 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA 02482