

## **MISSION**

As established by its corporate charter, the DCYRA mission is to promote and conduct sail boat racing and regattas on Deep Creek Lake, on a non-profit basis. There are three programs within this mission: the Racing Program; the Sailing Development Program, and; the Sailing Promotion Program. Each Program is guided by goals directed each year by the DCYRA Board. DCYRA is independent of the two lake yacht clubs, Deep Creek Lake Sailing Association and the Deep Creek Yacht Club.

### **Racing Program**

The Racing Program provides frequent and varied opportunities for competitive racing and regattas, generally under the auspices of U.S. Sailing rules and regulations. The Racing Program strives to provide balanced sailing opportunities, which fairly serve the needs of sailors racing the various classes of boats with significant presence on the lake. The program also provides the necessary support for racing, including the Signal Boat, Safety Patrols, course marks, sailing instructions and local regulations, scoring and protest services, and trophies and recognition for excellence in competition. The Racing Program may, from time to time, sponsor competitors in national sailing events.

### **Sailing Development Program**

The Sailing Development Program provides opportunities for sailors to improve their sailing skills, through offering seminars and workshops presented by local experts and representatives from sailing equipment manufacturers. The Sailing Development Program facilitates training to qualify new Primary Race Officer and Safety Patrol participants, and enhance the skills of existing participants. The Sailing Development Program supports development of new sailors, generally by coordinating with and supporting the Deep Creek Sailing School.

### **Sailing Promotion Program**

The Sailing Promotion Program works to increase visibility and interest in sailing on Deep Creek Lake, and protect the lake as a sailing resource. The Sailing Promotion Program supports publicity for the Racing and Sailing Development programs, provides opportunities for group discount sail and other equipment purchases, works to foster good working relationships with lake governance officials, and supports efforts to preserve the availability of the lake as a sailing resource.