Students will sail through spring term

The popular University sailing classes bave already filled up

By Holly Stark

f you remember only two. things from his class, Roger Bailey hopes it's how to tack and gybe.

When you move onto the next level, you learn "not only how to tack and gybe, but to tack and gybe well," said Bailey, the 39-year-old Outdoor Program supervisor and sailing instructor.

The sailing class, offered by the University and River House, an outdoor pursuits program run by the City of Eugene, is filled to capacity each term it is offered. This term is no different. According to the Office of the Registrar, all three classes were at capacity by March 3.

"It's really exciting that the classes are filling up so quick-ly," Bailey said. "It's always a pleasure to teach college students - our staff really dig it." Bailey, who started sailing as a teenager on Lake Michigan, has been teaching classes in Eugene for the past 12 years and was the South Eugene High School crew coach from 1986 to 1991.

"I've taught a lot," Bailey said. "People are pretty successful in sailing."

The classes are held at Fern Ridge Reservoir with trans-portation included in the \$173 cost of the class.

This is where tacking and gybing comes in.

"Most people come out of the Sailing I class pretty competent," Bailey said. "The goal for the beginner level is basic - how to rig a sailboat,

terminology, equipment, boat parts and the two basic skills of sailing: tacking and gybing."

Tacking, Bailey explained, is sailing upwind, while gybing is sailing downwind.

Tacking is "like trying to cross-coun-try ski uphill," Bai-

The more advanced sailing class is offered to a maximum. of four students, and the goal is to "gain more of a mastery of the basic techniques," Bailey

But it's not just the technical side of sailing that Bailey thinks attracts people to the

"I think a lot of romanticism is attached to sailing," he said. "It's part of history and literature. It's been around for centuries — that's pretty cool.

"I think sailing is really fun. There are a lot of different opportunities - you can day-sail, sail on the weekend, race. Some people I know live on boats and sail around the

It's too late to sign up for the spring term classes, but Bailey said those who haven't registered are in luck. There's a Sailing I class offered summer term where "we get the strongest winds," he said. "It's the best for sailing. We've had great fun out there.





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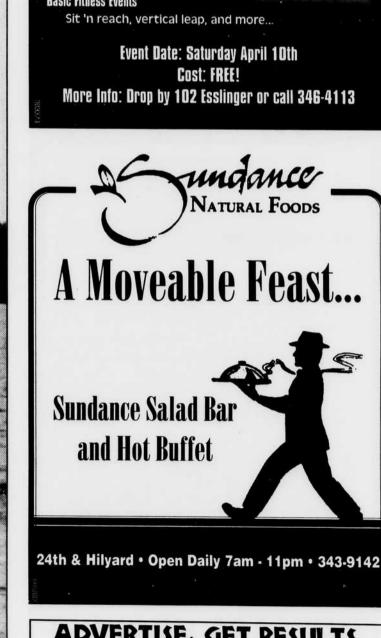
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