



**The Mississippi River is a great resource running through our community and people are looking for ways to access and enjoy it. The Lake Davenport Sailing Club would like to encourage people to use sailing as a way to do just that. Sailing is enjoyed by young and old, through out the country, both recreationally and competitively. Camps, parks, colleges and universities include sailing in their curriculum because it teaches responsibility and safety while building teamwork and confidence. Once the universal skill of sailing has been learned it can be enjoyed for life.**



**Sailing has been an organized family/club activity in the Quad Cities since the founding of the Lake Davenport Sailing Club in 1935. The non-profit club operates from their clubhouse, on the bike path at 1255 E. River Drive. In addition to the regular racing schedule and social activities the club holds a nationally ranked regatta each year bringing in top teams from around the country. This club is open to everyone with very affordable memberships ranging from associate memberships to full family memberships.**

**The Quad City Sailing School was officially organized in 1994 with the purpose of offering a program focused on the introduction and proper instruction of sailing. The focus of this school is to allow people of all ages to discover sailing as a recreational way of enjoying the river and the riverfront. On the competitive side of the sport, the school aims to help people develop a skill that is challenging mentally and physically with opportunities to excel at many different levels, including local, Collegiate, National, and Olympic competition.**

**The Lake Davenport Sailing Club sponsors a Nationally sanctioned ragatta called the Polar Bear Ragatta. Originating in 1959, this event is known for it's good time, tough competition and great hospitality. This C & MC class ragatta brings in top notch sailors from all around the country for two days of exciting racing.**

