

May 2007

Dear Junior Sailors and Parents:

Good news, it's finally time to start thinking about sailing again! The following letter will explain this year's junior Sailing Program, as well as some new and exciting program changes.

You will see all new faces instructing the Sailing Program this year! Jenn Tonks will be our new Program Director. Jenn will be a junior at Washington College and has sailed all her life. She grew up through the Portland Yacht Club sailing program, where she raced Optis and Lasers, competing in regattas across the country. She also was a member of the sailing team at her college. Prior to working at the BPYC, Jenn was the race instructor at Prouts Neck Yacht Club for 3 years. Our Race instructor, Vanessa Colesworthy will be a junior at George Washington University. She sailed at Portland Yacht Club for 10 years and made it to the 420 race team. She taught for one year at SailMaine, and has spent the last 2 summers at TEIA on Peaks Island coaching the Opti race team. Our senior instructor, Adrian Herr will start college at Babson University in the fall. He grew up sailing at Cape Cod Sea Camp and Tiverton Yacht Club for 8 years. He was an instructor at Beachpoint Junior Yacht Club and was then the Opti race coach at Edgewood Sailing School. This summer's Junior Instructors will be Tyler Casey and Morgan Casey. Both are very excited to be racing and teaching this summer. Come meet the staff and welcome them to BPYC!

Please take a close look at the enclosed description of classes. Careful note of abilities was taken last summer for placement in this summer's program. Your sailors will be placed in the most appropriate class for their ability. If necessary, we may make some placement changes early on so that everyone can have the most fun and learning filled summer possible!

We are excited to continue BPYC's popular Race Camp. This year we are including both Opti and 420 sailors. For four days, June 25th-June 28th (Friday is a rain date), we will be holding a racing clinic, running daily from 9am-4pm, with an hour for lunch. Sailors will get a chance to learn and improve sailing and racing skills both onshore and on the water before the Junior Program even begins! This promises to be a great pre-season opportunity, and enrollment is limited, so get your registration, medical form and full payment in early!

Important Note for All Parents:

As was done last year, all information regarding upcoming events such as regattas, Friday events, etc. will be posted on the Junior Sailing Bulletin Board. Information will include times, dates, things to bring, etc. Children who will be participating in the Friday events must sign up by Thursday 1:30 PM so that the program director has ample time to coordinate the activities. Please take the time to

check the board regularly so as to not miss out on important and fun events.

Each Friday, one of our traditional Friday events (Race Around the Pool, Master of the Boats, etc) will be held from 9:30-noon, followed by an optional picnic (families included) on the Yacht Club lawn. The picnic will run from noon-1:30pm. A parent or babysitter MUST supervise children 12 and under during the entire picnic. Friday morning events will include Sea Fleas, Sea Sanders, Pram Masters and Recreation classes. All the racers will participate, as part of their class, in Club Series races which will occur at 1:30 PM each Friday. Interested racers are encouraged to assist in the Friday morning events. Please notify the Program Director by Thursday afternoon if a racer wishes help out.

For all new and experienced participants, please remember that a PFD (lifejacket) is an essential piece of equipment that you must have every day! It should fit comfortably, but not be loose. All members of the Sailing Program must wear PFD's every time you set foot on the dock, on a boat, or are around the water.

A few important dates:

- June 25-June 28: Race Camp 2007
- July 2nd (Monday): Sailing Program begins.
- July 4th (Wednesday): **No morning classes**. Afternoon classes only to allow our kids to participate in the Parade in the morning.
- July 27th (Friday): Last day of July session.
- July 30th (Monday): August sailing classes begin
- August 24th (Friday): Sailing Program ends & Recognition Picnic
- September 2nd (Sunday): Chowder Luncheon (Racing awards will be presented)

Registration Information:

Please return your paperwork with full payment as soon as possible because class spaces are limited. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis with BPYC Family and Junior members having priority through June 15. After that date, any remaining slots are available to members and non-members alike based upon when their registration was postmarked. Be aware that several children didn't get into the program last year because of late or incomplete registrations. This year's program looks to be even more popular, so send your check and completed forms in promptly. You will receive a confirmation letter telling you which class your child is enrolled in **after** BPYC has received your completed registration form, completed medical form, and **full** payment. Please note that we need one medical form per child in families with more than one sailor.

If a child is not covered under a currently active Junior or Family Biddeford Pool Yacht Club membership, he/she must take out a Youth membership to enroll in the Sailing Program. Contributing members, or children of individual members, must also take out a Youth membership to enroll in the Sailing Program. Be sure to specify your enrollment dates and preferred classes on the registration form. Remember, however, the sailing staff will have final say on what class your child is accepted into. Also, please note the age

restrictions for Sea Sanders and Sea Fleas on the enclosed class listing.

What's New...This year, sailors may register for two classes: Recreation and any Racing class. This means more time on the water both racing and cruising. A few sailors had problems choosing between the Recreation class and Racing. This way, avid sailors get the best of both worlds...

Please complete and send the enclosed registration and medical forms with complete payment as soon as possible to: BPYC Sailing, PO Box 251, Biddeford Pool, ME 04006.

See you on the water!

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