

Dear Junior Sailing Parents,

This email is a recap of the fantastic junior sailing orientation that we had last night. The meeting included general information about the summer program, changes in the program from last year, a question and answer session, followed by a boat safety check. Please take the time to read through these questions and answers. If you have additional questions please contact me.

I am looking forward to a great summer.

Sincerely,

John Cross

Director of Junior Sailing

Who are the instructors this year?

- Our head instructor is Campbell Woods. His assistants are Tally Thoren, Kevin McGehee, James Kammert, Sarah Smith and Sean Spinney. Between them they have over 16 years of instructional experience.

Who should we contact if we have a question?

- Our head instructor Campbell Woods can be reached at ccwoodsrow@gmail.org or at 203-838-1606 ext. 19
- John Cross the Director of Junior Sailing can be reached at asstmgr@rotonpoint.org or at 203-838-1606 ext. 20

Are there any parents that represent the Junior Sailing Program?

- The junior sailing parent liaisons are Larry Warble and Julie Halloran.

What is JSALIS?

- JSALIS is the Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound. They are the organization that consists of the member sailing schools. Their web address is <http://www.jsalis.org>

What should each sailor bring to sailing?

- Sunscreen, bathing suit, towel, water bottle or cold beverage, Coast Guard approved life jacket with a whistle attached, shoes (no flip flops), hat, and sunglasses.

What are other items that will enhance the sailing experience?

- Sailing gloves, rash guards, digital watch and sailing booties.

What must Optimist sailors have in their boats?

- 3 working airbags, 30 ft bowline without knots, small paddle or "praddle", mast tie down, a bailer and a tie down for the dagger board.

Where do I drop off my child if they are in the 9:00 class?

- Sailors should be dropped off at the junior sailing classroom.

What occurs if my child is in the 10:00 class?

- Sailors will be picked up at the pool by the sailing instructors at 10:00. Sailors should have with them a bag that includes their necessary sailing items listed above. Please provide a small snack for your child.

Can I pick my child up early from sailing?

- This practice is strongly discouraged because it compromises the safety of all of the junior sailors.

How can I prevent my child from losing their sailing equipment or clothes?

- Label everything that the child possesses. This includes all sailing equipment.

How is my child going to be able to eat lunch before or after sailing because they are also involved in tennis?

- The snack bar is offering "Grab and Go Lunches". This option must be ordered prior to 10:00 each morning. Lunches will be available for distribution starting at 1:00. The sample order form is in the attached document.

Where is my child's boat stored?

- Each Opti sailor is assigned a berth for the season. The berths are listed in the attached document.

What do I do if I own a boat for the very first time?

- Each boat must be registered in the summer office. A sticker will be given to you at registration.

Do I need to sign and return any additional forms?

- Each sailing parent needs to sign and return the "Hold Harmless Agreement" and the "Photo Waiver" forms. Both of these are attached.

Do I need to do anything else?

- All sailors must fill out a medical information waiver with JSALIS. This quick and easy registration can be done at <http://www.jsalis.org/login.html> Returning sailors have to update their information.

Was any literature given out at the meeting?

- Each family received a JSA yearbook and a calendar of events.

What is the "Green Fleet Regatta"?

- The Green Fleet Regatta is our annual regatta that we host every year. We hope that most of our 1st and 2nd year sailors will be able to participate in this event. Sailors must exhibit the following skills to participate: successfully sail upwind, enter the safety position and sail around a mark. Sailors will be notified on the Monday prior to the August 4th regatta if they have met the requirements.

