

Hull Yacht Club

Jr. Sailing Information Packet - 2021



Dear Parents,

The following pages have everything you will need to get ready for sailing this summer, so please read it from start to finish. Please direct any questions to our email account at junior.sailing@hullyc.org. This is the best contact method to use for most communications. You may also speak directly with the sailing program director, Elizabeth Naylor, or anyone on the Jr. Sailing Board.

Registration Process, Payment, and Forms Checklist

- Medical Form (to be completed and brought to Splashdown). Sailors may not start the program until complete.
- Rules & Conduct Form (to be completed and brought to Splashdown). Will also be discussed at our mandatory parent meeting, Splashdown, at the beginning of the season. Sailors may not start the program until this is complete.
- Photo Release Form (to be completed and brought to Splashdown).
- 420 Lease Document. To be completed by all sailors in our full summer, 420 program only. Form will be on the website and will be emailed to 420 participants.

2021 Class Dates, Days & Hours

- Learn To Sail days/hours(all sessions): Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Learn To Sail Session 1 Dates: Monday, July 5th - Friday, July 9th
- Learn To Sail Session 2 Dates: Monday, July 12th - Friday, July 16th
- Learn To Sail Session 3 Dates: Monday, July 26th - Friday, July 30th
- Learn To Sail Session 4 Dates: Monday, Aug 2nd - Friday, Aug 6th
- Learn To Sail Session 5 Dates: Monday, Aug 9th - Friday, Aug 13th
- Learn To Sail Session 6 Dates: Monday, Aug 16th - Friday, Aug 20th
- Full Summer Jr. Sail Program Dates: Monday, June 28th – Friday, August 20th
- Full Summer Jr. Sail Program – Beginner: Monday - Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Full Summer Jr. Sail Program – Advanced: Monday - Friday, 1:00pm - 4:30pm

2021 Sailing Program Staff & Contact Information

- **Staff**
 - Elizabeth Naylor, Program Director junior.sailing@hullyc.org
 - Jillian Harrington, Instructor
 - Henri Richardsson, Instructor
 - Ted Richardsson, Junior Instructor (afternoon)
 - Julia Gordon, Junior Instructor (morning)
 - Emily O'Connor, Junior Instructor (morning)
- **Questions/Concerns** - Any questions may be directed to the Junior Sailing Board via email at junior.sailing@hullyc.org.
- **Yacht Club** - 781-925-9739 (Press 1 to ring the club, press 5 to leave the Jr. Sailing Committee a message)
- **Emergencies** - In case of emergency, our Program Director may be contacted on her personal cell phone at 781-264-7651. This number is *not* to be used for general communications.

Communication

- **Communications/Email** – The majority of our communications are done through email. This is used for important program information, weekly updates, family night themes, regatta updates, etc. so please be sure and check it on a regular basis during the season. Aside from the email address used during registration, please let us know if there is another address you would like to add to our list. Please send additional addresses to junior.sailing@hullyc.org
- **Instagram** - Watch for updates by following our closed group 'hullycjr'

Jr. Sail Committee Members, HYC Officers & Staff

- **Junior Sailing Committee** - Contact Us at junior.sailing@hullyc.org
 - Lanny Day
 - Sarah Das
 - Jason Frady
 - Tara Grosso
 - Elizabeth Naylor
 - Geoff Roth
 - Ed Zalewski
- **Hull Yacht Club Officers**
 - Charlie O'Connor - Commodore
 - Malee Nuesse - Vice Commodore

- Eifion James - Rear Commodore
- Kevin Logue - Past Commodore
- Lanny Day - Secretary
- Alden Wells - Treasurer
- Andy Kurtz - Member
- Lili Hayes - Member
- Sally Chisolm - Member
- **Club Staff**
 - Sue Slattery Ribeiro - Steward

What To Bring/Proper Attire

- **Life jacket:** Life jackets MUST be worn and zipped AT ALL TIMES when the student is on the docks, in a boat, or near the water. Life jackets must be U. S. Coast Guard approved Type III vests and must be properly fitted to an individual's size and weight.
- **Safety Whistle:** MUST HAVE and be attached directly to your life jacket
- **Clothing/Accessories:** T-shirt, shorts, sweatshirt or raincoat, bathing suit, hat and sunglasses as appropriate.
- **Shoes:** CLOSED toe shoes, such as Crocs or Keens, or anything like that
- **Label:** Labeling life jackets, clothing, sailing gear bags and water bottles is highly recommended

Please keep in mind that anything you bring to sailing will be joining you in your boat. If it shouldn't get wet, it should either be in a dry bag or left at home. The one exception to this is towels for use after swimming.

General Policies

- **Attendance/Absent:** Attendance is taken at the start of class. If your child will be absent, late or needs to leave early from class then please email us at junior.sailing@hullyc.org.
- **Drop Off and Pick Up:** Drop off and pick up is at Hull Yacht Club. Please be on time in dropping off and picking up your child. Some kids ride their bikes or walk. All bikes must be stored on the bike rack.
- **Vacations:** We understand that families have other commitments throughout the summer, including other camps and events; don't worry about any days that you may need to take off from sailing. Please email junior.sailing@hullyc.org when you will be absent.
- **Pictures Taken At Sailing:** Hull Yacht Club Sailing Program staff and directors take pictures throughout the sailing season. Some of the pictures are placed on our website, in our brochures, or in other promotional material. Pictures are strictly used for promotion of our sailing program, and sailor's names are not placed on any portion of our material.

- **Swim Test:** Each student is required to pass a short swim test, while wearing a life jacket, between the sailing center docks.
- **Life jackets are** required to be worn by all Sailors, properly at all times on the docks. No exceptions.
- *COVID Note: It is recommended that anyone who is not vaccinated should wear masks when inside the club, on the porches or docks, or within 3 feet of other people. All sailors will wear masks in the event of weather that forces the entire program indoors.*

Parent Expectations

- **Not allowed on docks during class:** It is extremely important that you do not interfere once class has started. Parents are encouraged to give their child the space to learn and the instructors' space to teach. It is the instructors job to provide a safe and fun atmosphere for your child to learn in. The amount of independence you give your child is directly proportional to how fast they learn and how confident they will become. If you have any issues regarding instructional time or coaching techniques, please talk to the Program Director before or after class hours.
- **Volunteers:** The Junior Sailing Program cannot operate without volunteers. Parents are expected to volunteer for at least one Junior Sailing function. It is a lot of fun and the kids love it when their parents are involved! Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks, especially regatta support - both on the water and at the clubhouse. This year we will have an online signup that we encourage you to use!

Class and Weather Policy

Class will be held every day, rain or shine. If inclement weather, class will be held inside the club. We will sail in rain unless there is thunder, lightning or severe weather. Decisions to sail are decided jointly by the Club Steward and Sailing Program Director.

COVID Note: All sailors will wear masks in the event of weather that forces the entire program indoors.

Sail Nantasket Boat Policy 420 & Prams

- Sail Nantasket is a non-profit organization that supplies us with the Prams for our Learn To Sail program, as well as the 420's we use in our 420 class.
- Payment for use of these boats is made to Hull Yacht Club, who in turn pays Sail Nantasket.
- You are not assigned a specific boat, just a spot on one of the available boats. The boat you sail will change from day to day.
- The lease allows you access to these boats during class, club sponsored regattas, or any instructor-led event.
- Under no circumstances may you take these leased boats out on your own or outside of class.

- Lease Agreements for 420s must be filled out AND paid in full prior to start of program. Lease Agreements may be found and then printed from our website at hullyc.org.
- Sail Nantasket has made a significant investment to provide us with a sailing fleet. Student sailors should recognize the importance of caring for this property and we expect parents to reinforce this message.

Personal Optis

Equipment Maintenance and Repair - Junior sailors are responsible for their own equipment. Part of being a responsible sailor means learning how to maintain and repair equipment. The instructors can help the juniors learn how to do this and will inform parents of any equipment that needs to be repaired or replaced. It is up to the junior sailor and his or her parents to do so as expediently as possible.

The week before the program begins (June 21st - 25th) is the best opportunity to have your opti checked out by the instructors.

Optis must be put on the docks, ready for class during Splashdown, or any time prior to June 28th.

Event Food Allergy Policy

The Hull Yacht Club kitchen and serving areas are not nut free. The food served at junior events cannot be guaranteed to be **nut free**. Unfortunately, our volunteer staff are not able to safely satisfy other dietary requirements. If your sailor has such a requirement, **we urge you to bring suitable meals** so that everyone can enjoy together. Thank you for your understanding.

Family Night

Family night is a tradition where the families of Junior Sail sailors meet at the club and have dinner. Kids can hangout, play on the field, swim, etc... It's truly a great time to sit back, relax and enjoy! The bar is open too!

COVID Note: We're still figuring out what this looks like after a hiatus last year so watch this space!

Jr. Sailing Regatta – Scorpion Bowl

Hull Yacht Club Jr. Sailing Program hosts an annual sailing regatta called the "Scorpion Bowl". All kids are encouraged and welcome to participate. Information on that will precede the event. This year's event will take place Thursday July 22nd – Friday, July 23rd, 2021. This is an "entry level" Regatta and is open to Full Time Summer Sailors. There is a Green line for the Beginners that is typically run on the inner harbor, a great way to introduce competitive sailing in a fun atmosphere. We host approximately 100

Sailors so our other divisions are quite competitive. It is our biggest event of the year and where we need the most help.

Evaluations & Report Cards

The instructors will be evaluating your child throughout the summer and at the end of the season will prepare and present an evaluation to each individual.

Important Dates

- **Splashdown** - Sunday, June 27th 2021 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. This is our kickoff event to begin the season for all sailors, regardless of which program and which session! Important information for the season will be provided and required paperwork will be shared. Due to COVID, and the fact that our younger sailors will still not be eligible to be vaccinated this summer, we will not be having a cookout this year. All Optis should be on the dock and ready to start the next morning.
- **Family Night** - Stay tuned for Family Night information and schedule.
- **Scorpion Bowl** - Thursday July 22nd – Friday, July 23rd 2021
- **Awards Night** - Friday August 20th, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Year end party for all sailors and families

Please see the [club calendar](#) for a complete listing of all events.

Comments, Suggestions, Concerns

We do our best to create and deliver an exceptional program and experience for your child. We also rely on volunteers to help us succeed. We welcome compliments, suggestions or concerns. Bring your day-to-day concerns about classes, racing, or teaching methods to the Program Director either prior to or after class. Concerns need to be addressed as early as possible, and if appropriate, in writing. You should address your comments to the Junior Sailing Committee Chair. At the discretion of the Chair, issues may be referred to the Junior Sailing Committee or the Council for resolution.

Please email us at junior.sailing@hullyc.org if you have any comments or suggestions.

FAQ's

Most questions are answered here. If you have any other questions, please ask our Program Director or Board members.

- **Do I need to own my own Opti?:**
Yes, you do need to have your own boat. You may either purchase or lease one. The majority of our kids own their own boat, but many lease. We can offer some assistance in finding one for

you, or you may do it on your own. (This does NOT apply to Learn To Sail. Learn To Sail boats are supplied.)

- **Where do we get the boats for Learn To Sail?:**

Hull Yacht Club leases the Prams that we use in our Learn To Sail program from a non-profit organization called Sail Nantasket. There is no additional charge for boats used in Learn To Sail.

- **Do I need to own my own 420?:**

No, Hull Yacht Club leases the 420's that we use in class from Sail Nantasket. Each sailor must pay for the summer lease.

- **Do I need to pass a swim test?:**

Yes, you will be asked to swim a short distance with a life jacket on at one of the first classes.

- **Can I miss some classes?:**

Yes, we understand that people have other activities and obligations throughout the summer. We just ask that you email junior.sailing@hullyc.org when your child will be absent.

- **When do I need to wear my life jacket?:**

At ALL times! Every student must wear their life jacket at all times during class no matter what their age is.

- **What is Family Night?:**

Family night is a tradition where the families of Junior Sail sailors meet at the club and have dinner. Kids can hangout, play on the field, swim, etc... It's truly a great time to sit back, relax and enjoy! The bar is open too!

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- **What is a Sailing Regatta?:**

A regatta is a sail boat race event. More information may be found on our Jr. Sailing website. The document is called "Regattas 101".

- **Do I have to participate in sailing regattas?:**

No, though they are encouraged. Information on which ones we typically attend will be gone over when the season begins as well as during class.

- **What is the Scorpion Bowl Jr. Regatta?:**

This is our Jr. Sailing Program's own regatta, held at Hull Yacht Club. Participation is HIGHLY encouraged. Information on this will be gone over in class. It is typically held around the 4th week into our season.

- **Will I get a written evaluation/report card at end of season?:**

Yes. It will also include a recommendation for the level of class for the next year.

- **What is Awards Night?:**

This is our end of season celebration! It is always on the very last day of class, in the evening. It is a season end celebration for all sailors and their families!. EVERYONE (including our LEARN TO SAIL kids) is invited to attend! It is held at the club.

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Jr. Race Program Code of Conduct & Safety

1. Life jackets must be worn at all times while sailing or on the dock.
2. Swimming from the floats is permitted only under the supervision and with the permission of the sailing instructor.
3. No pushing, shoving or running on the floats or dock.
4. Sailors may not leave the floats, docks or sailing area without the sailing instructor's permission.
5. Guests or friends are not allowed during the class time.
6. Sailors must stay within a reasonable distance of the instructor's boat during instruction time. (Exception: during race)
7. Powerboats and large sailboats have the right of way in the harbor. Be polite and courteous to them.
8. Sailors are not to intentionally capsize without the instructor's permission. Always stay with a capsized boat.
9. Each participant is responsible for his/her own equipment and must be respectful of each other's equipment.
10. Each participant is expected to:
 - a. Pay attention to instructors
 - b. Control temper and language
 - c. Remain courteous to others
 - d. Obey all rules and regulations of Hull Yacht Club
11. Sandals or any open toe shoe cannot be worn during class.
12. Expulsion: Weapons, fighting, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vandalism or fire setting will get you expelled on the spot.
13. Unacceptable behavior can result in "beaching" (Child will not be allowed to attend the program on the following day.) Inappropriate language, threatening behavior, horseplay, failure to obey the staff and other such violations will result in beaching.
14. Respect for sailing instructors, peers and adults in the club is required and expected.
15. No sailor is allowed to drive or even touch the controls on any of the instructor boats. Immediate beaching will be the consequence.
16. No climbing on the Opti racks. While they look like jungle gyms, they are not designed for this and won't last if abused.

