



Squantum Sailing

Hello to our Sailing Program Grown Ups!

It's exciting for us to announce the opening of the sailing program this year and having Quincy Bay open, as many clubs are not hosting sailing programs due to COVID. There was a lot of hard work and time that went into keeping the program open and keeping our sailing legacy moving forward. The program will be six weeks and split into morning and afternoon sessions. Morning sessions will be for beginner Opti sailors and also those with experience. The afternoon sessions will be for beginner C420 sailors and advanced sailors. Those who own lasers are welcome to the afternoon sessions. The club has four C420s they will be using for the advanced program.

The amount of attendees our program can accept this year will be VERY limited. We can only take 10 kids per session per COVID guidelines and this is also why we had to have afternoon and morning sessions. We can put anyone on a waiting list in case someone backs out or if lightened restrictions permit us to add more.

Please see the 2020 Sailing Program Registration Materials. Please fill them out and get them to us as quickly as you can. This will be on a first-come/first-serve basis. Please mail or deliver to Jill Kourafas 49 Bay Street, Quincy MA 02171. Please be sure to gather some information that you will need to complete the registration process quickly. I think every parent/guardian is familiar with the "health forms" you get from your child's pediatrician, walk-in clinic or other healthcare professional. This form is given to schools each year and to most organized sports programs. This is NOT the full medical record of your child. This form/information is REQUIRED of every participant in the program this year - so contact your pediatrician now and get the form for each of your kids that will be participating this year. Also - we are required to confirm that all participants meet the 8 years old by July 1st minimum age requirement. To do so, we ask that all first-year participants have a Birth Certificate for registration. Please make us a photocopy. Again, only first-year kids.

We will be holding the swim test June 24th at 2:30 at Squantum Yacht Club. The tide is high so we should be fine. Everyone should be wearing a bathing suit or shorts, with a towel and life jacket and prepared to get wet. Pick-up time on June 24th is at 3:30 p.m. Remember, this is a swim check - not a certification by the program of a participant's ability to swim. Please be on time.

We will require at least one valid email addresses for each family and each parent/guardian will be required to give a valid cell phone number for emergency contact purposes. There is a section on the registration materials for you to enter this information. Email will be the primary form of communication. Text will be reserved for last minute changes, emergencies, and the like.

COVID regulations will be complied with: Instructors will meet kids at drop-off 5 minutes before class, temperature and health questionnaire will be taken every day, kids wash in and wash out, kids must wear gaitors (WAY better than masks) and gloves. Hand sanitizing stations will be set up. Kids cannot enter club. They must go through the locker area to get to the docks. The restrooms are open. We request limited use. Boats will be washed between use. Per state regulations, we cannot tolerate late arrivals or late pick-ups. Those late on arrival or pick-ups will be asked to leave the program. We cannot allow any parents on docks. Pickup and drop-off will be at the end of ramp at the entry door. Participants will be required to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD at all times during program hours and must have a whistle (one capable of working when wet) tied to their life jackets when in the boats. They should of course be slathered in sunblock before arriving at the clubhouse and should have enough to reapply as needed. A hat and sunglasses are a good idea. Closed-toe shoes/ sneakers are also required. All gear brought into the club must be taken back out at end of each daily session. We suggest putting all necessary items in a large bag, backpack, or laundry basket. Please bring your own snacks and water.

Please have all your kids' boats at the club in good working order. *Please this is very important* - check the boats out to make sure all repairs and replacements are done and that there are no missing parts or equipment. The boats do get a workout in the program so do not assume the boats are in good shape after last season. Also - if something on the boat seems "good enough" then it isn't. Sailing in even a moderate wind puts a great deal of stress on the boats and rigs. There is no need to frighten or injure a child because something needlessly snaps or lets loose. The boats should be in tip-top shape to help ensure the safety of your children and to avoid "down-time" if the boat breaks later during the program.

Working together - we should have a great program and a great season. SYC is looking forward to it.