



RAM ISLAND YACHT CLUB 2019 JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM

The Ram Island Yacht Club offers an 8 week Junior Sailing program for children ages 6 to 16. The 2019 program will begin on Monday, June 24th and run through Friday, August 16th. Please read important details about this summer's classes, schedule, and registration process.

IMPORTANT 2019 DATES

Saturday June 22nd: Boat check 8:00am/brief parents meeting at 10:00
Monday June 24th: Jr Sailing classes begin
Thursday July 4th: No Class/Thursday Night Picnic still on
Tuesday July 23rd: Austin LaFrance Opti Regatta
Thursday August 15th: Jr Sailing Awards Night
Friday August 16th: Last day of class

CLASS OFFERINGS

Morning and afternoon classes will be arranged by skill level and age. The Head Instructor makes the final determination regarding class placements. Classes are held rain, shine, wind or no wind but activities will be adjusted according to the conditions.

Morning Opti Class: The morning will be a learn-to-sail program open to children age 6 and older. Students will be grouped by age and skill. Appropriate objectives will be made to provide meaningful, informative, and fun activities for the children. We hope to develop their sailing skills and knowledge of the water in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. The goal is provide a positive experience for every child.

The morning class will run from 9:00 am-12:00 - 3, 4, or 5 days a week. **Students are required to bring their own Optimist or charter one (if your child does not have a boat of their own to use there will be a boat usage fee charged of \$150 for Optis and \$250 for 420 usage).** The program will utilize Optimists, 420s and Blue Jays.

Class Options:

1. \$650 = 3 days a week (MWF) and includes 2 regattas (Wad FUN regatta and Ram Island Opti Regatta)
2. \$850 = 4 days a week (MTWF). This is the option you would choose if your child is planning on going to all or most of the local regattas.
3. \$975 = 5 days a week (MTWThF). Includes all regattas.

Afternoon Class: The afternoon program is an advanced sailing class. It is for students who have mastered basic sailing and want to learn to be better sailor. Specific activities and objectives will be arranged appropriately based on skill and experience. It will include Optimist, 420 and Blue Jay sailing.

The afternoon class will run from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm ~ 3, 4 or 5 days a week. Students are encouraged to bring their own Optimist or 420. The program may also utilize the club's two 420s and three chartered Blue Jays. ****In order to participate in the 420 program, students are required to weigh at least 90 pounds, and have a minimum total crew weight of 200 pounds.** (A signed parent / instructor weight-waiver will be accepted for kids that are close to 90 pounds but not there yet.)

Class Options:

1. \$650 = 3 days a week (MWF) and includes 2 regattas (Wad FUN regatta and Ram Island Opti or 420 Regatta)
2. \$850 = 4 days a week (MTWF). This is the option you would choose if your child is planning on going to regattas.
3. \$975 = 5 days a week (MTWThF). Includes all regattas.

O'Pen Bic Class: The O'Pen Bic afternoon program is an advanced sailing class. It is for students who have mastered basic sailing and want to try a different type of boat. Specific activities and objectives will be arranged appropriately based on skill and experience.

The class will run from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Thursday afternoon. Students are required to bring their own O'Pen Bic.

Class Options:

1. \$225 for members = 1 day a week (Thursday afternoon 1:00 - 4:00pm)
2. \$275 for non members = 1 day a week (Thursday afternoon 1:00 - 4:00pm)

ADVENTURE CLASS: This is a new offering this year at RIYC and one that we are very excited about! The directive of this class is to explore fun on the water in a variety of other ways besides through the traditional dinghy racing model. The class will run Thursday afternoons from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. The class content will be formulated and tweaked based on popularity, ages of participants (all are welcome) and desires of the kids! Some ideas are: exploring all different kinds of vessels, big sail boats, paddle boards, wind surfers, power boat safety and navigation. We also plan to offer some fun activities associated with the science involved within our marine world and also what we can do to improve its health and cleanliness. Whatever we do, we promise your child will have a BLAST!!!!

Class Options:

1. \$225 for members = 1 day a week (Thursday afternoon 1:00 - 4:00pm)
2. \$275 for non members = 1 day a week (Thursday afternoon 1:00 - 4:00pm)

BOAT POLICY

All students are required to bring their own boat and equipment to class. Boats must be sound and in safe working condition. Boat types used in the program are International Optimist Dinghy; Club 420 with spinnaker and trapeze; and Blue Jay.

A boat inspection is required for all Optimists, C 420s, and O'Pen Bics in our program. Boat inspection will be held on Saturday, June 22rd. All boats must pass inspection prior to being used in class even if they

have been utilized in the program in the past. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that boats remain in good working order throughout the summer. Boats and rigging that don't work well are a safety concern. It also places unnecessary stress and frustration on students and instructors.

RIYC is not responsible for any lost gear or any damage to boats. Please ask your children to communicate when items are broken or missing. Parents should personally check their child's boat throughout the summer.

****Exceptions - First year beginners registered in Morning Class don't have to own a boat but will need to pay to use the club optis.

Opti Usage Fee: \$150.00

Bringing your own boat: Yes or no

If yes, name of boat.

420 Usage Fee: \$250.00 - This is for anyone who is not bringing a 420.

Bringing your own boat: Yes or no

If yes, name of boat.

SWIM CHECK

A swim check will be given on the first day of class. All students must pass the swim check prior to taking any classes. Students will be expected to swim 25 yards without a life jacket, tread water for 3 minutes, and put on their life jacket while in the water. The younger kids are allowed to wear their life jack.

JUNIOR INSTRUCTORS

We'll continue the popular junior instructor program this summer. In addition to being a fun activity, it's a way for our older sailors (generally at least 12 years old) to begin honing their instruction skills in a familiar environment by volunteering their time to work with our younger sailors.

Students interested in being a Junior Instructor must complete the attached Junior Instructor Application and submit along with the Junior Sailing Registration. Applications will be reviewed by the committee and the head instructor and notification of selection made.

REGATTAS

Students enrolled in either the morning or afternoon class can participate in regattas. If your child has never participated in a regatta, parents should confirm with the Head Instructor if he/she can sail without assistance and is ready to participate in regattas. There are numerous Optimist and C420 regattas held at area clubs of Fishers Island Sound throughout the summer. RIYC typically tows to the local events and provides instructor support as part of the program. The head instructor will distribute information, a schedule of planned events, and a sign-up process several days in advance of the regatta. The summer program generally does not provide support for participation in events beyond the local area.

NONMEMBERS

The RIYC Junior Sailing program is open to members and non-members alike. However, non-member participants must be sponsored by a member. Non-member families are welcome at all Junior Sailing classes, Thursday night picnics and other Junior Sailing activities without the presence of their sponsor. Additionally non-members are welcome to store boats for use during sailing classes at RIYC in the same manner as members. Optimists for use in class are stored on racks on the floating docks at no fee. At the conclusion of the program all non-member boats must be removed from RIYC. Non-members must be a

guest of a member to utilize RIYC facilities outside of the Junior Sailing activities and regular club rules apply.

Non Member Fee = \$150.00 and a sponsor.

Please list your sponsors name.

Class sizes are limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

- If students are not children of an RIYC member, they must pay the non-member/grandchild fee as indicated on the registration form.
- All students must understand and sign the attached Code of Conduct outlining and reinforcing the behavior we expect during classes and at regattas.
- No refunds will be made for missed classes for any reason or dismissal from the program for disciplinary reasons. RIYC does not offer any classes on a prorated basis.
- In order for your registration to be considered complete the following must be filled out ONLINE:
 - Registration Form
 - Non-member sponsor info, if applicable
 - Medical and Contact Information forms for each child
 - Code of Conduct signed by each child and a parent
 - Agreement, Waiver and Release
 - Junior Instructor request, if applicable
 - Payments up-to-date.

Please access the registration forms via www.ramislandyachtclub.org/junior-sailing and click on the link for registration through Sports Engine. You may pay online with a credit card or send a check make out to RIYC Jr. Sailing to the address below.

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