



Pine Beach Yacht Club

Junior Sailing Program

June 24 - August 15, 2024



About Pine Beach Yacht Club Junior Sailing

The Pine Beach Yacht Club (PBYC) Jr. Sailing Program began in the summer of 1975 with 16 sailors and Terry Kempton as our first Head Instructor. Our mission is to introduce our youth to sailing in a safe, fun, structured, and accessible environment. While learning how to sail, our students gain important life skills such as respect, leadership, real-time problem-solving, teamwork, sportsmanship, and responsibility/care for their equipment.

interested in learning how to sail and is not limited to PBYC members. We blend classroom training, on the water practice and drills, and debriefs provided by qualified instructors and coaches. While our program is focused on recreational sailing, we encourage our sailors to participate in local regattas (racing). We collaborate with other yacht clubs on the Toms River to introduce our sailors to racing and hone their racing skills in preparation for these regattas.

with their boats where they will learn how to rig their boats, sailing fundamentals, and get them into the water to sail their boats.

Opti (Ages 8+)

Our Opti group is separated into three fleet levels (Opti C, B, and A). Opti C is our "beginner" program where sailors will focus on sailing fundamentals, concentrate on sailing as a recreational activity, and gain some basic racing knowledge. Opti B and A are for our seasoned and advanced sailors. Sailors will develop and strengthen their racing tactics and be introduced into the

next fleet of boats - Sunfish and Laser.

Sunfish and Laser

These are the next class of boats our young sailors will learn to handle. These boats are used in high school, collegiate, and elite sailing programs.

We offer limited Opti rentals for those without a boat. The cost is \$400 for the entire 8-week season. Sunfish and Laser sailors must provide their own boat.



2023 PBYC Jr. Sailing Program Sailors

Learning to sail has also been shown to boost confidence and self-esteem as well as improve focus and concentration.

Since the inception of our program, some of our jr.sailors have gone on to join their high school sailing team, become elite athletes, coaches, and instructors. Others have pursued careers inspired by their love of sailing such as joining the U.S. Coast Guard, becoming maritime lawyers, marine biologist, and engineers.

The PBYC Jr. Sailing Program caters to all skill levels in age groups ranging from 6 to 17. Our program is open to anyone

Our Sailing Program

Our Jr. Sailing Program is organized into four main groups:

River Rats (Ages 6-7)

This half-day, land-based program is for our youngest/novice sailors who are just learning their way around their boats and the basics of sailing. They will have an opportunity to be on an Opti with an experienced sailor to get a feeling of being on a boat.

Pre-Opti (Ages 7-8)

Our sailors are introduced into the water

2024 Schedule

River Rats: Mon & Wed, 9 AM - 12 PM

Pre-Opti: Tue & Thu, 9 AM - 12 PM

Opti C: Mon - Thu, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Opti A/Opti B/Sunfish/Laser:
Mon - Thu, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Half-day)

Opti A/Opti B/Sunfish/Laser:
Mon - Thu, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM (Full day)

Registration Open
March 8, 2024

Late Registration*
May 15, 2024

Last Day to Register
June 17, 2024

Mandatory Parent Meeting
June 9, 2024

Official Start of Jr. Sailing
June 24, 2024

Last Day of Sailing
August 15, 2024

PBYC Jr. Sailing Awards Night
August 15, 2024

Schedules and updates for regattas and social events will be posted on the PBYC Jr. Sailing Facebook page, Instagram, and Remind app.

2024 Rates (as of 3/08)

River Rats: \$432 (member)/\$540 (non-member)

Pre-Opti: \$509 (member)/\$785 (non-member)

Opti C: \$916 (member)/\$1775 (non-member)

Opti A/Opti B/Laser/Sunfish - Half Day:
\$916 (member)/\$1775 (non-member)

Opti A/Opti B/Laser/Sunfish - Full Day:
\$1133 (member)/ \$2090 (non-member)

* Registrations made after May 15 will incur a \$50 late fee.



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