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Dear BYC Jr. Sailing Families,

The BYC Flag Officers, Council, Jr. Committee, Safety Committee and Staff have been hard at work developing a plan for the Jr. Sailing Program this summer. After careful review, we have confirmed that our program can operate within the applicable guidelines from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are excited to offer a safe and fun summer of sailing! Below is an outline of our plan.

Program

- Our program will be modified and different than it has been in past years.
- To participate in the program this year sailors must be identified as an independent sailor by BYC or able to sail with a sibling that is an independent sailor.
- Classes will be limited to 10 sailors per class.
- The boats our program will use are Opti, Sunfish and 420.
- Our COVID-19 protocol will include a screening process. Sailors who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or may have been exposed to COVID-19 will not be allowed to participate in the program.
- Unfortunately, due to social distancing restrictions, we will not be able to offer Little Skippers this summer.
- Please keep in mind that all travelers arriving to Massachusetts are instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Schedule

- Sessions will remain two (2) weeks long. Session dates are as follows:
 - o Session 2: July 6th to July 17th
 - o Session 3: July 20th to July 31st
 - o Session 4: August 3rd to August 14th
- Classes will be 2 ½ hours long and will take place Monday through Thursday each week. We are reserving Friday for a make-up day in the event that a class is cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Class start and end times will be staggered. Our current program will have classes that start at 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm and 1:30pm. Sailors will be placed in a class based on their age, experience and ability.
- This year, due to social distancing / space constraints, we will be unable to hold classes during inclement weather.

Registration Fee Increase

- Some benefits that we see to our modified Jr. Sailing Program this year are a lower staff to sailor ratio (more personal instruction) and more tiller time (sailors will quickly move from drop off to in the boat and on the water)!
- The BYC Jr. Sailing Program is recognized as a recreational day camp by the Town of Marion Board of Health. As a result, we must abide by the guidelines in the Massachusetts Child and Youth Serving Programs Reopen Approach document (updated June 8, 2020). These guidelines have added significant expense to operating our Jr. Sailing Program. Some examples of the added expense are as follows; detailed COVID-19 staff training, plans, policies, protocol and record keeping, supplies including cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting solutions, hand washing stations and PPE, increased staffing including a designated COVID-19 staff member, two (2) health care supervisors and lower staff to sailor ratios.

- The significant changes to our program have resulted in the following increase in our registration fees.
 - o **2020 BYC Jr. Sailing Registration Fee: \$550 per sailor per session.**
 - o Standard non member fees are applicable.
- In the event that a class is cancelled due to COVID-19 a prorated refund will be offered.

Action Required

- We understand the changes outlined above may not work for your family. If you would like to cancel your registration we ask that you do so via CampDocs by the end of the day on **Friday June 19th, 2020.**
- If you have any questions regarding how the changes to the program will affect your sailor please contact Ali Mitchell at amitchell@beverlyyachtclub.org or (774) 309-4556.
- For those who are still interested in our program please take this time to...
 - o Complete all registration documents including health forms and sailor profiles.
 - o Sign and submit COVID-19 waiver (coming soon).
 - o We believe that a BUFF (or equivalent) is the most functional face covering for our sport. We will require all sailors to wear a BUFF while participating in the program. Families should make sure that their sailors have a usable BUFF that fits prior to the start of the program. Please make arrangements to purchase your sailor a BUFF. An extra BUFF per sailor is recommended.

Next Steps

- We have started to work on assigning sailors to a session, class and time that is appropriate for their age, experience and ability.
- After sailor placement is confirmed you will receive an e-mail asking to confirm or cancel your registration.
- If the session and time that we have assigned your sailor is not acceptable we will offer a full refund.
- We will do our very best to accommodate all BYC Jr. Sailing families and their sailors. If there is a concern with the placement of your sailor please contact Ali Mitchell at amitchell@beverlyyachtclub.org or (774) 309-4556. Unfortunately, due to the short amount of time before our program begins, we expect to have limited flexibility.
- In the coming days and weeks we will further develop our plan and communicate the procedures and protocol that our sailors will be expected to follow.

We are excited that we can offer a Jr. Sailing Program this summer. We appreciate your patience as we have worked through this process. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact us without hesitation. Be safe, be well, and see you on the water soon!

Regards,



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