



Boston Yacht Club Private Lessons Summer, 2020

Dear BYC Sailing Families,

We are excited to announce our Summer 2020 private lesson sailing program for BYC members. The Boston Yacht Club is ready to get your young sailors out on the water again, with a focus on the health and safety guidelines and requirements set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

We will be offering private lessons this summer to experienced single-handed sailors; rising or advanced opti/pram sailors. Lessons will be taught in Optimists prams (optis) and continues to develop sailors' single-handed small dinghy skills. Lessons for beginners are not available at this time.

We require that your sailor is a confident ocean swimmer as no swim or capsize tests will be conducted at the onset of these lessons. All lessons will be held outdoors in the BYC Optis, there will be no indoor component to lessons.

Your private lesson will be conducted by US Sailing Certified Instructor. Morning lessons are best suited for intermediate-level students or for sailors not confident in high-winds, since wind forecasts are historically lighter at this time of day. More advanced sailors should aim to have lessons mid-day when the breeze is up.

We require that your child come to the club prepared to sail including sunscreen applied, in a bathing suit, with a life jacket, sunglasses, hat, etc. all on. While bathroom access will be available, we encourage your sailor to go before they arrive. Furthermore, your sailor must wear a face mask at all times while on shore and the docks. This should be a buff/gaiter or cloth face mask; please avoid paper face masks that could deteriorate with exposure to water. Drop off and pick up will occur by driving down Front St. and waiting in your car for your sailor's instructor to meet you in the parking lot. The instructor will then escort your sailor directly to the dock where a rigged Opti will be waiting for their lesson. Your sailor will be returned to the parking lot at the conclusion of their lesson, where you will wait to pick them up.



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All sailors and staff will be required to attest daily that they are free of COVID-19 symptoms and/or have had no contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19. All participating students and their parents/guardians will need to complete a Covid-19 Health Questionnaire daily and sign behavioral guidelines that address the use of masks/buffs while on land, 6' social distancing, and staying home if they show any symptoms or come into contact with someone who has shown symptoms. A detailed description of our health and safety policies will be available.

Instructors will follow strict cleaning protocols for the cleaning and sanitizing of boats, equipment and areas used each day; and will be wearing masks or buffs at all times, and gloves when rigging the Optimist.

Lessons can be purchased one at a time, or as a package. A single one-hour lesson costs \$50, a two-hour lesson costs \$75, and a group of 4 one-hour lessons costs \$180 (\$45/lesson). We encourage you to register your sailor for consecutive days (or weeks!) if your schedule allows, to further support their growth and development in the boat. In the event of no wind or inclement weather, lessons will be canceled. If sailing conditions do not look favorable, the BYC will err on the side of canceling. Canceled lessons due to weather conditions will have the opportunity to be rescheduled. We will not require a member charge until lessons are held.

To set up times for your private lessons contact Kristy at jrsailing@bostonyc.org