

Junior Sailing Newsletter  
July 20, 2014

Dear Sailors and Families,

Another week has flown by in the Fishers Island Junior Sailing Program! After a soggy start, sailors were excited to get back on the water on Wednesday morning. It is hard to believe that there is only one more week in our July session!

Novice sailors continue to hone their skippering skills, and are working hard to connect their boat's heading to sail trim. Through games, drills, and practice in our HHC "classroom," novice sailors are showing steady improvement and promise as the season progresses. We know that many of these sailors are almost ready for the independence of the Intermediate class in coming weeks!

In response to scheduling conflicts with golf and tennis lessons, a new Novice session will open to any young sailors ages 7 and up on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00. Classes will focus on introducing new sailors with less than two years of experience to the joys of sailing in Hay Harbor. Sign up in the Hay Harbor office!



*Eloise and Campbell enjoying a morning sail*

On Tuesday, many of our young optimist sailors will be heading to West Harbor to compete in the annual Fishers Island Optimist Regatta. We predict that roughly 60 sailors from neighboring clubs will join us at this exciting event, and we know that Fishers Island sailors will greatly benefit from sailing alongside so many new faces and personalities. We can't wait to see how the day goes, and hear about our sailors experiences in what will be the first of many regatta opportunities. Thank you in advance to all of the families who have volunteered to make the day a success!

On Friday, sailors in the Hay Harbor program are welcome and encouraged to participate in the ever-entertaining Parent-Child Race at 1:00 at the Hay Harbor Docks. We will have plenty of prams and optimists available to use. How you fit into them is up to you!

Also on Friday, sailors are welcome to join us for our annual Glowstick Regatta at Hay Harbor. Decorating starts at 5:30, races should start shortly after 6:00. Parents are welcome to sail along, or enjoy a drink on the docks as sailors enjoy a sunset sail at Hay Harbor. Please sign up in advance in the Hay Harbor Office (\$10 per sailor).

Cheers!

Meris Enright  
Sailing Director

**Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday, July 22 - Fishers Island Optimist Regatta (no lessons!)  
Thursday, July 24 - Niantic Bay Junior Olympic Regatta (Optimist and 420)  
Friday, July 25 - 1:00 - 3:30 - Parent/Child Races at Hay Harbor  
Friday, July 25 - 5:30 - 8:00 - Glowstick Regatta at Hay Harbor