

# **Week 1 Session 2**

## **Newsletter July 21-25**

### **SBYC Jr. SAILING**

The Sandy Bay Sailing Program would like to send a warm welcome to all the new sailors and families. We are happy to see the returning faces and excited for all the new faces we see as well. We had a very interesting week in terms of weather. We were able to escape a few of the storms that went just west of us but we did see a few good ones! With our weather center on the website we are able to monitor the radar and predict when the storms are coming which allows us to sail longer but also allows for plenty of time to get in safely! Many of the kids learned how to read the radar this week. Ask them about it. The new beginner sailors are off to a great start. As I write this notice I can see the 420 beginner sailors and the Opti beginner sailors sailing effectively around a course. They look awesome. Last Monday many of these kids had never been in sailboat before not to mention never skippered his/her own boat. Our intermediate and introduction to race sailors are continuing to improve their skills as well. In both the Intro to race 420 and Opti class we are getting ready for Squam day this Friday and working towards sailing in the Mass Bay Junior Olympics, which is in two weeks. The adventure sailing group finished the week off with a picnic. We broke into groups and then each group had to plot a course using at least 3 landmarks or bouys to Thacher's Island. We learned how to read a chart and then use it! They also had to plan a good picnic, which included picnic baskets, blankets, good clothes, excellent food (including cheese and crackers, finger sandwiches, homemade cookies, lemonade with umbrella tops, and much more.) When we first went out there we were surrounded by fog but using our compasses and charts we were able to navigate through the fog. Unfortunately despite our navigating skills we could not make it to Thacher's because the wind died so we settled for anchoring our boats near Straightmouth and then some groups took rowboats in to explore.

**Thank you!**

Thank you to all the families who cooked and/or bought food for our Sunday Breakfast last Sunday. The turn out was great. The few people who I have spoken to had a great time. I really like to see the turn out of our Junior Yacht Club events this year. The Junior Commodore's, Alexa Jorgenson and Amelia Quinn, are doing a great job this summer.

### **NICE WORK RACERS!**

Our 420 Race Team and Opti Race Team were in Marblehead last Monday through Wednesday sailing in Marblehead Junior Race Week. In the 420 group Jared Dunn and Braely Jelmberg ended up 10th out of 61 420's. They are hoping for a top 5 finish in the JO's. Justus Dunton and Amelia Quinn finished 41st and Sean Leahy and Allison S. finished 47th. Sean skippered this event but he will be crewing for Nick Chamberlain in the JO's and this was Allison's first big regatta.

The Opti Race Team had some strong finishes. Tom Safford finished 2nd overall in the Opti Champ fleet( total of 59 boats) and 1st in the Blue Fleet. Matt Safford finished 1st in his division as well. This was Emma Perry's first big event and she ended up in 4th in the Opti green fleet division. Gil Clark finished 21, Ariana Kwoh finished 24th and Shelby Salas finished 26th in the Blue Fleet.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Junior Yacht Club Dance TONIGHT: ages 12 and up \$5**
- **Friday= SQUAM DAY**
- **MAKE A WISH REGATTA SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**NEEDED BAILERS: A junior sailing program is always in need of bailers which we use to get the water out of our boats. Tropicana Orange Juice plastic containers and empty detergent bottles make excellent bailers. If you have any of these please send them in with your child.**