

Hello WDYC Sailing Families,

I am very excited to open registration for WDYC Sailing School Summer 2022!! This packet includes the sailing calendar, class descriptions, class schedules and registration links.

Information regarding camps and clinics during the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> will be out in May once all staff are confirmed. Adult Sailing Class information and registration will be out on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

All WDYC Sailing School registrations will be done through the online platform/app, TeamSnap. TeamSnap is an online platform/app that streamlines registration, waivers, payment, calendars, documentation and communication. Each class will have their own personalized CLASS/TEAM group with a calendar, means to communicate with Instructors, Sailing Director and classmates, share photos and mark attendance. Within the TeamSnap registration and payment process, payment plans are an option. Please turn on all communications and add the app to your phone to receive all correspondence.

Payment plans are available. For Full Summer Classes, all payments and payment plans must be completed prior to Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to begin class on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Register early to take full advantage of the payment plans.

There are 2 registration options: Full Summer registration or By The Week registration. Please note that a transaction fee is added to all registrations. Registration fees are not refundable.

**Please read the entire registration packet prior to registering.**

[FULL SUMMER WDYC SAILING SCHOOL REGISTRATION LINK](#)

[BY THE WEEK WDYC SAILING SCHOOL REGISTRATION LINK](#)

WDYCSS students are highly encouraged to register for classes recommended by their Summer 2021 Instructors. If a student would like to register for a class different than their Summer 2021 recommendation, please contact me directly prior to registering. Please see the page titled *WDYC Sailing School RoadMap* for the typical progression of classes. If you are new to sailing and are not sure where your sailor fits, please contact me directly.

**WDYC Sailing School Dates:**

- \* Week of June 20th-24th: Staff training and Small Group, Camp Style classes will be offered.
- \* Saturday, June 25th: Sailing Orientation
- \* Week of June 27th-July 1st: Week 1 of Sailing School
- \* Week of July 4th- July 8th: Week 2 of Sailing School: No afternoon classes on 7/4
- \* Monday, July 11th: WDYC Invite: No classes held
- \* Week of July 12th-15th: Week 3 of Sailing School
- \* Week of July 18th-22nd: Week 4 of Sailing School
- \* Week of July 25th-29th: Week 5 of Sailing School
- \* Week of August 1st- 5th: Week 6 of Sailing School
- \* Week of August 8th-12th: Week 7 of Sailing School
- \* Week of August 15th - 19th: Week 8 of Sailing School
- \* Friday, August 19th - Sailing Graduation 5:30pm
- \* Week of August 22nd-26th - Small Group, Camp Style classes offered based on staff availability.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best,

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## WDYC Sailing School Programming RoadMap

WDYC Sailing School strives to offer a range of classes for the new to experienced youth sailor. Sailing is a highly coveted skill that will last a lifetime. Our goal is to graduate competent, confident and competitive sailors with a high sailing acumen.

Day to day, week to week and season to season, WDYC Sailing School offers a progressive curriculum with developmental to competitive options. Below is the typical progression of classes for our sailors.

- Sea Squirts Adventure Class: New to sailing (5-7 year olds)
- Beginner Opti: New to sailing (7-10 year olds)
- Intermediate Opti \*
- Intro to Race/ Green Fleet Opti \*
- Opti Race Team \* Available Summer 2023
- Cruising Opti/Sunfish/420/Hunter: New to sailing (age 10-12)
- Beginner 420: age 12+
- Intermediate 420
- Intro to Race 420
- 420 Race Team

\*Requires own boat

**Please Note:** Some students may advance more quickly and, at the direction of the Sailing Director/Fleet Captain, may be promoted to a higher-level class within a specific sailing season or permitted to skip a sailing class level season to season.

## WDYC Sailing School Class Option 2022

Morning class times will be posted in early June

3 Hour Morning classes will occur between the hours of 8:00am and 12:30pm

### Sea Squirts Adventure Class: (Mornings M/W/F)

This class offers children ages 5 to 7 a well-rounded on the water experience that emphasizes safety, fun and a love of sailing/boating. Sea Squirts maintains a low sailor to instructor ratio which will enhance your child's learning and development. These young sailors will be introduced to a variety of sailboats, power boats and on the water experiences that will provide them with the confidence to advance through the WDYC sailing program in subsequent years.

### Opti Classes:

- **Beginner Opti:** (Mornings M-F, M/W/F or T/Th) An introductory class that introduces sailors to the fundamentals of sailing. Seamanship, parts of the boat, sailing terminology, safety and comfort on the water are emphasized. Students will be placed in boats with 2-3 students and may have an instructor in the boat with them.
- **Intermediate Opti:** (Mornings M-F, M/W/F or T/Th) Students will continue to learn the basics to sailing and build upon their experiences in Beginner Opti. Students will focus on skippering their own boat, knot tying, rigging, basic rules of ways and safety. Students must own their own Opti.
- **Opti Intro to Race/Green Fleet:** (Mornings M/T/Th/F, afternoon Wednesday Race Series 1:00-5:00pm) This class is for students that have taken Intermediate Opti and are competent in skippering their own boat. Students will learn the fundamentals of racing while fine tuning their skippering skills and general sailing I.Q. Students will be prepared for and introduced to racing through the combination of Wednesday Series racing as well as Green Fleet Regattas (Green Fleet is for NEW racers. Eligibility is determined by skill level, not age). Students are highly encouraged to register for lessons 5x per week to attain sailing/racing proficiency necessary for advancement. Students must own their own Opti.

### 420 Classes:

- **420 Beginner:** (Mornings M-F, M/W/F or T/Th) For students 12+ years old who are new to sailing or those students who have not completed the Opti Intro to Race class due to age and/or size. This class will cover the basics of sailing along with seamanship, skippering, crewing, knot tying, rigging, basic rules of ways, and safety. Students will use 420's and Sunfish to optimize their boat handling skills.
- **420 Intermediate:** (Mornings M-F, M/W/F or T/Th) For students 12+ years old who have completed a season of 420 Beginner, or those students who have graduated from Opti Race, are proficient in skippering and have prior experience in a 420. Sailors will sharpen their skills with advanced drills and enhance their knowledge of right of way rules, spinnaker/trapeze use and navigation.
- **Intro to 420 Racing:** (Mornings M/T/Th/F, afternoon Wednesday Race Series 1:00-5:00pm) This class is for sailors that have successfully completed the Intermediate 420 class and are new to 420 racing. The class will begin with working on mastering racing techniques and maneuvering around a course. Students are highly encouraged to register for lessons 5x per week to attain sailing/racing proficiency necessary for advancement.
- **Race Team 420:** (Afternoons 1:00-4:00pm- Wednesday Race Series 1:00-5:00pm) This class is offered to the proficient sailor who has completed a minimum of 1 year in Intro to Race 420. Entrance into this level is at the discretion of the Sailing Director/Fleet Captain. Sailors will be paired by Sailing Director/Fleet Captain for classes and regattas/invites. Individual registration with additional fees is required for most regattas and invitationals. Sailors are encouraged to apply for or renew their US Sailing Membership prior to the beginning of the sailing season as most regattas will require membership ([US Sailing Membership Registration Link](#)).

### Cruising Beginner: (Mornings M/T/Th/F or T/Th)

A class designed for the student new to sailing (10-12 years old). Students will learn the fundamental of seamanship, sailing and water safety in a variety of boats (Opti, 420, Sunfish, Hunter). This class will prepare sailors for 420 classes when they turn 12 years old. Cruising Beginner students may be blended with other classes as they progress throughout the summer.

**Cruising PLUS:** (Afternoons 12:30-3:30pm M/T/Th/F or T/Th)

For students 12+. This class is designed for sailors who have finished 2 full seasons of sailing classes (Opti or 420) and are proficient in boat handling and water safety. This class is geared towards the experienced sailor who chooses not to commit to the race program but would like to further enhance their sailing skills in a less competitive environment. This is not a learn to sail class. Students 12+ years old who are not proficient in boat handling should register for Beginner 420.

Not sure where your sailor fits?

Contact Magan Earnshaw at [WDYCsailing@gmail.com](mailto:WDYCsailing@gmail.com)

## **WDYC Sailing School FAQ's**

### **What Boats Will Be Used In The Program?**

- **Prams** - Pram is a fiberglass boat that is easy to rig and has room for 3-4 young sailors or 1 instructor and 1-2 young sailors. This boat is ideal for the young sailor and will be used in Sea Squirt Adventure and Beginner Opti Classes
- **Optimist** - The Opti is similar to the Pram but is used in the more advanced classes. This boat is used at the intermediate to advanced levels to learn and develop racing skills and high sailing acumen. The Optimist is a single-handed boat and allows the youth ample room for development throughout Intermediate, Opti Intro to Race and Opti Race Team classes. It is a very popular boat for young racers across the country and throughout the world.
- **420's** - The club 420 is a high performance, double-handed boat. It can be sailed with or without a trapeze and a spinnaker. It is a double handed boat (skipper and crew) ideal for the older sailor and racer. 420's are used in all 420 classes and Cruising Classes.
- **Sunfish** - The Sunfish is the most popular boat ever produced! Great for both casual sailing and racing in Weir Creek, Bass River and Nantucket Sound. Ideal for one or two sailors. Used in Cruising Classes.
- **Hunter** – A solidly built boat that sails well, has many innovative features, is very comfortable. Ideal for 3-5 sailors and is used in Sea Squirt Adventure Classes, Cruising Classes and Adult Sailing Classes.

### **What Do The Children Have To Bring With Them?**

- US Coast Guard approved Life Jacket. Life Jackets (PFD's) must be worn AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON DOCKS AND ON BOATS (POWER AND SAILING).
- Appropriate clothing/layers based on weather. It is recommended that students wear their bathing suit as a base layer with shorts, t-shirts, coverup, etc. layered over.
- Footwear (rubber soled, non-skid boat shoes or aqua socks). Shoes must be worn on club property at all times (indoors AND outdoors).
- Sunscreen. Preferably pre-applied with additional spray or lotion for reapplication.
- Hat, jacket, whistle, sunglasses, towel.
- Water bottle and small snack in a waterproof container. Sailing burns calories and our sailors get hungry! Snack choices may be limited due to potential allergies in the class.

### **Are The Students Required To Take A Swim Assessment?**

- Yes. Within the first week of class, on a specified day, all students will be required to take a swim assessment. Sailors will be asked to swim approximately 50 yards, and to tread water for one minute with a life jacket on.

### **Do You Have Lockers Or A Place To Store Backpacks?**

- There are lockers and shelving for backpacks and lunch boxes available outside of the Junior Yacht Club. It is recommended that the students stow all their personal belongings in a duffel bag or backpack. Please be sure to write your child's name on all items. The West Dennis Yacht Club will not be responsible for any lost articles.

### **Can My Child Ride Their Bike To Sailing School?**

- Yes. There is a bike rack located at the back of the club near the JYC. Bicycles should be locked at all times and please remember that the West Dennis Yacht Club will not be responsible for lost or stolen bicycles.

### **Drop Off/ Pick Up and Lunch?**

- Into To Race Opti/Green Fleet, 420 Intro to Race and 420 Race Team must have their boats ready and rigged prior to the start of their lesson time (30 minute preparation is recommended). On occasion, weather may delay arrival back to the club at the specified end of class time. When this happens, WDYCSS Instructors will do their best to communicate this through TeamSnap.

- Younger students should not be dropped off more than 5 minutes prior to the start of their class as supervision will not be provided until then. Parents/Guardians are expected to pick up their sailor within 5 minutes of the end of their class. Supervision is not provided outside of class time.
- ALL CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON TIME AND WILL LAUNCH FROM THE DOCK DURING THE CLASS'S ALLOTTED TIME SLOT. INSTRUCTORS WILL NOT WAIT FOR LATE STUDENTS. We have a small dock with a narrow window to get all sailors out on the water safely. If a class needs to wait for a late student, subsequent classes are affected.
- Lunch is **NOT** provided by or supervised by **WDYC Sailing School**. Sailing School participants are encouraged to bring a lunch or purchase a lunch through the WDYC lunch service at the concession window. Younger sailors must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Older sailors without supervision who plan to purchase or bring a lunch to eat on WDYC property are expected to be respectful and clean up after themselves.

#### **What About Inclement Weather?**

- Classes will be held on rainy days. It is essential that students come prepared to sail with appropriate clothing on these days. Additional weather factors such as storms and high winds may preclude sailors from getting out on the water or may require sailors to return to the club early. Land classes will be held if the Sailing Director/Fleet Captain decides it is unsafe to go out on the water. Land class times may be shortened at the Sailing Director/Fleet Captains discretion. This will be communicated to the affected sailing families prior to the start of class. Extreme weather may cancel classes.

#### **Where Can We Store Our Privately Owned Boats?**

- Privately owned Optimis, 420's and Sunfish can be stored at the club for a fee. **Please confirm availability with the Sailing Director/Fleet Captain and see the Club Manager for payment and sticker.**

#### **May I Bring A Friend To Class?**

- No. Sorry, due to liability, WDYC Sailing School does not have a guest policy for any child not enrolled in the program.

#### **Students Missing Class?**

- Please remember to advise the Sailing Director/Fleet Captain if your child will be missing a class. Class can be made up with permission from the Sailing Director.

#### **Will There Be A Makeup Date For The Classes Missed Because Of The Invitational?**

- No, there will not be a makeup date. This is factored into the class registration fee. By The Week students who choose the M/W/F option that will have class on W/F with the option to choose a T/Th or class.

#### **Questions Concerns Or Suggestions?**

- Any questions, concerns or suggestions that arise during the summer should be addressed directly to the Sailing Director/Fleet Captain. Magan Earnshaw [WDYCsailing@gmail.com](mailto:WDYCsailing@gmail.com)

## **Items of Note**

### **Wednesday Racing Series**

They are back! Wednesday Series is WDYC's run race series throughout the summer on Wednesday afternoons for those students enrolled in Intro to Race Opti/Green Fleet, Intro to Race 420 and 420 Race Team. Traditional membership family cup races may also take place on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays. WDYC's students will be supervised by their instructors/coaches during this race time. Green Fleet and Intro to Race will be coached during races. A special request to WDYC membership to volunteer and assist with the races. Experienced and new to sailing volunteers welcome. New to sailing volunteers will be trained in the fundamental aspects of running a safe, efficient and fun sailing race.

### **WDYC Invitational**

The WDYC Invitational is a club sponsored race, where WDYC invites other sailing programs to race at the club. The WDYC Invitational was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. The Invitational is making a comeback this summer in a limited capacity for 420's only. The Club is always looking for members to volunteer to help out with the Invitational. If you are interested in volunteering please e-mail the Sailing Director/Fleet Captain (WDYCsailing@gmail.com)

### **Southern Massachusetts Sailing Association**

WDYC is a member of SMSA. The SMSA is a non-profit organization founded in 1929 to encourage the sport of sailing and racing: to foster and encourage social fellowship between member clubs, to promote inter-community sailing races and regattas among member clubs and to foster national and international amateur sailing competition.

### **Chartering WDYC Sailing boats**

- Those interested in chartering a WDYC sailboat must be a member of the West Dennis Yacht Club with sailing experience.
- If a WDYC boat is going to be chartered for a non-sailing school sanctioned event there will be a fee of \$125 per day. The boat will be assigned by the Sailing Director/Fleet Captain and will be inspected prior to and following the chartered time.
- In the event of inclement weather, no WDYC sailboats can be chartered. Please confirm availability.
- All sailors on a WDYC chartered sailboat MUST wear a Coast Guard approved PFD at all-times.
- Are you qualified to take out a WDYC sailboat? Have questions? Please contact Magan Earnshaw WDYCsailing@gmail.com