



SUMMER SAIL CAMP FAQS 2017

PROGRAMS

River Rookies - Beginner sailors (7- 16 years) with little or no previous experience.

Some sailors may need to repeat this level before they are ready to move up to intermediate, this is most often true with the younger sailors in this group.

SESSION DATES (all sessions are 8 day programs, Monday thru Thursday over 2 consecutive weeks)

Sessions start dates:

BEG1 - June 19th

BEG2 - July 3th (Note this week camp runs Mon thru Friday with no camp on Tues 4th)

BEG3 July 17th

BEG4 July 31st

River Skippers - Intermediate sailors (7- 16 years) who have completed and graduated River Rookies or who have previous applicable basic training. Some sailors may need to repeat this level before they are ready to move up to advanced.

SESSION DATES (all sessions are 8 day programs, Monday thru Thursday over 2 consecutive weeks)

Sessions start dates:

INT1 - June 19th

INT2 - July 3th (Note this week camp runs Mon thru Friday with no camp on Tues 4th)

INT3 July 17th

INT4 July 31st

Note: If you would like your child to continue sailing after completing his/her River Rookies/Skippers training, you may register for one or more of the available sessions that follow. He/she will have the opportunity to move up the levels. We will assign them to the appropriate groups based on their progress.

River Captains - Advanced Level Sailors (7-18 years) graduates of the intermediate level who have attained a high level of competence

SESSION DATES (Sessions are 4 day programs, run weekly Monday thru Thursday)

8 Weekly sessions starting:

Session 1 June 19th, Session 2 June 26th, Session 3 July 3rd, Session 4 Session 5 July 17th, Session 6 July 24th, Session 7 July 31st, Session Aug 7th.

Note: Session 3 - camp runs Mon thru Friday with no camp Tuesday July 4th

Multiple sessions recommended

Bay Racers - Travel Team Racers (8-18 years)

Competent sailors approved by the camp Director and coach. Team members travel and compete in regional regattas.

SESSION DATES

8 Weekly sessions starting:

Session 1 June 19th, Session 2 June 26th, Session 3 July 3rd, Session 4 Session 5 July 17th, Session 6 July 24th, Session 7 July 31st, Session Aug 7th.

Note: Session 3 - camp runs Mon thru Friday with no camp Tuesday July 4th

Minimum of 2 required, but multiple sessions recommended in order to progress.

IMPORTANT:

Bay Racers should make every effort to include sessions 1 and 2, which will include intensive coaching, practice and preparation for the regatta season. We would like to encourage all Bay Racers to register for as many of the weeks and participate in as many away regattas as possible. Please plan your summer accordingly.



HOURS

Please arrive by 8:45am on your first Monday for check-in.

Camp is in session from 9 am till 4 pm daily. Please arrive in time and ready to start promptly at 9am each day.

Our staff are on from duty 8:30 am till 4:30pm each camp day.

All campers must be picked up by 4:30pm or incur a \$15 per hour (or part thereof) late fee.

WEATHER

Sailors should expect to attend every day of your session rain or shine. We anticipate times of too much wind, too little wind, and storms and our lesson plans will simply adjust to accommodate for additional classroom time and/or appropriate activities as necessary.

BEFORE/AFTERCARE

If you need assistance with before/aftercare, please discuss the available options with the Program Director. Charge \$15 per hour or part thereof.

PICK-UP PROTOCOL

Our staff are on duty from 8:30 am till 4:30pm.

Campers arriving before 8:30am require parent supervision.

Campers not picked up by 4:30pm will incur a late fee of \$15 per hour or part thereof.

All campers must be signed in and out each day.

CAR POOL

We are happy to try and facilitate car-pooling arrangements by connecting families travelling from the same areas. Speak to the Program Director.

ABSENCE

If your child is ill or will miss a day, please call to advise.

REGISTRATION

All campers must have pre-registered online. A confirmed registration request will hold the space for 2 weeks. Once a session is full, unpaid spaces will be filled on a first to pay basis. No child will be permitted to participate without full payment of all fees, or without having completed and submitted the required forms, which include a form packet containing: code of conduct and health information forms. The Form Packet is available for download at neryc.com.

CANCELLATION

No refunds after May 31st, 2017. Note: If circumstances create a situation beyond your control, provided we have openings, we will work with you to re-schedule your session within the season.

Are fees prorated or refunded if I cancel or miss part of a session?

Every year, we turn many sailors away and put others on waiting lists because we operate on a first come, first served basis, so we do not offer pro-rating.

FEES

Fee schedule available at [neryc.com](http://www.neryc.com). http://www.neryc.com/pages/activities/Junior_Sail/summer_camp_program_fees.html

WHAT TO WEAR TO CAMP

There's a good chance that sailors will get wet every day. It is recommended sailors wear bathing suit, sailing or board shorts, rash guard or UV protective quick dry shirts, hat and sunglasses. All campers are required to wear water shoes/sandals when out on the docks, beach and while sailing. These must be shoes that will stay on their feet when in the water. Examples: Keens, Crocs, neoprene booties or sailing boots.

FLIP FLOPS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

A small tote/backpack that includes: a towel, refillable water bottle, a light sweat shirt, a change of clothes, a hat, sunscreen. Sunglasses are recommended. All eyewear, including prescription glasses must include a securing strap. All personal property must be labeled.



LUNCH

Participants are required to provide their own lunch in a mini cooler bag.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Disposable water bottles! Please help us to foster environmental stewardship.

Electronic devices: We understand the requirement for cell phones, however sailors will be expected to keep them in their bags during classes and out on the water. We strongly discourage sailors from bringing tablets and video games. They will not have any opportunity to make use them outside of the lunch break and we would rather they enjoyed the benefits of social interaction during this time.

CAMP T-SHIRTS

Camp t-shirts are included in camp fees. Shirts are handed out at the end of each session together with progress reports and certificates.

LIFEJACKETS

NERYC provides life jackets, but we encourage sailors to use their own USCG approved Type II life jackets if they own one.

SUN PROTECTION

All campers must have SPF 30 + sunscreen applied before they arrive in the morning and they must bring sunscreen with them for re-application during the day.

LOST AND FOUND

We do have a lost and found bin and it fills up every week, so we encourage parents to please label everything and to check their children take all their belongings home each day. At the end of each summer season, all unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill or discarded.

IS THERE A SWIM TEST?

Sailors will need to pass a short swim test on their first day. This is done in our protected basins while wearing a PFD and shoes. This is to ensure sailors are comfortable in the water. Capsize recovery will also be learned and practiced early in the session.

CAN I STAY AND WATCH MY CHILD SAIL?

Our experience has shown that young sailors learn their best, progress faster and get the most benefit out of the program without the distraction of a parent. Our coaches also appreciate being able to focus on teaching without distractions during the camp day. Parents are welcome to watch their kids sail from a distance. Please ask the Program Director if you have any questions.

WHERE DO I GET SAILING GEAR?

West Marine or for more specialized gear try APS Ltd online store.

WHAT TRAINING DO YOUR STAFF HAVE?

Our coaching staff selection is based on sailing and coaching skills and experience, leadership qualities and personality attributes. In addition, all staff must have the following coaching, boating and safety training certifications at minimum:

- a. US Sailing Level Small Boat Level One Instructor
- b. Current and approved CPR and First Aid Certification
- c. NASBLA Maryland safe boating certification or certification of any MD approved state.

NERYC is required to comply with all Code of Maryland (COMAR) prescriptions for operators of day camps. All coaching staff must pass a State of Maryland compliant child safety and criminal background check prior to start of employment.

Our program is affiliated to US Sailing and adheres to their methodologies, procedures and guidelines for sailing instruction. All staff attend intensive in-house training the week prior to camp.

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