



Information: WSA Summer Sailing Program -2021

Wickford Sailing Association offers 8 exciting options for young sailors of all abilities. Adults, too! Through hands-on experience and class instruction, we hope to produce well-rounded sailors who are at home aboard a sailing dinghy, a cruising sailboat, or a racing boat. Above all, our goal is to have our students safely enjoy their time on the water.

Boats include a fleet of Optimist Prams, RS Quests and Club 420's, small keelboat sloops. All full-time instructors have been certified in the U.S. Sailing Instructor Level One or higher and are current with CPR and First Aid.

WSA Class Schedule & Class Descriptions - Summer 2021

We look forward to giving your child the best on water experience in our exciting, safe, and fun sailing program!

Our program runs for 8 weeks from June 21 – August 13. All classes except Minnows and Adult meet from 9:00-4:00 on the listed days. See the table below for details about individual classes.

Minnows: (Age 5 ½ - 7) \$160 (13 hrs)

This is a brand new offering at WSA! It is for students age 5 ½-7 years old who have no experience. The course is a one-week program, that runs 2.5 hours/day and will be offered only in the weeks of June 14-18 and August 16-20. Students will sail with the instructor in the boat and get a taste of the sport in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Beginners (Age 8 – 10) \$450 (60 hrs) (participants age 7 years are eligible if they turn 8 in the calendar year)

We have totally transformed the beginner experience with expanded hours, greatly improved instructor to student ratios, and the addition of ***EcoFun STEM-activities*** complementing the sailing experience. Sailors will be challenged to grow boat handling skills and take on environmental challenges like investigating the wind, weather, tides and more! Each day will be tailored to take advantage of the best sailing conditions for beginners assuring a positive experience.

- Sign up for one of the three 2-week sessions that meet Monday through Friday. There is an additional final 2 week ***Beginner PLUS!*** session that will build upon the first session for those who have the sailing bug! It will continue to challenge students with a blended mix of Sailing and Eco/Fun activities.
- These classes will fill fast with the new reduced instructor to student ratios!

Intermediates (Age 9 – 11) \$550 (72 hrs) (preferably with at least 4 weeks of beginner experience)

There will be two 4-week sessions meeting 3 days/week. This class will also be blended with ***EcoFun STEM-activities*** and of course some wild Adventure Sailing to keep it fresh!

- Builds upon ***Beginner*** and ***Beginner Plus!***
- Some sailors may be “promoted” to ***Opti Green*** during the season if they are ready.

Adventure (Age 9 - 14) \$200 (24 hrs)

This class is designed for those who want to sail recreationally and share the experience with friends.

- There are four 2-week blocks that meet 2 days/week. Sign up for as many as you like!
- This is a great option for sailors who may not be interested in racing.
- Blended format with sailing and *EcoFun STEM-activities*.
- Sailors will have the chance to try out several types of boats including 420s, Quests and keelboats!

Opti Green Fleet (Age 10 - 12) \$725 (96 hrs)

This is a new class that has been separated from the *Opti Race* class but will meet with them. The *Opti Green* class will have its own dedicated instructor to introduce racing in a safe learning environment.

- This course will run 2 days/week for 8 weeks.
- This class is designed as a first racing experience for a motivated sailor and introduces racing in a low intensity environment.
- Some sailors may be “promoted” to the *Opti Race* class during the season if they are ready.
- Sailors will have the opportunity to participate in NBYA regattas.

Opti Race (Age 10-14) \$950 (144 hrs)

This class is designed for Opti sailors who are confident and ready to take the challenge of racing to the next level. Students must have prior experience in the Opti Green Fleet or relevant experience.

- This course runs 3 days/week for all 8 weeks.
- *Opti Race* will be paired with the *Opti Green* class two days/week and with *420 Race* 1 day of the week.
- Sailors are encouraged to participate in NBYA regattas and potentially in other regional events.

420 Race (Age 13-17) \$950 (144 hrs)

This class is for sailors moving out of *Opti Race* and into double-handed sailing. Students work as a team to develop and advance boat handling skills and race techniques.

- This course runs 3 days/week for all 8 weeks.
- This program will have an emphasis on improving sailing skills for racing, rather than racing prowess.
- Sailors are encouraged to participate in NBYA regattas and potentially in other regional events.

Adult Sailing \$235

This class meets on Monday evenings for 6 weeks. No experience necessary. Limited to 12 adults.

CLASS	6/21-25	6/28-7/2	7/5-9	7/12-16	7/19-23	7/26-30	8/2-6	8/9-13	
Minnows	See above								
Beginner	# 1 M-F 9:00-4:00	# 2 M-F 9:00-4:00	# 3 M-F 9:00-4:00						
Beginner Plus							# 1 M-F 9:00-4:00		
Intermediate	# 1 M-W-F 9:00-4:00			# 2 M-W-F 9:00-4:00					
Adventure	# 1 T-Th 9:00-4:00	#2 T-Th 9:00-4:00	#3 T-Th 9:00-4:00	#4 T-Th 9:00-4:00					
Opti Green	T-Th 9:00-4:00								
Opti Race	T-Th-F 9:00-4:00								
420 Race	M-W-F 9:00-4:00								
Adult	M evenings 6:00 til dusk								

Session Fee Schedule:

Course	Fee	W/ Sibling Discount*	Payment Terms
Minnows	\$160	Not available	Full payment with registration
Beginner and Beginner Plus	\$450	\$425	Full payment with registration
Intermediate	\$550	\$520	50% w/registration, 50% 6/15
Adventure	\$200	\$190	Full payment with registration
Opti Green	\$725**	\$685	50% w/registration, 50% 6/15
Opti Race	\$950**	\$900	50% w/registration, 50% 6/15
420 Race	\$950**	\$900	50% w/registration, 50% 6/15

*Sibling Discounts: Each sibling gets the discounted price except Minnows.

Online Payments: Electronic Bank Bill Pay (no charge) or Online via Paypal are also accepted. **If using Paypal, please add a 3% service fee to your total.** Electronic bank payments should be sent to Wickford Sailing Association, PO Box 352, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Our Paypal link (for Registration and Donations) is: tinyurl.com/paypal-wsa



Late Fee Policy: Any registration not paid in full by Orientation is subject to a **\$25 Late Fee**.

Cancellation and Refund Policy: Registrations cancelled are subject to a **\$25 Administrative Fee**.

Once a student is registered and paid for a summer session, cancellations will be accepted and refunds given following these guidelines. Cancellations before Orientations will be refunded less a \$25 administrative fee. Cancellations on or after the Orientation evenings will be refunded less a **\$45 administrative fee** if the student's spot can be filled. If the student's spot is not filled, we cannot issue a refund.

FORMS: Junior and Adult Registration Forms are downloadable on the website: www.wickfordsailing.org

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS Are Available! Application deadline **May 14th** - See website for downloadable form

Important Dates:

Classes Start Monday, June 21 - Friday, August 13th

Orientation Meetings:

Tuesday, June 15 — 7 pm for non-racers (Beginners, Intermediate, Adventure)

Held at the Wickford Yacht Club (end of Pleasant Street) at 7 pm.

A preview of the program will be presented. Scheduling, rules, gear etc. will be discussed. New students are *strongly encouraged* to attend, and any former student is welcome. All Racers should attend the following one.

Thursday, June 17 – 7 PM for Racers - (Opti, Opti Green & 420s)

Regatta information and expectations for attending regattas, including the use and transportation of WSA boats will be reviewed. The summer regatta schedule from NBYA will be explained.

AWARDS NIGHT - Friday, August 13th at conclusion of 4pm classes. More info will follow in August.

IMPORTANT NOTES - WHAT TO BRING, WHAT TO EXPECT:

1. Each student is required to have their own US Coast Guard approved life jacket (vest type recommended) which must be worn at all times while on the docks and water.
2. **Swim Check:** A mandatory swim check will be the first day of class. Students will be asked to swim a short distance and show their ability to tread water. Students should bring a change of clothes and a towel.
3. **Closed Toe Footwear** must be worn at all times. **No flip flops or sandals.** (optional during the swim check).
4. **NBYA Junior Regattas** are held at various locations and times. Students in the **Racing** classes are encouraged to participate.

WSA CONTACTS: Instructors and Instruction — John Hanus HanusJ@gmail.com or 401-267-8892
Registration — WSA.Classes@gmail.com or 401-267-8855

CLASS TIMES: All classes begin at 9am. Our instructors have class preparation duties so we ask that you do not leave your sailors before the start of class. Similarly, the instructors have end of the day duties so please be prompt in picking up your sailor at 4pm. A charge of \$20/day may be assessed for any late pickups more than 15 minutes.

**** US Sailing Membership & Regatta Fees:** All racing classes INCLUDE the US Sailing membership fee, which is required for regatta participation. If a sailor is already registered with their family, \$30 may be subtracted from the WSA Registration fee. Other family members or Family memberships at discounted rates are available for any sailor's family. To support US Sailing with a membership to benefit WSA, go to www.ussailing.org, select Membership and then select the MVP Program and select **Wickford Sailing Association** when you register.

**** NBYA membership:** All racers participating in bay regattas will also have to register with NBYA (Narragansett Bay Yachting Assoc.) and will have additional regatta fees. These fees are paid directly to NBYA. Their website is available at www.nbya.org and follow the tab at the top to Junior Sailing or speak to your instructor.

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