

Dear Parent

With the approval of the Board of The James Island Yacht, we are pleased to announce that we are planning to have sailing camp this year. However, with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are having to make changes to the program as your child's health, safety and welfare are our top priority.

This issue starts with you and your family.

- If the camper feels sick, or has a temperature over 100.4 degrees, stay home.
- If the camper has had any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or has been in the presence of someone who has, avoid coming to the club/facility.
- All campers should thoroughly wash hands before arriving and immediately after leaving.
- BYO water and water bottles when coming to the club/facility. Consider using reusable water bottles which should be filled at home. Discourage the use of water fountains and shared water filling stations/containers.
- Campers are not to share personal water bottles, food, gear, equipment, sunscreen, towels, paddles, etc.
- Use caution be courteous, and practice safe Social Distancing when passing by others on docks, ramps, slips, and other tight locations.
- Encourage the camper to use bathroom facilities prior to coming to club
- When possible, move to a downwind location when needing to sneeze/cough

We are requiring each camper to have their own sailing gear. This will include:

- US Coast Guard approved life jacket
- Water shoes (closed toed shoes)
- Face Covering (cloth face covering, sailing buff)
- Sailing gloves
- Towels
- Food and drinks

We will have small pods of no more than 6 sailors. Each pod will have the same instructor for the entire week, and we will place campers from the same family members in the same pod to limit exposure. We intend to use single handed boats (Optimists, Open Skiff, Sunfish, Lasers). We will consider a double handed boat (420, Hobies) on an individual case basis such as same family members or in a situation that both families agree that they want their children to sail together. Each sailor will be assigned the same boat, dolly, and equipment for the entire week. Each boat will be assigned a spot on the lawn which will meet social distancing guidelines.

When you bring your child to the club, please wait in your car until one of the instructors calls for your child so that we may do a temperature check prior to entry to the lawn. With pickup, we ask that you stay in your car and we will send your child to you. In case of known bad weather, the classes will be cancelled as there is limited space around the club to provide any activities. If bad weather develops during the class, we will try to properly social distancing in our pods around club using our three outside pavilions or three separate rooms in the club. We would encourage parents to pick up their children as soon as possible in these situations.

At the beginning of each week, we will give a safety talk about the camp. All campers are to wear face coverings while on the grounds. These covering can be cloth or any other material. The use of a sailing "buff" is acceptable as they can be used while on the water and also provide some sun protection. Our instructors will also wear face coverings and enforce all rules. Each camper as well as

instructors will have their temperature taken and if any abnormalities are found the person will be sent home.

The club will have hand sanitizers around the club and will encourage all to wash their hands frequently. As already stated, we would suggest campers use their own bathroom prior to coming to camp but we will have the bathrooms open if needed. The bathroom will be limited to one person at a time and will be clean regularly. We will encourage, however, that each camper cleans the bathroom after use with supplies found in the bathroom. The indoor shower will be closed but the outside shower by the sailing shed will be open.

Our instructors have been educated on proper safety measures. The club will try to regularly clean high touch areas. Each boat and dolly used by our campers will be cleaned prior to a new class. We will try our best to maintain social distancing and the CDC guidelines but there may be times like in emergencies that they have to be broken.

If a camper is diagnosed with COVID-19 during the class, we will inform the pod and make a decision about the continuation of classes for that pod and possibly for the entire class. All campers and their families will be informed, and they should decide the best for their family. When the camp knows of an infection, all equipment will be cleaned on that day prior to any classes.

As we are very serious about the health and welfare of all at the camp, all rules must be followed. If a camper cannot follow the rules, the camper will be sent home and dismissed from the camp with no refund for lost time at the camp. If a camper gets sick and cannot return because of a COVID-19 issue, we will make a refund for lost time at the camp. If you have any concerns about the camp whether it is an instructor or camper, please let us know immediately.

I know that this is different from prior years but we need to do this so we can have the camp this year. If you have signed up for a half-day session, we would encourage you to consider that your child come for an all-day session as this will help us in terms of assigning boats. There may be new or different rules as we start this process, but we will keep you informed. If this is unacceptable to you, we understand and will refund your money if you cancel prior to the class. Just call the club 843-795-6060 and let Ron know.

We will try to have an experience that your child will enjoy even with the necessary changes to the camp. We look forward to the summer camp! We will send a release form that we ask you sign and bring to the first class.

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