

To: All Bay Shore Yacht Club Sailing Students and Parents

From: Dave DeRuvo (Sailing Instruction Chairman)

Re: Racing opportunities for your child.

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Hello sailing families,

Below is a write-up describing junior regattas. It was shared with us by the long-time head instructor at Westhampton Yacht Squadron to answer some common questions and put families more at ease about signing up their children for regattas. It has been edited slightly to fit our club. Please read it and consider encouraging your child's participation.

Regards,

Dave DeRuvo, BSYC Junior Sailing Chairman

### **1. What is a Jr. Regatta?**

- a. They are races every Friday at a different GSBYRA club that students in sailing lessons can participate in.
- b. The races are set up for those students in lessons that know a little about racing but still need assistance.
- c. Each club sends their instructors to coach the sailors during these races.
- d. The objective is to give junior sailors a safe, fun and good learning experience.

### **2. What are the GSBYRA Bay Championships?**

- a. Events in which a Trophy is given to the winner from the bay. The events are open and anyone can attend, see [gsbyra.org](http://gsbyra.org) for requirements and details.
- b. The winner gets their sailing registration paid for when/if they move onto the next elimination round.

### **3. How do I sign my child up for the Jr. Regatta, and how to the boats get there?**

- a. Students who have completed BSYC Crew and Skipper classes, and in the instructor's opinion, are ready for competition, can participate in away regattas.
- b. The club encourages all sailors, of all skill levels, to participate in our home regattas, weather permitting.
- c. Participation is on a first come, first served basis. Students sign up in the JYC Room by Wednesday, 5pm. Racing boat skippers must register on [RegattaNetwork.com](http://RegattaNetwork.com). See instructors for details.
- d. The club Optis are often transported to away regattas by boat.
- e. It is possible that club Sunfish can be taken to regattas, these can be transported on top of a parent's car.
- f. The 420 sailors must find a partner who can make the commitment to spending the day sailing before they sign up. Each club 420 has its own trailer and the parents of each 420 sailor are responsible to get their boat and trailer to and from the regatta. You are reserving a club boat when they sign up, so be sure to sign up and register with the club boat and sail # on [RegattaNetwork.com](http://RegattaNetwork.com).

### **4. When and Who is in charge of Loading, Tying Up and Rigging Boats**

- a. The students will be taught in lessons and they are responsible to work as a team. Parents and instructors should assist and supervise before and after the races.
- b. Sailors have to load and tie boat to trailer the night before the event. Instructors will check trailer the night before they leave to assure that things are proper.
- c. Parent's intervention? Only assist where safety becomes a concern. We want the kids to work together to complete this task.

### **5. How boats will get there?**

- a. The boat trailers are registered. See instructors for details on this matter.
- b. Parents have to transport/trailer the boats.
- c. Each trailer has a ball-type hitch.

### **6. Sailors Equipment to bring to Regattas**

- a. Watch with a timer, Life Jacket, Sun Screen, Sailing Boots, Water Bottle, Sunglasses, Sail Boat gear, Food, Zip Lock Bag, Bailers, Sail ties etc.
- b. Food or \$\$\$ for lunch which is provided by the host club.

### **7. How long will the day last?**

- a. The team leaves the club between 8:00 – 8:30am and should arrive at the regatta host club as close to 9:00 as possible. There are skippers' meetings at 10:00. The first races normally start at 10:30 am and hope to have the racing complete around 2:30. Plan on getting back to the club around 5pm.

### **8. Can they take a club boat? Am I responsible for damage?**

- a. Normally, club boats can be used.
- b. Before your child leaves the club with the boat, have them review the boat and equipment for anything that is worn or might need repair. Then have them or yourself alert an instructor so we know ahead of time so you will not be held responsible.
- c. If there is damage, missing or broken equipment, report it immediately to the instructors so that the damage can be repaired or replaced. This will ensure that the boat is safe and ready to be sailed.
- d. If negligence is the reason for damage or lost equipment - The club will send out the part or purchase a new one and you may be billed for the parts.

### **9. What happens when I return home?**

- a. Boats must be returned to club ASAP. Sailors should assist with unloading and cleaning boats and returning all borrowed equipment to its proper place at the club.
- b. Boats must be left ready to be sailed by 9am the next day there is a lesson.
- c. Report any equipment breakdown to an instructor ASAP.

### **10. Coach/Instructor Responsibilities**

#### **a. In the morning before racing**

1. Check each boat to make sure they are set up correctly.
2. Check for changes in racing instructions.
3. Check weather forecasts.

#### **b. On the water**

1. Help children between races. We are not allowed to coach during races.
2. During races take notes of racers and convey findings to sailors between races.
3. Observe each fleet of boats.
  - a. We will have at least one coach boat at each event.
  - b. Carry tools and drinks/food/snacks for sailors.

#### **c. After races**

1. Make sure all sailors get back to land.
2. Make sure sailors put boats away correctly or loaded onto trailer correctly.
3. Check to see about start time for the next race and relay info to sailors.
4. Help with any protest sailors might be involved in.

### **11. Sailors Responsibilities**

- a. Be respectful to host club, facility and other sailors, represent BSYC proudly
  - b. Check for changes in racing instructions.
  - c. Check weather forecasts.
- d. Sail even when things are tough.
  1. Remember the Objective is to have fun.
  2. Always Strive to Improve (*effort is everything*).
  3. Always use SPORTSMANSHIP and display a POSITIVE Attitude.
  4. You start it, you finish it!
- e. Rig the boat with your partner.
- f. Make sure all equipment you left with returns each day and at the end of regatta.

1. Any Equipment that you borrow from the club should be labeled for each boat you take or any equip that you own should be labeled with your name and sail number.
2. Any equipment that belongs to the club is on lease to you for the regatta. Should you lose or break any of them the club will replace it and may bill you.

## **12. Parents Responsibilities**

- a. Transport Children to and from Regatta
- b. Make travel arrangements
  - a. Protests and Awards – this will extend the day.
- c. Assist with tying up boat to trailer and trailer to automobile.
- d. Support your child in a positive way.