

NANTUCKET COMMUNITY



SAILING NEWSLETTER

2021 Programs Open June 28th

Our Sites are being set up as we speak and our instructor orientation begins on June 23rd! In other words, we're putting the final touches on our preparations for Summer 2021 Programs, which open on Monday, June 28th. We're thrilled to be offering a more robust program this summer - with 8 weeks of youth and adult programming and Jetties Sailing Center Operations. We'll also be offering our community outreach programming once again, teaming up with: [Nantucket Boys & Girls Club](#) to bring students to Jetties for sailing and kayaking on Thursdays; [PASCON](#) to offer therapeutic sails to clients and their caregivers; and [Nantucket STAR](#) to offer special needs students opportunities to sail, kayak and paddle board. We couldn't be more thrilled to have more members of the community sailing and paddling with us this summer. Finally, this newsletter is full of important information about programs and beyond - please read along and join us for a sail this summer!



Last week, assembling our new RS Quest sails for our Whalers Program



Photo Courtesy of Joe Lloyd

2021 NHS Sailing Team - Congratulations Seniors!

The Nantucket High School Varsity Sailing Team had a shortened regatta season this spring, but enjoyed getting back on the water after a long hiatus! We congratulate the team's Seniors on their tenures with the team and wish them happy sailing moving forward: Dan Murphy, Tadhg Cawley, Isobelle Fleming, Gillian Antonietti, Caroline Wood, Maisie Cocker, Russell Kathawala and Saorla Cawley. Coach



Joe Lloyd commented on the Seniors "The 2021 Senior Class had a very successful sailing season in spite of all the challenges they have faced over the last two years. Almost all Seniors were completing their third year on the team and their skills had not slipped after missing last season. We were very competitive on the water, even beating Barnstable HS, typically a powerhouse team. Our season ended 3/2 with losses to the undefeated St. John Paul II HS and a loss in our first regatta of the season to Nauset HS. The Seniors showed maturity, knowledge and skill on and off the water. Practices and regattas were competitive, productive and fun for the whole team. At the end of the season the Seniors were very helpful in preparing their underclassmen teammates for next season." Great job to all! We hope to see you sailing this summer and beyond!



Buy a Membership or Book Kayak, SUP, Sailboat Rentals Today!

NCS will once again be using the [FareHarbor software for customers to purchase Jetties Sailing Center memberships](#); and to book private lessons, Women's Clinic (Tuesdays 2-4pm) classes, and kayak/SUP/sailboat rentals. We are currently accepting bookings for private lessons and Women's Clinic classes and rental equipment. We're looking forward to getting you out on the water this summer!

Want to Work with NCS This Summer?

Nantucket Community Sailing is seeking an administrative assistant for the upcoming summer season. NCS is looking for a self-starter, an energetic person who will assist with the day-to-day tasks of the office including but not limited to summer programs and Nantucket Race Week. Phone, computer and strong communication skills are a must. Contact Francine Balling, Chief Operating Officer, at 508-228-6600 or email francine@nantucketsailing.org to apply or for more information.



Seabin Trash Skimmers

Thanks to a grant from the ReMain Nantucket Fund of the Community Foundation for Nantucket, NCS is collaborating with Mass Audubon and the Maria Mitchell Association to pilot two [Seabin Trash Skimmers](#) in Nantucket Harbor this summer. The Seabins float in the water with a pump and container which collects debris including microplastics and fuel, and interns from Mass Audubon and Maria Mitchell will sort the collected trash to analyze what is in Nantucket's waters. Stay tuned for how you can check out the Seabins and get involved!



Tiny Salts Is Back!

Attention Tiny Sailors! Join NCS for Tiny Salts, for toddlers ages 2 and 3 this summer! On Tuesdays in July & August, from 10am - 11am, we'll introduce your child to sailboats, kayaks, paddle boards, the seashore and more. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver - and both the child and the caregiver should plan to get wet, as we jump in and out of boats, sing sailing songs, and learn some new "sailing" words! Capacity is limited to 12 students/toddlers. The class will be held at our Jetties Sailing Center at Jetties Beach. [Sign up by registering on our Jetties Sailing Center website](#). The class is \$15 for one hour. Please email emily@nantucketsailing.org with questions. Enrollment limited to 3 sessions/student.



Summer is Here! Get Your Gear!

Attention Sailors! Get geared up for this summer! NCS has great merchandise available! [Shop online on our website](#). You can also shop in person at the NCS Office (4 Winter Street - basement of the Coffin School) Monday - Friday from 9am - 5pm.

Nantucket Race Week - In Full Detail!



The 18th Nantucket Race Week will present a full schedule of 14 regattas over 9 days and several social events, including the Opera House Cup Awards Party at Jetties Beach. The racing includes something for everyone. At the smallest end of the spectrum, the Radio-Controlled Model Boat Regatta sailed in DF-95s will launch from the Land Bank's new Easy Street Park,

making it easier for participants and spectators to watch the action. Moving up from the model boats, the Rainbows are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year, and we hope to see all of Nantucket's iconic fleet out on the water for the beloved Rainbow Parade around Brant Point on Sunday, August 22nd, starting at 9:40am. Sailing for youth includes Opti, 420, and Laser Regattas. The Kiteboard, Hobie and Adult Laser Regattas feature speed and exhilarating action by talented athletes. Some of the top professional sailors in the world will be on island for the IOD Celebrity Invitational. Sailors of all ages and abilities can compete in the One Design and Women's Regattas. The week culminates with the big boat sailing in the Nantucket Regatta and the 49th Opera House Cup Regatta. Spectators along Brant Point on August 22nd will not only enjoy the Rainbows, but will be treated to the Classic Boat Parade of beautiful wooden sailboats leaving the harbor for the start of the Opera House Cup, with a brochure describing the boats and live commentary as they sail by.

On shore, we are happy to have awards ceremonies and social events, but perhaps the most exciting news is Race Week Village at Children's Beach. The goal of Race Week Village is to make Nantucket Race Week accessible to the entire community – the public and non-sailors, providing everything from race registration and results to merchandise sales and sponsor displays under a set of tents. The Village will be open daily from August 19th - 22nd, so come by and check it out. The social activities include the favorite Family Cookout and Youth Awards on Tuesday, August 17th, the IOD Celebrity Invitational Opening Dinner on Wednesday, August 18 – come and meet the celebrity sailors, and two new informal dinners on Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21st for Regatta participants and their crews. And of course, the Opera House Cup Party is back on Jetties Beach on Sunday, August 22nd with great food, dancing to the Billy Blackstone/Brian Glowacki band, and of course, the awards. Tickets are required for all social events.

Registration is open now for all racing and social events with an easy, integrated registration form [HERE](#). On this form you can also pre-order customized gear for your boat and crew, and you can support NCS by becoming an NRW Individual Sponsor.

Please also consider supporting NCS and Nantucket Race Week by volunteering your time, your boat as a race management or photo/spectator boat, or your spare bedroom for our visiting sailors and race officials. To volunteer, please email info@nantucketraceweek.org.



NCS is grateful to our new and returning corporate sponsors – Please visit their businesses or check them out during Race Week!



NCS to Offer Adaptive Sailing Lessons

New in 2021, for sailors with special needs who are interested in sailing, please consider Nantucket Community Sailing’s Wednesday morning **Adaptive Sailing Lesson** slot. First-time, as well as experienced sailors, ages 5 and up, are welcome. NCS aims to accommodate both physical disabilities and intellectual disabilities, as we are able, as well as sailing specifically for individuals on the autism spectrum, and those going through physical or emotional therapy. Thanks to our donors, there will be no cost for these sails. These sails will carry on the wonderful legacy established by Paul Callahan’s Nantucket’s Sail to Prevail, which will no longer be operating on Nantucket. Contact NCS Program Director emily@nantucketsailing.org to schedule.



Old Sails - Please Donate

We are once again seeking donations of old sails. Over the years, we’ve been able to send our old sails to [Sea Bags](#) in Maine as part of a program where NCS tote bags are created in exchange for the used sails. We will be sending another shipment of used sails their way this summer - if you are looking to get rid of some of your old inventory, please drop the sails by the NCS Office!



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