

NANTUCKET COMMUNITY



SAILING NEWSLETTER

## Thank You for a Wonderful Summer

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our students, instructors, volunteers, friends, supporters, parents and caregivers for a wonderful 2019 season! We were able to offer 20 weekly programs, 2 Family Cruises to Coatue, 1 junior regatta (the Coffin Cup), 4 Fun Days, 4 Parent Launches, 4 Tiny Salts pilot sessions – and the list goes on and on! We were also able to work with 7 local organizations to provide additional sailing and water sports to members of the community. We sent the All-Island Opti Race Team to 5 off-island regattas (including Opti New England's), our NCS 420 team to 4 off-island regattas, and had our Jetties Sailing Center open to members and walk-up customers all season long. We can't believe it's over – and don't worry, we're already starting to think about next year! In the meantime, have a great start to the school year!



Tiny Salts. Photo Courtesy of Rebecca Gray.

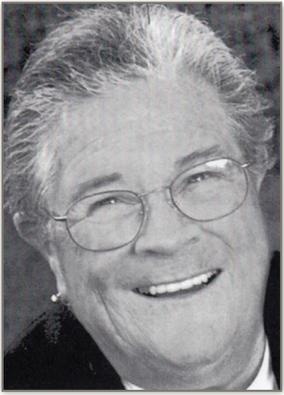
## Rebuild the Fleet - Name a Boat!

This winter, NCS is aiming to rebuild both the 420 and Opti Fleets. Our goal is to cycle our fleet: every 3 years we try to replace 3 Club 420s (used with Teen Green 420 Blue, 420 Race on-island and off-island, 420 Development, the Nantucket High School Team, 420 Private Lessons and 420 Rentals) and 6 fiberglass Optis (used in Opti Green, Opti Blue, Opti Race, Opti Private Lessons and off-island). These boats take on tremendous wear and tear and it's time to freshen up the fleet. This winter we're asking you to consider donating a boat to Nantucket Community Sailing – and consider naming it in the process! This can be a really nice way to build a legacy at NCS. Club 420s (complete with dolly) cost \$9,000. Optis (complete with dolly and covers) cost \$4,200. Please help us fund updates to our teaching and rental fleets. Summer 2020 will be here soon, and we want to be ready for you! To discuss donating a boat, please contact NCS Program Director, Emily Taylor, [emily@nantucketsailing.org](mailto:emily@nantucketsailing.org)

## Seeking NCS Program Assistant

NCS is seeking a full time year round Program Assistant. The primary focus of this position is to manage the various program applications and implementation of programming including correspondence with parents and the general public. Please send resume to Francine Balling, COO, [francine@nantucketsailing.org](mailto:francine@nantucketsailing.org)





## Dr. Margaret H. ("Meg") Blair Sailing Scholarship

Long-time friend of NCS, Lori Blair, has made a \$100,000 endowment gift to Nantucket Community Sailing to establish the Dr. Margaret H. ("Meg") Blair Sailing Scholarship into perpetuity. The intent of the scholarship is to honor and remember Lori's partner, Meg, who was passionate about the water in all ways – she was an avid sailor and fisherman, and loved teaching others her passion and the feeling of empowerment that sailing a boat provides. The endowment will provide a 4-week sailing scholarship for two year-round Nantucket children annually. Our 2019 recipients were Lucca Antonietti and Curran Wiggin. Lori hopes that this scholarship will help create the next generation of sailors and people who are passionate about being on the water. We are so honored to be a part of Meg's legacy.

Information for the 2020 Dr. Margaret H. ("Meg") Blair Sailing Scholarship will be sent to local Nantucket families later this fall.

## NRW Photos - For Sale

[Karen Ryan Photography](#) has absolutely gorgeous photos from every event of the week for sale online. A great holiday gift idea!



## NRW Gear - For Sale

Race Week gear will remain on sale at the NCS Main Office throughout the fall. We're here Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. (4 Winter Street). [Or shop online on our website!](#)

## 2019 NRW Recap

The 16th annual Nantucket Race Week was a great success, with 306 registered boats and 162 races scored over nine exciting days. This year was extra special because we celebrated NCS's 25th Anniversary with a Gala during Race Week. The Gala was a lot of fun, with dinner, dancing and auctions. The guests were very generous and enabled NCS to establish a Youth Scholarship Endowment for the next generation of Nantucket sailors. NCS would like to thank the participants, volunteers, instructors and sponsors for their support to make the week possible. We were excited to have our largest ever Youth Regatta, with 44 Optis and 16 420s on the water. We would like to encourage more of our NCS families to volunteer for Race Week – it is a fun way to meet people even if you are not a sailor. We always need boats for race management support, but also housing hosts for the visiting sailors and race officials, and volunteers for a range of other roles including stuffing gift bags, selling merchandise, and delivering guests and gift bags to their destination. Mark your calendar – Nantucket Race Week will be August 8 – 16, 2020.

## Save the Date: NCS Annual Meeting

The NCS Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Great Harbor Yacht Club. Coffee and pastries will be served at 9am. The meeting will be at 9:30am. All NCS members are welcome. Please join us!



## NCS 420 Race Team Recap

The 2019 420 Race Team has concluded its season after participating in a variety of competitive events this summer. Led by returning Head Coach, Thomas Walden, and returning Assistant 420 Coach, Annabel Carrington, the team consisted of six sailors. This summer, the 420 Race Team competed in four off-island regattas, including New Bedford Jr. Regatta, Falmouth Regatta, Hyannis Regatta, and Buzzards Bay Regatta. The Team concluded the season with Nantucket Race Week's 420 Youth Regatta. Throughout the season, the Team participated in other team building and sailing events including WASZP and UFO sailing, an afternoon on the J/105, volunteering for Optis-Try-420s Day, and hosting two pizza parties at the Jetties Sailing Center. Several members of the 420 Race Team plan to participate in shoulder season sailing. We will look forward to another competitive season in 2020!

## All-Island Opti Race Team Recap

The All-Island Opti Race Team continued to be the most elite race program on-island. This season, the team consisted of 28 sailors from Nantucket Community Sailing, Nantucket Yacht Club, and Great Harbor Yacht Club. The Team was coached by a new group of coaches this year that led the team with drive and enthusiasm. Head Coach Colin O'Mahoney, from Nantucket Yacht Club, led the group; he was joined by Tara Flood, Connor O'Beirne, Luke O'Brien, and Sophie Shea. The Team participated in four off-island regattas this



The Opti Team at Stonehorse Regatta in early July.

summer, including New Bedford Jr. Regatta, Stone Horse Regatta, Wianno Opti Regatta, and Hyannis Jr. Invitational. Scores from these regattas are totaled and sailors are ranked according to their overall performance in these regattas, known as the Grand Prix. Brady Read, member of the All-Island Opti Race Team, placed first in Red Fleet in the Grand Prix! The Team also participated in Nantucket Race Week's Opti Youth Regatta, and a select group of sailors went to Opti New England's in Newport, RI at the end of the season (for a fifth off-island regatta). Brady Read's performance at Opti New England's also earned him the final qualifying spot for Opti Team Trials. The Team is looking forward to a variety of shoulder season sailing opportunities to prepare for the 2020 season!

## 2020 Program Registration Opens February 1st

Keep an eye out for information on Summer 2020 Programming, which will open on our [website](#) on February 1, 2020 (Island Families should keep an eye out for Early Bird Islander Registration prior to that date). At the end of each summer, youth program participants are placed, by their instructors, according to ability and interest, into a recommended program for the subsequent season. To find out the recommendation for your sailor, please call the NCS Office anytime in January, 2020. We encourage all sailors to learn their proper placement prior to registering for programs. Set reminders and mark your calendars now because this is one date you don't want to miss!



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