NANTUCKET COMMUNITY SAILING NEWSLETTER

NHS Whalers Close Out Successful 2017 Season

The Nantucket High School sailing team finished the regular season 10-2; a huge accomplishment for the young squad and a near reversal of their 2016 record. The Whalers competed in the Cape and Islands League Championships for Fleet Racing and Team Racing last week. In Fleet Racing, they finished 3rd in A division and 5th in B division, for a combined 4th place finish overall (of 9 teams). For Team Racing, the squad finished in 3rd. Overall, the team finished 3rd (of 13 teams) in the Cape and Islands League. Complete standing can be viewed here.

The Whalers hosted the the Cape and Islands Women's Fleet Race Championship on Friday, May 26th. Six teams competed throughout the afternoon, and the Whalers finished in 6th place.

Photos from the Figawi Invitational on Sunday, May 28th, courtesy of Joe Lloyd.

Finally, the Whalers wrapped up their season on Sunday, May 28th by competing in the Figawi High School Invitational out of Great Harbor Yacht Club. Thirteen teams from the Cape and Islands participated in the event, which was sailed just off the Nantucket Boat Basin. Senior captains Fernando Young and Evan Borzilleri sailed for Nantucket, as did younger team members Thibault Antonietti and James Taaffe. Congratulations to the NHS Sailing Team on a wonderful and successful season! Many thanks to Great Harbor Yacht Club for hosting the team and their competitors all spring, to the Whalers' parents and volunteers for all of their support, and to Head Coach Joe Lloyd and Assistant Coach Brian Sager for their contributions to the team all season. We look forward to having many of the high school sailors join us this summer in our 420 programs.

Did you know we're one of 35 Accredited US Sailing Community Sailing Centers in the country? To learn more, check out US Sailing's website.

Seeking iPads

iPads needed! Considering an upgrade? Then consider donating your used iPad to NCS. We use iPads at our Jetties Sailing Center for all transactions, as well as during Nantucket Race Week. We are looking for iPads with IOS 10.0 and higher.

NCS Summer Events

Opening day is nearly here! The NCS calendar – even in June and early July – is chock full of events; start marking your calendar now! Additional events will be added in future newsletters.

- Friday, June 9, 9am: Polpis Beach Clean-Up (Meet at NCS shed – all welcome)
- Wednesday, June 14, 9am: Jetties Beach Clean-Up (Meet at NCS sheds – all welcome)
- Saturday, June 24, 9am: Jetties Sailing Center Opens for season
- Monday, June 26: NCS Programs Open (All Locations)
- Monday, June 26: Sip & Shop at Zero Main (3-7pm)
- Wednesday, June 28: PHRF Racing (every Wed. night all summer)
- Friday, June 30: Kite Day with NextLevel Watersports (See more below!)
- Saturday, July 1, 10am – 2pm: Jetties Sailing Center Open House (Open to everyone! Free rentals!)
- Tuesday, July 4: NCS Fun Day 1: America Day
- Friday, July 7: Coffin Cup Registration Opens
- Friday, July 14: NCS Fun Day 2: Cookie Day & Sip & Shop at J. McLaughlin
- Friday, July 21: Annual Coffin Cup Regatta at Polpis Harbor
- Saturday, July 22: Nautican Foundation's Summer Soiree to Benefit NCS

West Marine Summer Sailing Gear Guide

West Marine has a great online resource for sailors: a summer sailing gear guide. Check it out – and click through the helpful articles to choose the right gear for your sailor this summer. We've also outlined some important gear on our NCS FAQ page.

Sip & Shop - Zero Main on Centre

Have fun shopping and support NCS at the same time! Zero Main (34 Centre Street) is hosting a Sip & Shop event to benefit Nantucket Community Sailing on Monday, June 26th from 3pm – 7pm. Enter to win a four-piece travel set (photo at right) valued at $175. A portion of all purchases will be donated to NCS. Stay tuned for additional Sip & Shop events later this summer, including at J. McLaughlin on July 14th!

Used Sails - Please Donate

We are once again seeking donations of old sails. We send our used sails to Sea Bags in Maine as part of a program where NCS tote bags are created in exchange for the used sails. We hope to be sending a shipment of used sails their way this fall – if you are looking to get rid of some of your old inventory, please drop the sails by the NCS Office.

Different Programs Build Different Skills

Did you know that you can register for Water Sports Class on a daily basis this year?! If your student is interested in checking out what the Jetties Sailing Center has to offer, they should join us for a day in Water Sports Class. Students try kayaking, paddle boarding (including slalom courses and yoga!), Hobie Cat sailing, snorkeling, and more. To register, click here.

Learn to Kiteboard - Free Clinic!

Save the date! Learn what kiteboarding is all about! Next Level Watersports will be providing a free demonstration on Friday, June 30th from 2-4pm to teach NCS participants (ages 10 – 18) the basics of how to fly a kite, and to walk through all the equipment involved. If you have ever seen a kiteboarder from afar and been curious, this is your opportunity to give it a try! To learn more about Next Level Watersports, visit their website. Stay tuned for sign-up information and more information about the clinic in future NCS newsletters and NCS email blasts.

Calling All Volunteers

Nantucket Race Week and Opera House Cup are just a few months away. We can use your help to sell merchandise, check in people at social events or sell drink or raffle tickets! Please email info@nantucketraceweek.org if you are interested in joining the volunteer effort.

NRW Lime Green Hat

Need a new hat for summer? NRW lime green hats are available. You can purchase them on the NCS website here for $30. Get one before they sell out!

Summer Soiree

NCS will once again be the beneficiary of the Nautican Foundation's Summer Soiree. The 2017 Summer Soiree will be held at the White Elephant Ballroom on July 22, 2017. Please join us and learn more here! Thank you Nautican Foundation!

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