NANTUCKET COMMUNITY SAILING NEWSLETTER

Regatta Season Is Here!

Our All-Island Opti Race Team, featured at left on the ferry on Sunday, July 16th, is competing at the Stonehorse Opti Regatta in Harwichport, MA on Monday, July 17th. This team is a joint team composed of sailors from NCS, Nantucket Yacht Club and Great Harbor Yacht Club. This is the biggest team Nantucket has ever sent off-island - good luck sailors! Read on in the newsletter for a report on the NCS 420 Race Team - they attended New Bedford Junior Regatta last week and are looking ahead to the Falmouth Regatta next weekend.

Polpis Parent Launch Rides

This year, Nantucket Community Sailing is debuting Parent Launch Rides during the second week of a session! Parents/Guardians (no children or siblings, please) of sailors in our Polpis programs are invited to come out on the water to watch their children sail and see their development over a two-week session. Dates: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 (Session 3) and Wednesday August 9, 2017 (Session 4) Times: Morning Session: 10-11AM; Afternoon Session: 2-3PM. Please call the NCS Main Office to sign up (508-228-6600) and bring your camera!

Coffin Cup - Registration Open & Spectator Boats Needed!

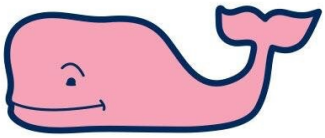
We are seeking spectator boats - to take out visiting parents and siblings for viewing - at our annual Coffin Cup Regatta on Friday, July 21st. Please email emily@nantucketsailing.org if you have availability to attend. The registration for our annual youth regatta, the Coffin Cup, is open - students, ages 7 - 12 years old, enrolled in 2017 Polpis Programming, are invited to attend! Please log into your Active Network account to enroll. Space is limited for this "event of the season!"

Summer Soiree - to Benefit NCS - July 22nd - Purchase tickets here!

Family Sunset Cruises - July 28th and August 4th

Join us for our annual family sunset Cruises to Coatue! NCS is hosting two Family Cruises this year! Our first will be on Friday evening, July 28th; the second on August 4th – both from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Participants will meet NCS instructors at our Jetties Sailing Center. We will sail as a group in Rhodes 19s, Marshall Cat 15s, etc., with the help of an instructor in each boat, over to Second Point (distance will depend on tide and weather). Once anchored off Coatue, families and instructors can enjoy a picnic dinner, play games and relax before sailing back to the Jetties Sailing Center. Each participant is responsible for their own food and beverage. Read more here and Register Now!

Sip & Shop - Vineyard Vines



Join NCS for a Sip and Shop at Vineyard Vines on Wednesday, August 2nd. Proceeds will benefit NCS. This is a perfect opportunity for early holiday shopping!

Nantucket Race Week - August 12-20

Nantucket Race Week is only a few weeks away! NRW is Nantucket Community Sailing's biggest fundraiser of the year – helping us to raise roughly a quarter of our annual operating budget. View the schedule of events here and register now! BUY MERCHANDISE!

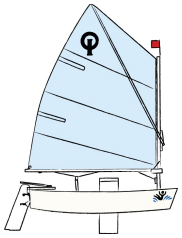
How Can YOU Get Involved?

Join us in one of our sailing events (registration link above)! NRW social events are also open to the public – we'd love to have you! Volunteers are needed across the entire ten days – We can use your help to sell merchandise, check in people at social events or sell drink or raffle tickets. Please click on one of the links below to sign up to volunteer:

2017 NRW Volunteers
NYC Merchandise Sign Up
GHYC Merchandise Sign Up

Shop NCS and NRW Merchandise on the NCS Website here!

Opti Private Lessons - Now Available - Children's Beach



For ages: 8 – 15. NCS is offering private Opti lessons with our Head Opti Race Coach. This is a great way for an Opti Green, Blue or Race sailor to improve skills in a one-on-one learning environment. The student must have experience in an Opti. All lessons will meet at Children's Beach Boat Ramp on Harbor View Way, and the student and coach will sail out of our Monomoy Opti dock. Lessons will be three hours in length (9am – 12pm) and cost $250. If you are interested in scheduling a lesson, please log into your Active Network Account.

420 Team Regatta Report - New Bedford Junior Regatta

The NCS team headed out on Day 2.
Photo: Thomas Walden

Last Last weekend, July 8-10, four members of the NCS 420 Race Team traveled to Dartmouth, MA to compete in their first event of the summer; The New Bedford Junior Regatta. Abigail Turner, Lulu Desai, James Taaffe, and Mackenzie Berwick, left Nantucket early Friday morning with Coach Thomas Walden. The team was greeted at NBYC with heavy rain, motivating the team to quickly get their 420s off the trailer! Saturday morning came with light wind, 5-7kts, but as the temperature rose the sea-breeze picked up, maxing out at speeds in the high teens. PRO Mike Callahan and a great Race Committee staff ran five races in a range of conditions. Short races and a 72-boat starting line heightened the necessity of a good start and first beat. Both boats, Abigail Turner/Lulu Desai and James Taaffe/Mackenzie Berwick, displayed great boat-handling and tactical reasoning, consistently finishing above mid-fleet. Turner/Desai ended the day in 19th while Taaffe/Berwick returned to shore in 37th. The morning was once again light, but unlike Saturday, the sea-breeze never fully filled. This resulted in variable conditions and large shifts. Mental toughness had both boats bettering their scores from Day 1. Turner/Desai moved up two places, and Taaffe/Berwick clawed up seven, ending the regatta in 17th and 30th. This marked improvement in scores over the weekend should be taken as evidence of our sailors' ability to quickly brush off the rust; a talent that I believe will only result in more success and improvement as we get further into our season. Many thanks to Corina Radtke for helping keep the weekend smooth and incident free! – Thomas Walden

NCS Team Wins Women's Regatta

A shout-out to our NCS sailors Kate Damsgaard, Mia Steck (NCS instructor), Laura Iorio and Michelle Clarke (not pictured) for winning the Great Harbor Yacht Club Fun Regatta on Tuesday, July 15th!

J/105 - Keelboat Race Class - Enroll Now!

New last year, Keelboat Race is a special one-week program for our more serious J/105 teen racers. Interested students must have completed at least one session of Keelboat Blue in the summer of 2017 to be eligible for the class.

Keelboat Race will be held the week of Nantucket Race Week and will include the Sail Nantucket Regatta on Friday and Saturday, August 18th and 19th, and a long-sail day to Martha's Vineyard (for ice cream, we hope!) on Wednesday, August 16th. Sailors will build on skills learned in Keelboat Blue to prepare for racing in the second half of the week. At the beginning of the week, an emphasis will be placed on teamwork and on ironing out positions, sail changes and maneuvers. Read more and register here! Enrollment limited!

NCS Summer Events

The NCS calendar is chock full of events! Additional events will be added in future newsletters.

- Friday, July 21: Annual Coffin Cup Regatta at Polpis Harbor
- Saturday, July 22: Nautican Foundation's Summer Soiree to Benefit NCS
- Tuesday, July 25: Parent Launch at Polpis
- Wednesday, July 26: GHYC Jobson Cup (Opti and 420 Blue sailors)
- Friday, July 28: NCS Fun Day 3: Pirate Day & Family Cruise to Coatue 1 of 2
- Monday, July 31: Navigation Night (free and open to the public)
- Friday, August 4: Family Cruise to Coatue 2 of 2
- Wednesday, August 9: Parent Launch at Polpis
- Friday, August 11: NCS Fun Day 4: Cookie Day
- Saturday, August 12 – Sunday, August 20: 14th Annual Nantucket Race Week

It's Raining: Call the Student Hotline!

Classes are held in all kinds of weather, but if there is a threat of thunder, severe storms or a hurricane, we will hold class inside. To confirm the location of class on a inclement weather day, please call our Student Hotline at 508-228-6212. A message will be posted 45 minutes before class for the status of the class, and any changes, or special instructions.

The best way to stay on top of the action at NCS? Follow us on Social Media! Photos and news posted daily - don't miss out!

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