

Learn To Sail

We had a terrific season for 2012 and I have every expectation that it will be repeated for 2013. My involvement with the Junior Program is winding down and I am happy to report that the Executive has endorsed the concept of a new management structure. This structure promotes stability within the Junior Program by compensating staff whose task it is to plan, develop and administer the Junior Program. Warren Barkhouse will be returning as the Water Operations Manager who will be responsible for program on a day-to-day basis. Kim Johnson will be joining him in an administrative capacity. We are actively seeking an individual to act as a Parent Liaison. This individual will work co-operatively with the management staff and parents to provide feedback and make recommendations.

I am happy to report that we will be extending our programming to provide an early bird session. Programming Dates for 2013 are as follows:

Early Bird	24 June to 28 June
Session I	01 July to 12 July
Session II	15 July to 26 July
Session III	29 July to 09 August
Session IV	19 August to 30 August
Opti Jam	August 07 - 08
Raceweek	August 14 - 17

Learn To Sail Registration:

Registration for Learn to Sail will be open to Senior with Children & Senior Family from 01 - 07 April 2013

Registration will be open to Senior Members from 07 -21 April 2013

Registration will be open to the general public from 22 April 2013

onwards

The **only** guarantee of acceptance in programming is completion of **all** forms and payment in **full**. Program fees will rise by 10% for the upcoming season.

We hope to add our junior exposure to keel boat racing. In addition to Isabel's Cup, the handicap fleet is exploring the possibility of offering an afternoon keelboat race to program participants. The Learn to Sail Program has participated in the PRO Kids Program to expose disadvantaged youth to the sailing experience.

Additionally, members of our club have contributed to a high performance fund that has assisted club youth.

Staff levels will be adjusted to reflect the needs of our programs. To that end, our goal is to maintain 2 instructors for ½ Day Opti; 4 Instructors for Full Day Opti; 1 Instructor for Echos; and 2 Instructors for Club 420's. More staff equates to more equipment, which equates to more funding. In past years, the Junior Program annually raised approximately \$10,000 with our Fundraiser. While well received, it is insufficient to meet our expanding needs. We continue to apply for and receive grants from the Municipality of Chester, and Federal Summer Student Assistance. The Junior Program is in desperate need of an individual to oversee Fundraising.

Think about how you can help and give me a call!

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