

FAQ

What will my child learn?

Our U.S. Sailing certified instructors base the junior sailing program on the U.S. Sailing instructional system. Classes begin with on-land chalk talks and hands-on demonstrations following by on-the-water instruction. Skills taught include boat parts and rigging a boat, basic knots, wind direction, sailing on a reach, upwind and downwind, docking and water safety.

Do I already have to be a member of Eagle Lake Sailing Club for my child to register for a camp or class?

No. Eagle Lake Sailing Club is offering an introductory membership to parents who register their child(ren) for sailing camp and/or class.

Does my child need to know how to swim? Is there a swim check?

Sailors should be comfortable lake swimmers. A capsize and recovery drill will be taught in the camp/class.

A swim check will be conducted at the Camp Kick-off session and at the first Wednesday night class. Sailors must demonstrate the ability to swim 50 yards wearing their lifejacket.

What kind of boat will my child learn to sail? Do I have to own a boat?

We use Optimist (Opti) prams in our junior program at this time. You do not have to own your own Opti. We have a limited number of Opti sailboats available to rent for use by your child during the camp/class. The rental fee is \$100 per child/per class or camp.

If I have another kind of sailboat, can my child use that instead of an Opti?

No. So as to maximize our teaching time, all students must own or rent an Opti for use in the camp/class.

Can I register my child for both the camp and Wednesday evening classes?

You may register your child for both the camp and Wednesday evening classes.

Is there a discount if I register more than one child?

Yes. For introductory members, the camp/class fee is \$175 for the first child; \$150 for the second child; \$125 for each additional child.

For associate and full members, the camp fee is \$175 for the first child; \$150 for the second child; \$125 for each additional child, and there is no fee for the Wednesday evening class.

How soon should I register?

Register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We reserve space on a first-come, first-served basis, and we must receive all fully completed registration forms and payment in order to reserve a space for your child. We will maintain a waitlist, but cannot promise that a space will become available. Camp/class size is limited by safety, optimal learning considerations/instructor to student ratio (~4:1 for beginners; ~6:1 for advanced beginners) and by the number of available boats.

Can I get a refund if I cancel my child's registration?

If you request cancellation of your camp or class registration, you will receive a full refund of the boat rental fee, and if your request is received:

- more than one month before the first day of camp/class, you will receive a 75% refund of the camp/class fee;
- more than two weeks before the first day of camp/class, 50% refund of the camp/class fee; and
- two weeks or less before the first day of camp/class, no refund of the camp/class fee.

What does my child need to bring?

All sailors must have their own U.S. Coast Guard **Type III** life jacket, closed-toe water/sailing shoes and water bottle.

Be prepared to get wet: a change of clothes and towel are recommended. Sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses with lanyard are also recommended.

Does my child need to bring lunch/snacks to camp/class?

For the camp, we will be taking a snack break. The Sailing School will provide snacks.

For the Wednesday evening classes, we will not be taking a snack break. Sailors should eat before or after class.

What if my child misses a day of camp or class?

We strongly recommend that your child participate in every day of camp or class. Skills are taught in building block fashion, and we cover new material each day. We are not able to offer individual make-up sessions or to pro rate camp/classes.

Will there be camp/class if the weather is bad? Will I get refund if it rains?

If the weather is questionable, the Sailing School Chairpersons will make a day-of decision whether to cancel or hold class. Rain alone is not a reason to cancel class as we have on-land activities that we can do to teach sailing concepts. ***Email will be used to inform you of camp/class cancellations. Please be sure the email you provide during registration is accurate and be sure to check it before leaving home.***

Camp/class fees are not refunded or prorated if the weather causes us to cancel camp/class. We have built a rain day into the camp schedule to be used, if necessary.

What COVID precautions are being taken?

We prioritize the health and safety of our sailors, instructors and volunteers. We will be closely monitoring the orders put in place by public health officials as well as CDC guidance. Conducting chalk talks outdoors, social distancing, frequent handwashing, use of personal protective gear and enhanced cleaning of boats between classes will be implemented. We will adjust as necessary to conform to any updated orders or guidance.

If your child cannot comply with these precautions, we invite you to register your child for a future session.