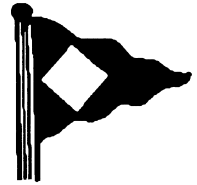




Fishers Island Junior Sailing



March, 2011

Dear Parents and Sailors,

Temperatures climb, spring flowers blossom, and another fantastic summer sailing season is on its way! Returning Sailing Director Meris Tombari has a fun and challenging program planned for Summer 2011.

The Joint Venture between HHC and FIYC is truly unique among sailing programs, offering Novice I through Adult Learn to Sail classes, ECSA regattas, and dramatic Friday afternoon races in two harbors. A full description of class offerings, registration forms, and information on the Boat Clearinghouse are now available online. Note that the overwhelmingly popular Sailing and Seamanship Class has now been divided into two sections. Also new this year - a Novice 1 Section available with limited space for six-year olds. Make sure to register early if this is of interest to your Kindergartener.

An incredible team is ready to coach our West Harbor racers this summer. Fred Strammer, Captain of the Brown Sailing Team and 2010 FAST Start Instructor, Jon Enright, former Team Captain at Roger Williams University, and FIST's own Kate Gaumond will work with our 420 and Opti racers. Sailing instructor Margaret ("Hilly") Walrod, formerly of Duxbury Yacht Club in Duxbury, Massachusetts, brings her years of experience and excellent references to our Hay Harbor classes. She will have the benefit of support from the entire team of Instructors and Junior Instructors.

For Optimist and 420 racers who wish to hone their skills preseason, the FAST START Clinic returns June 24 through June 26. FAST START will be taught by Fred Strammer and Jon Enright. Don't miss this opportunity for sailors (with at least one year of racing experience) to dust off the cobwebs and learn from the college experts! Save \$25 by mailing your registration by June 1. Registration forms are available on the FIYC and HHC websites.

Our regular season includes highlights for new and more experienced sailors, including three junior regattas. If you have a child new to sailing (ages five to eight), watch for our Junior Sailing Open House at HHC July 30 following Awards Day. Experienced instructors will help little ones from HHC and FIYC take an exciting first sail in a pram. We will host between 40-100 ECSA sailors during our Opti Regatta on July 12 and 420 Regatta on August 4. Finally, the SECOND ANNUAL GLOWSTICK REGATTA will be held in Hay Harbor on July 22. Optimist sailors of all levels will decorate their boats with glowsticks and LED lights and race at dusk. Part race, part light parade, the Glowstick Regatta will be exciting to watch – it is a wonderful night to enjoy the view from the Sunset Deck!

Sailing is a lifetime sport. Join in the fun by taking an adult class, participating in a parent-child race, or volunteering to help with one of the regattas. At the very least, don't hesitate to pull us aside over the summer and let us know how your junior sailor is enjoying the lineup of summer programs.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Crary (HHC) and Meg Russell Bereday (FIYC)
Junior Sailing Committee Co-Chairs