



## Youth Sailing Program 2008 Application Information

Thames Yacht Club is pleased to announce our program for the summer of 2008. Sailing classes are designed for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 16, regardless of sailing experience. Whether your child is just beginning to sail or is sharpening their skills for a summer full of small boat fun or racing, the staff and facilities of the Thames Yacht Club can enhance any young sailor's abilities. TYC's instructors are certified by the United States Sailing Association and the Club's Junior Sailing Program is associated with the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association and US Sailing. The program offers classes to introduce young children to the joy of sailing and start them off with a solid foundation in sailing theory and small boat handling skills. The program also offers classes for more experienced junior sailors. On-water instruction is conducted in IOD 95 Optimist Dinghies, and Club 420s. Optimists are sailed/raced by sailors up to age 16. The Club 420s are used for the Optimist graduates and older students and are used in Team Racing events.

### Program Schedule

The program runs for **six (6) weeks from June 30<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>** and is divided into (2) three-week sessions. The First session runs from **June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup>** and the Second session from **July 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up for either or both of the sessions. For those families with a limited schedule or with children uncertain about sailing, the weeks of **June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **July 22<sup>nd</sup> - July 25<sup>th</sup>** are available on a limited basis for instruction.

### Enrollment

The following pages provide:

- Sailing Classes - describing the classes offered for your selection. A number of new classes have been added this year and should be reviewed by **all** parents.
- Class Schedules - These tables identify the days and times that each class is held and should be retained for future reference. *Each class meets two (2) days per week !!!!!*  
**NOTE: the schedule for the first week of classes (June 30 - July 3) differs from the schedule for the remainder of the program due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.**
- Registration Form - Complete this form for each sailor and return with your non-refundable \$25 deposit per student, per session, payable to TYC in accordance with the instructions on the bottom of the form. Full tuition payment is due 2 weeks prior to the Session date you select. Class sizes are limited and enrollment will be on a 'first come' basis. NOTE: TYC member priority registration deadline is May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**PARENTS ARE REMINDED** -ALL sailors are required to bring a properly fitted US Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Device (a.k.a. PFD or Lifejacket) with an emergency whistle attached. A swim test is generally given the first day of class.

**COME ENJOY THE FUN OF SAILING!!!!**

