

NANTUCKET COMMUNITY



SAILING NEWSLETTER

2023 Registration Update

NCS opened Summer 2023 registration on Tuesday, January 24th for Island Families; on Friday, January 27th for Returning Families; and on Wednesday, February 1st for general enrollments. We are grateful to our supporters for a very strong opening (currently 540 student-slots filled by 375 unique participants) and thank everyone for their patience as we spend time sorting classes and moving as many students as possible off of waitlists. If you are still seeking a spot in 2023 programs, **please add your name to the class waitlist** on your online account, as we see changes weekly. Please also consider **booking private lessons** through our Jetties Sailing Center software ([click on "Rentals/Book a Lesson" on our homepage](#)). Reservations for rentals (kayaks, SUPs, sailboats), as well as our Tiny Salts program will open on our Jetties Sailing Center software (linked above) on June 1st at 9am.

Nantucket-Resident students currently compose 36% of our 2023 registrations. Our mission is to give Island-resident youth the opportunity to learn to sail, thanks to the support of our generous donors. [The NCS youth scholarship program](#) encourages children to sail for more than one week so that they can develop their skills and progress through our classes. We do all we can to ensure that your child has the opportunity to get out on the water in a class they'll enjoy this summer. See you soon!



Photo Courtesy of Roger Vandenberg

NHS Sailing Team Update



The Nantucket High School Varsity Sailing Team kicks off its 2023 season this week! The team welcomes new Head Coach, Bruce Turner. New members (8th graders included) are welcome. Email Head Coach Bruce Turner for more information: bruturner@gmail.com The first home regatta is scheduled for Thursday, April 6th at 4pm. Nantucket Community Sailing supports the Nantucket High School Sailing Team by providing all of the boats and equipment.

Junior Gear Swap

New for 2023! NCS is going to have a gear swap for junior sailors! Donations of high quality, gently used sailing specific gear, (i.e., dingy tops, bibs, dinghy boots) will be available for no cost to junior sailors at our gear swap. Start thinking ahead about what sailing gear your family can no longer use but others may really want.

Where: NCS Office/Coffin School, 4 Winter Street, Nantucket

Gear Drop/Donation: June 19 and 20 (please no gear drops on the days of the swap)

Gear Swap: June 23rd from 3-5pm and June 24th from 10am - 4pm

*Please no PFDs, shoes, clothing



NYC Mid-Winter Meeting - You're Invited!

Miss sailing in the off-season? Nantucket Yacht Club will host a "mid-winter" meeting, open to Nantucket's community of adult sailors (from any organization) on May 19th and 20th at the Nantucket Yacht Club. Sailors may [sign up here](#). This will be a great opportunity to catch up with your sailing competitors (and friends), and prepare for an amazing 2023 sailing season. Schedule of events:

Friday May 19th

Welcome cocktails from 5:30pm - 7:00pm - Burgee Bar at NYC

Saturday May 20th

8:30am - Continental Breakfast at NYC

9:00am - General Session with updates on Adult & Youth Education, Racing Programs, Race Week

9:45 - Fleet Break-out Sessions and break for those now associated with a fleet

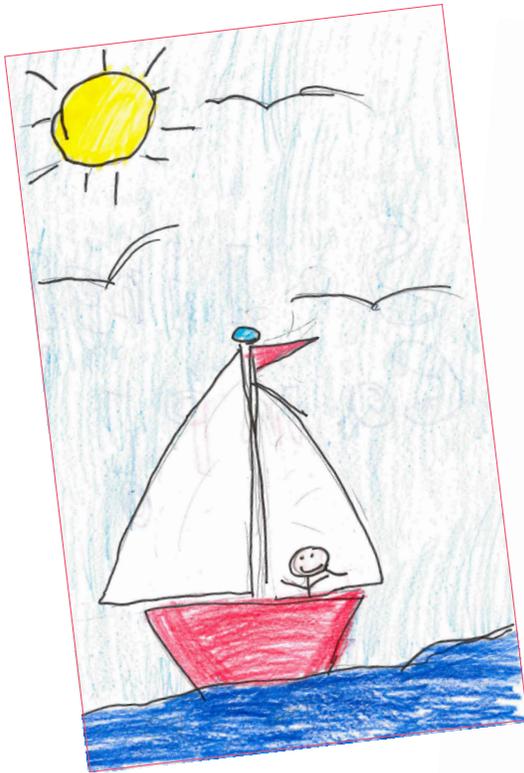
10:15 - Guest Speaker, Tucker Thompson, to discuss the past, current and future Americas Cup with a focus on the current and future boat design and technology

Cost: \$70 per person, includes programming and breakfast on Saturday

Blair, Newhouse Sailing Scholarships Awarded

Established in 2019, the Dr. Margaret H. ("Meg") Blair Sailing Scholarship honors and remembers Meg Blair, who was passionate about the water in all ways – she was an avid sailor and fisherman, and loved teaching others her passion and the feeling of empowerment that sailing a boat provides. The scholarship typically provides a 4-week sailing scholarship for two year-round Nantucket children annually, however in 2023, the scholarship was spread across three recipients. Congratulations to our 2023 recipients: Annabella Somileo, Emilia Somileo and Rory Murray.

Alan I. Newhouse was an avid Nantucket sailor and one of the founders of Nantucket Community Sailing. His passion was watching young children learn to sail in Polpis Harbor, and he often took NCS donors and friends out to Polpis for them to see the children in action. Established in 2008, the Alan I. Newhouse Scholarship is typically available to two year-round youth each year, for up to four weeks of sailing (with awards being shared amongst three students this year). Congratulations to our 2023 recipients: Finnley Seip, Sasha Noddin and Leila Noddin.



Dear Dr. Blair's Family
 Thank you for this
 great opportunity
 I love every thing of
 sailing like the gains
 and all the friends we
 made and sailing to beechis
 and capes
 I love to learn
 more. We love sailing
 so much
 Love Emilia

NCS Offers Adaptive Sailing Lessons

Please help us spread the word: NCS will once again offer Wednesday morning Adaptive Sailing Lessons for sailors with special needs, who are interested in sailing. First-time, as well as experienced sailors, ages 5 and up, alongside a caregiver, are welcome. NCS aims to accommodate both physical disabilities and intellectual disabilities, as we are able, as well as sailing specifically for individuals on the autism spectrum, and those going through physical or emotional therapy. Thanks to our donors, there will be no cost for these sails. These sails will carry on the wonderful legacy established by Paul Callahan's Nantucket's Sail to Prevail, which is now run by NCS as part of our free community outreach. Contact NCS Program Director emily@nantucketsailing.org to schedule.

Tiny Salts - Summer 2023

Attention Tiny Sailors! Join NCS for Tiny Salts, for toddlers ages 2 and 3 (and "young" 4s) this summer! On Tuesdays in July & August, from 9am - 10am (Session 1) and 10:30am - 11:30am (Session 2), we'll introduce your child to sailboats, kayaks, paddle boards, sailing and more. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver - and both the child and the caregiver should plan to get wet, as we jump in and out of boats, sing sailing songs, and learn some new sailing words! Capacity is limited to 12 students/toddlers in each session. The class will be held at our Jetties Sailing Center at Jetties Beach. The class is \$25 for one hour. Please email emily@nantucketsailing.org with questions. Enrollment will open at 9am on June 1st on our [website at this link under "Book Now."](#)



Save the Date! 2023 NRW and OHC



Nantucket Community Sailing's primary fundraiser, Nantucket Race Week, will be August 16-20, 2023 and includes a revised schedule of regattas and social events for youth and adults. The Opera House Cup will be sailed on Sunday, August 20th. Stay tuned for more information and please email francine@nantucketsailing.org if you'd like to get involved in NRW 2023!

2022/2023 Annual Appeal

Keep an eye out for our Annual Appeal mailing and [consider making a donation to NCS](#). NCS will enter its 29th sailing season in 2023, and we are very grateful to all our supporters.



**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING NCS!**

Work with Us! NCS Seeks Administrative Assistant

Nantucket Community Sailing is seeking an Administrative Assistant. This is a full-time, year-round position. If you are an individual who is a self-starter hard-working and detail oriented; and are an organized person who has excellent phone, computer and strong communication skills, then we want you! The Administrative Assistant will work closely with the in-house team as well as the NCS participants.



NCS offers vacation, sick time, a Simple IRA Retirement plan and pay commensurate with experience. All applications are confidential. Please send your resume to francine@nantucketsailing.org

Open Slots in 2023 Summer Programs

There are many slots still available in our Summer 2023 programming. [Book online today by clicking "Register Now"!](#)

Guppies PM	(7/3-7/7) (7/17-7/21) (7/31-8/4) (8/7-8/11)	Beginner
Whalers AM	(8/14-8/18)	Beginner
Whalers PM	(6/26-6/30) (7/3-7/7) (8/7-8/11) (8/14-8/18)	Beginner
Opti Green AM	(6/26-7/7) (7/10-7/21)	Intermediate
Opti Green PM	(6/26-7/7) (7/10-7/21) (7/24-8/4) (8/7-8/18)	Intermediate
Opti Blue	(6/26-7/7) (7/24-8/4)	Intermediate
420 Green	(6/26-7/7) (7/10-7/21) (7/24-8/4) (8/7-8/18)	Intermediate
420 Blue	(6/26-7/7) (7/10-7/21) (7/24-8/4) (8/7-8/18)	Intermediate
All Island Opti Race Team	(6/26-7/7) (7/10-8/18)	Racing
All Island 420 Race Team	(6/26-7/7) (7/10-8/18)	Racing
Womens Clinic	(6/27) (7/4) (7/11) (7/18) (7/25) (8/1) (8/8) (8/15)	Beginner/Intermediate
Advanced Womens Clinic	(6/26) (7/3) (7/24) (8/7) (8/14)	Racing
Toddler Private Lessons	(6/26-8/18)	All Levels
Youth Private Lessons	(6/26-8/18)	All Levels
Private Lessons	(6/26-8/18)	All Levels

Buy a Jetties Sailing Center Membership Today!

NCS will once again be using the [FareHarbor software for customers to purchase Jetties Sailing Center memberships](#). Members have open access to our kayaks, paddle boards and sail boats (with a reservation) and receive discounts on private lessons! We're looking forward to getting you out on the water this summer!



Get Your NCS and NRW Gear!

Nantucket Community Sailing and Nantucket Race Week gear is available year-round via our website and office. Get your gear: hats, shirts, jackets, rash guards, bags, sailing gear and so much more! Weekly specials will be announced so keep an eye on our social media. [Click here to view the full line of products](#) or stop by the NCS Main Office, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.