



# Bantam Lake Yacht Club

## 2018 Sailing Lesson Program

### Information Package

Welcome to the BLYC Summer Sailing Program! The Bantam Lake Yacht Club is sponsoring a junior and adult sailing program this summer to teach children and adults to learn to sail and / or race sailboats. Your sailor(s) will have a lot of fun sailing this summer. This package contains program information. We have four Kingfisher dinghies and two Optimist dinghies available for instruction for beginner and intermediate sailors, and collegiate Larks for advanced sailors.

*Junior group lessons:* Junior beginner and intermediate lessons will take place Monday-Friday afternoons:

Class A: 1:00-3:00 and Class B: 3:30-5:30.

The Following weeks: July 9<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>.

The fee for a 1-week class (5 lessons) is \$160. You may register for as many classes as you want. If, because of other commitments and travel, sailors miss a class, they may, within reason, make it up during the summer if there is room.

There will be a mandatory meeting of all junior sailors and their parents or guardians on the first day of each lesson series to introduce the juniors and parents to the club, to discuss expectations and to pass a swim test.

Lessons are rarely cancelled due to weather. If the weather is bad, there will be indoor discussions on sailing theory, weather, knots, racing strategy or other relevant material.

*Adult and private lessons:* private adult and junior lessons are available. They cost \$50 per hour and are scheduled directly with the instructor. If there is enough interest we may schedule a group lesson for adults.

*Prerequisites:* Children and adults need to be able to stay afloat, swimming on their own for 10 minutes, to be able to participate. Adults must bring their own, and each child **must** own and wear his or her own personal flotation device (PFD) to be allowed to sail.

If you would like to check out the club and meet members and the instructors, Sunday afternoons are good times to visit. The club is located at #1 Yacht Club Passway, off East Shore Road in Morris, just up the hill from the town of Morris boat launch.



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Please see the program page above for dates, times and fees.

*Forms:* To be signed up to sail in the Junior Sailing Program, two forms must be completed and sent to our treasurer along with the fee made out to Bantam Lake Yacht Club:

**BLYC, c/o D. Williamson, 211 West Street, Morris, CT 06763.**

The first form is a medical/contact/emergency/release form, which every guardian needs to complete. This helps us to contact you in case of a problem and to understand if there are any special needs or concerns for any of the sailors. There is a space to indicate which session and time you wish.

The second form is our Code of Conduct. We expect every sailor to follow this code while participating at the club. By signing the form, the sailor and his/her guardian agree to follow the code while at the club. This should make the program run smoothly. Non-compliance with the code of conduct will result in the sailor being expelled from the program, will be at the discretion of the instructors or sailing program director and will be final.

Your child will be allowed to sail once the forms are completed and the fee is paid. We cannot have any exceptions to this as it puts the club and the instructors at risk. Your child **must** have a PFD on at all times while on the docks and sailing, again, without exception.

*Club membership:* If you wish you may join the club as a family. Members get a discount of 10% on lessons and can use the club during the season. Club membership is \$400/year plus a one-time initiation fee of \$50. You will be able to sail either your own boat, which you can store on the club grounds, or one of the club's Sunfishes or Kingfisher dinghies, after you are cleared to sail on your own by the instructors. There are picnic tables and a barbecue grill. The clubhouse and its lawn, facilities, restrooms and kitchen are available from May through October.

For more information about the club, contact the secretary at [BLYCsec@gmail.com](mailto:BLYCsec@gmail.com)