

## Welcome to PSA Junior Sail 2021!

Junior Sail 2021 is fast approaching. Our dates are June 21-25. After missing the 2020 season due to the Pandemic, the Junior Sail Committee is committed to bringing back as many 2019 instructors and leaders as possible. Hopefully, we will see many familiar faces in the boats and around the clubhouse.

### **COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:**

Unless the Pandemic is in full retreat by the end of June, Junior Sail Week will be limited to 40 children, divided into 4 “cohorts” (small groups), during Junior Sail Week. To remain “COVID careful”, children will remain within with their groups and instructors for most program activities, including lunches, bathroom use, etc. As always, groups will be divided by skill level (beginner, novice, intermediate, and advanced).

Masks will be required in the clubhouse and grounds. Clubhouse areas will be sanitized several times daily. Everyone over age 16 is *strongly encouraged* to obtain a COVID vaccine prior to the week, for their own safety and for those participating who are unable to do so. Organized after hours social events are canceled to limit interactions, though families staying on their boats will be able to use the clubhouse per standard PSA COVID guidelines. We will have the JS Olympics and cookout on the last day--socially distanced, of course.

*IMPORTANT: We must comply with State/County COVID guidelines for outdoor day camps, which is one reason why we have divided the sailors into separate groups. If the County/State mandates even fewer people can safely gather outdoors, all applications postmarked before April 30<sup>th</sup> will be prioritized as follows: Member's children, Member's grandchildren, Member's nieces/nephews, Member's friends, Non-members. **Applications postmarked after April 30<sup>th</sup> will be accepted on a space available basis only.***

### **APPLICATION:**

The 2021 application packet is attached to the Patter email and will also be available on our website at [psasailing.org](https://psasailing.org). Please take the time to carefully review and sign the *Code of Conduct* with your child(ren). An understanding and commitment to these standards is critical to the safe and successful operation of our program. Our goal is to run a program that is not only fun, but also engaging and educational. We need everyone's commitment to make this a success!

### **VOLUNTEER! YOU REALLY DO MAKE THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE!**

Please read the Junior Sail Volunteer Form carefully and fill out accordingly. As you know, our program is run completely by volunteers—parents, grandparents, PSA members, YOU! The traditional expectation is that families donate at least 2 days of volunteer time for each child enrolled in Junior Sail Week, either before or during Junior Sail Week. If you are unable to get away from work during the week, you can plan to attend 2-3 June Saturday prep days prior to Junior Sail. As you will see, our application fees are on a sliding scale, based upon how much time and effort you contribute to the Junior Sail Week.

### **VOLUNTEER JUNIOR INSTRUCTORS**

Did your teenager “age out” during the Pandemic, but still wants to be involved? We would welcome them back as volunteer Junior Instructors—on the water or for support dockside!

Please have them fill out the application and liability form and indicate what capacity they would like to serve.

Please print and complete your application(s) and mail with payment no later than April 30. We need to finalize our participant list in a timely manner to plan the week's activities and coordinate our volunteer schedule. Mail your application and check to:

Jennifer Bolster  
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We hope to see you all in June!

Thanks,

Jennifer Bolster, Julie Butler, Scott and Cristin Wise