



# 2008 Buffalo Yacht Club Summer Programs

## **BUFFALO YACHT CLUB JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT**

To encourage young people to have a lifelong involvement in sailing and the sailing community by:

- Promoting seamanship, sportsmanship and small boat sailing skills from Learn to Sail fundamentals through Competitive Racing opportunities.
- Offering a safe, educational and engaging sailing program.
- Providing an enjoyable experience that promotes camaraderie, strong friendships and an enduring interest in sailing.
- Actively involving youth in the sailing traditions of the Buffalo Yacht Club.

**SWIMMING INSTRUCTION:** The ability to swim is a necessity for all children who spend time near any form of water. This is an eight week Saturday morning program taught by a YMCA certified instructor. Each class is approximately 45 minutes. Class sizes are limited to allow for individualized attention. Beginner (9:30 – 10:30 am); Intermediate/Advanced (10:30 – 11:30 am).

**INTRODUCTION TO SAILING:** This is a six week Saturday morning program for 7 to 10 year old students who want to get acquainted with sailing small boats. This is the perfect way for your child to develop an interest in the sport and fun of sailing! Classes run from 9:30am to noon.

**BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE SAILING:** This program allows the beginner and intermediate student (ages 8 and up) an opportunity to develop sailing fundamentals, seamanship and safety skills in a fun and enjoyable environment on and off the water. Boats used will be Optimist Prams and Nutshells. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm for two 4 week sessions.

**ADVANCED SAILING:** This program is for the child who wants and is ready for a more significant sailing challenge. It is designed for children ages 10 and up who are able to demonstrate a solid understanding of and aptitude for small boat handling under all conditions. While not specifically for the serious racer, racing skills and tactics will be the focus of this group as a means of developing more advanced proficiency. This group will sail separately with their own coaching staff. Participants are encouraged to bring their own Optimists, Lasers or Laser Radials, and will also sail in the club's 420's. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm for two 4 week sessions.

**BYC JR. SAILING RACING TEAM:** This team will be comprised of students in the advanced/racing program, subject to acceptance of your application by the Jr. Sailing committee. Racing team members will commit to participating in racing activity outside the class time, including interclub races during the week, Tuesday night Laser racing and Wednesday night Optimist racing in Abino Bay, and two or three weekend regattas. All fees associated with attending and participating in regattas, including regatta entry fees, additional instruction, transportation fees, etc., will be split between all students attending the regatta. Parents are expected to assist at various times during the summer when preparing for and traveling to regattas. This is the perfect place for the child who is ready to hit the regatta circuit!

**AFTER HOURS CARE:** Back for 2008, the BYC is offering supervised care of junior sailing participants beyond normal class hours. For those parents who may find it difficult to pick up their children at 3:00 or 4:00 PM, a class instructor will be available until 5:30 PM each class day for on-shore supervision.

## **PROGRAM DATES:**

Session One:	June 30 <sup>th</sup> to July 25 <sup>th</sup> (No class July 4 <sup>th</sup> )
Session Two:	July 28 <sup>th</sup> to Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Introduction (Saturdays Only):	July 12 <sup>th</sup> to Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>
Swimming (Saturdays Only):	July 12 <sup>th</sup> to Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>
Racing Team Regatta Schedule:	(will be issued separately)

**ENROLL EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

## **OTHER NOTES:**

- All Classes Are Held at The Buffalo Yacht Club Point Abino Station
- Pre-registration and Pre-payment is required!
- Fees are billed in US funds. GST is added to all fees.
- Participating families are encouraged to create car-pooling groups.
- The Student/Instructor Ratio is Structured to Allow Individual Attention
- Participants are Eligible to Seek Canadian Yacht Association Levels of Certification.
- Past participants will be given priority for enrollment if form and payment is received by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Special arrangements, within reason, may be possible – contact the BYC with your request.
- All students will receive a BYC Junior Sailing t-shirt.
- Students are expected to have their own Coast Guard approved life jacket for use in the program