



Confidence



Responsibility



**PLEON**  
YACHT CLUB

Independence



2017  
Brochure

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: FRANK PIZZO  
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Sportsmanship



Teamwork

## **PLEON'S MISSION**

*Pleon is a unique club which emphasizes confidence, independence and responsibility through junior sailing. Since the Club's founding in 1887, Pleon's flag officers and members have been youngsters under the age of 21. The purpose of the Pleon Sailing Program is to involve as many young people as possible in the sport of sailing in a fun, educational atmosphere. The program supports both serious competitors and recreational sailors of all skill levels, and is focused on building sailing skills while also promoting sportsmanship, fostering teamwork and strengthening respect for oneself and others.*

*Pleon owns a fleet of club boats which are available for the club's members to use including: 28 Optimist Dinghies (Optis), 5 Lasers, 3 Sonars and 24 Club 420's.*

## **PLEON YACHT CLUB AND THE 2017 SUMMER SAILING PROGRAM**

The 2017 Pleon Sailing Program will begin Monday, June 21 and end Wednesday, August 18. The primary emphasis of the program is learning the sport of sailing and developing life skills through experience on the water. Pleon also provides members with a variety of additional summertime activities. Social events include cookouts, movie nights, Great Day, the Commodore's Ball and Awards Night. Elections for flag officers are held in August for the following summer. Pleon often hosts regattas including regional, national and international class championships. Commodore Chloe Brown will be on hand each day during the summer to answer any questions regarding club and social activities.

## **LEARN TO SAIL CLASSES**



Click to learn more about each class:

[Intro to Pleon](#)

[Beginner Opti](#)

[Intermediate Opti](#)

[Opti 1](#)

Pleon has several learn to sail classes in the Optis, a small single-handed sailing dinghy. Optis are sailed worldwide and are currently the largest youth racing class. Pleon maintains a strong emphasis on fun sailing and camp-style sailing related games throughout these classes while teaching sailors rigging, boat handling, points of sail, safety and seamanship. Sailors typically start in the Intro to Pleon or Beginner Opti class and progress into the more advanced classes each summer. Once sailors reach Opti 1 they are introduced to basic racing concepts while learning more advanced sailing skills and enjoying a fun Pleon camp experience. Sailors generally complete the Learn to Sail classes through Opti 1 before moving to a racing program in either Optis, Lasers, or 420's; or one of the recreational Keelboat classes.

## **OPTI RACING CLASSES**



Click to learn more about each class:

[Opti 2](#)

[Opti Race Team](#)

Optimist racing classes are for older sailors who have completed Opti 1 and want to focus on more advanced boat handling and racing techniques. These classes have a focus on racing, and sailors will attend local, regional and national regattas together as they progress.



## 420 CLASSES



Click to learn more about each class:

[420 1](#)

[420 2](#)

[420 Development](#)

[420 Race Team](#)

These classes are for sailors 12 years and older who have successfully completed Opti 1, have a solid understanding of sailing and want to improve their racing or sailing skills in the 420. The Club 420 is a double-handed dinghy that is competitively raced and is the foundation of many high school and college sailing programs.

## LASER CLASSES



Click to learn more about each class:

[Laser 1](#)

[Laser 2](#)

[Laser Race Team](#)

These classes are for sailors 12 or older who have successfully completed Optimist 1, have a solid understanding of sailing and want to learn to race or improve their racing skills in the Laser 4.7, Radial or Full Rig. Smaller sailors (under approximately 115 pounds) should plan to start in the 4.7 rig. The Laser is a single-handed dinghy that is raced competitively worldwide.

## KEELBOAT CLASSES



Click to learn more about each class:

[Keelboat 1](#)

[Keelboat 2](#)

These classes are for sailors who have completed the Opti 1 class or equivalent. Sailors ages 12 and up who are new to sailing may also be accommodated in this class. These classes will emphasize a non-competitive approach to sailing & seamanship. Instruction is primarily in Sonars, with one day a week devoted to recreational dinghy sailing. Sonars are 23-foot keelboats that accommodate three to five sailors. They provide a good stable platform for learning sailing skills, beginning spinnaker work, and functioning as a sailing team. These are foundational skills that will transition with sailors to more demanding keelboat activities and/or the higher performance dinghy world of 420's and Lasers.

## **REGISTRATION**

**Registration is ONLINE ONLY, through our website:** [www.pleon.org](http://www.pleon.org) . Class sizes are limited, and in recent years most of our classes have been fully booked. We STRONGLY recommend that you register early, and for both sessions, if applicable, to avoid disappointment. When registering online, you will need a credit card, your child's health insurance information and emergency contact information.

**Early registration will run from February 27 through March 10, 2017. Registrations will be filled on a first come, first serve basis with priority given to returning sailors who were enrolled in the 2016 program, followed by siblings of returning 2016 Pleon sailors.** If you are applying for financial aid you must submit your application by **March 10**. Cancellations or requests to change to a different class will be accepted during early registration. **An early bird discount of \$50 (single session) or \$100 (full season) will apply for all sailors registering by March 10, provided full payment is received at the time of registration.**

**Late registration will start on March 11.** Applications, as well as requests to move to another class, received on or after March 11 will be considered in the order received, based on eligibility, space available and instructor recommendations. Please note that there are no refunds for withdrawal from the program or for moving to less expensive class after March 10.

In some cases, the requested class may be full, and you will be prompted to place your child on the wait list. This wait list was created to facilitate registration, should a place become available. Please be assured that we do our best to accommodate all registrants in an appropriate class.

**Confirmation information will be provided by May 15,** generally via email. In some cases we may recommend moving your child to a different class, in which case we will contact you as soon as possible. Final class placement is subject to review based on the best interests of individuals and the class as a whole. An incremental payment or refund may apply in this situation.

**If you have questions about the program or your child's class placement, please contact Executive Director Frank Pizzo at [frank.pizzo@pleon.org](mailto:frank.pizzo@pleon.org).**

**Financial Aid:** A limited amount of financial aid is available for program fees only. Aid will be limited to families who can demonstrate financial need. Please send a written request and explanation of need to Chris LaChance, Treasurer, Pleon Junior Sailing Program, PO Box 160, Marblehead, MA 01945. The deadline for requests is March 10, 2017.

**Refunds and Discounts:** Fees will not be prorated or refunded for partial attendance, for cancellations after March 10, or for changes requested after March 10 to a less expensive class, including switching from full season to a single session. Pleon does not offer a discount for families with multiple children in the program, and cannot accommodate requests for refunds.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

The Pleon season will begin Wednesday, June 21 and end Friday, August 18. Classes will not be held on July 4, or July 24 - 28 due to Marblehead Junior Race Week and the NOOD Regatta. A **mandatory** parent information meeting will be held at the start of the season – the date will be announced with class confirmations. A summer calendar, regatta schedules and program events will be available at that time, and you will have a chance to meet your child's instructors, the Executive Director, and officers of the club.

## **SNOW DAY POLICY**

In the event of snow cancellations, the Pleon schedule will be modified to run in the afternoons and evenings for each day that Marblehead Public Schools are in school. Morning classes will run from 3:00PM - 5:30PM and afternoon classes will run from 5:30PM - 8:00PM.

## **SAFETY**

**Swim Test:** On the first day of class, all sailors will be required to take a swim test in the harbor. All participants in the program will swim in a swimsuit for 50 yards and tread water for one minute. Remember to bring a towel and warm clothes to the first class.

**Life Jackets:** Safety is of primary importance! Every child is required to own and wear a Coast Guard-approved life vest at all times when on the dock and water. This rule also applies to free sailing at Pleon and to participants at away events.

**Conduct and Discipline:** Proper conduct is simple common sense. There should be no rough play on the dock or on Pleon grounds. Jumping off piers is STRICTLY forbidden. Respect for fellow members and boats is essential. When juniors are sailing at away events, they are representing Pleon, and poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Sailors and their families will be held accountable for lost or damaged equipment if it is deemed by staff to be reasonably preventable given the sailor's ability level. If discipline is necessary, the Executive Director reserves the right to require a student to leave the program for a certain period of time. The student's parents will be notified immediately. Please refer to the Parent Agreement.

### ***INSTRUCTOR STAFF***

Our high caliber staff is chosen from all over the globe. They have impressive resumes from the collegiate ranks and beyond. Each instructor is US Sailing certified (or equivalent) and trained in CPR.

### ***INSTRUCTOR HOUSING***

Would you or someone you know be willing to house an instructor for the summer? A stipend is provided. If interested, please contact Meredith Tedford ([Meredith.tedford@gmail.com](mailto:Meredith.tedford@gmail.com) or 617-852-9015).

### ***COMMUNICATION***

During the program, a weekly newsletter will be distributed via email. Please make sure we have your email address on file in order to stay informed about upcoming events. Pleon also maintains a website: [www.pleon.org](http://www.pleon.org). Please visit the site for information throughout the summer, and to sign up to receive email updates.

### ***PRIVATE BOATS and CLUB BOATS***

Private boat ownership is strongly encouraged. A discount is available to those bringing their own boat.

Registration in certain classes may be limited by the number of club boats available for use. Priority will be given to those registering by March 10 for the full season, and thereafter in the order the application is received. Once all club boats have been assigned, space in the class may be available only for those who have their own boat.

Arrangements can be made to use a club boat for a regatta, subject to availability. A check-out fee will be charged. Contact the Executive Director to make arrangements. Please note that in order to encourage all sailors, boats will be made available to any Pleon sailors looking to compete.

### ***REGATTA PARTICIPATION***

**Parental Support:** Parental support is essential for all sailors participating in regattas. Responsibilities include registering for regattas, chaperoning at away events, providing transport for children, dinghies and coach boats, loading and unloading boats, supplying snacks and drinks, and providing accommodation for coaches while traveling. There will be a mandatory Parent's Meeting for each Race Team early in the season, at which time the regatta schedule and parental coverage will be discussed. If you have questions, please contact a member of the program committee. Please consult our website for more information on what to expect at regattas, events we expect to attend, and expectations for parent participation. Race team parent coordinators will contact you at the beginning of the season.

**2017 PROGRAM FEES**

<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Full Season (June 21 – August 18)</b>	<b>Session 1 (June 21 – July 21)</b>	<b>Session 2 (July 31 – August 18)</b>	<b>Intro to Pleon (July 31 – August 11)</b>
Intro to Pleon				\$350
Beginner Opti	\$1,450	\$1,240		
Intermediate Opti	\$1,450	\$1,240		
Opti 1	\$1,570			
Opti 2	\$1,680			
Opti Race Team	\$1,960			
Laser 1	\$1,570	\$1,240		
Laser 2	\$1,680			
Laser Race Team	\$1,960			
420 1	\$1,570	\$1,240		
420 2	\$1,680			
420 Development	\$1,960			
420 Race Team	\$1,960			
Keelboat 1	\$1,570	\$1,240	\$1,000	
Keelboat 2	\$1,570	\$1,240	\$1,000	
Membership Fee (applies to all sailors)	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Early Bird Discount for Registration by March 10	(\$100)	(\$50)	(\$50)	
Opti/Laser Boat Ownership Discount	(\$150)	(\$75)	(\$75)	
420 Boat ownership Discount (Applies once per boat)	(\$400)	(\$200)	(\$200)	