

NANTUCKET COMMUNITY



SAILING NEWSLETTER

2016 Registration is OPEN!

Please visit our website to view the [schedule](#) of programs and [detailed descriptions](#) of each program. For placement assistance, please call the NCS Main Office (508-228-6600, M-F, 9am-5pm EST).

***Membership Note:** NCS requires that all program participants purchase an NCS membership. To learn more about NCS memberships, visit our [website](#).

***Island Families:** Please submit your [scholarship applications](#) ASAP! We hope to award \$90k in scholarships to island students this year and will be making decisions in the next week. **Race Team Scholarships** are also available (to island and non-island families): 25% discount after the second week of sailing.

***NCS Programs** will open on Monday, June 27th and run through Friday, August 26th. The Jetties Sailing Center will open on Saturday, June 25th and close on Wednesday, August 31st.

Islander Early Bird Registration Update

NCS opened 40% of its program slots for Islander Early Bird Registration program on January 25th (we normally have 30% islander registrations) and was pleased to see over 300 enrollments from Nantucket families during the week, filling most of the designated spots. Our goal is to give island children the opportunity to learn to sail, and offer them as much scholarship funding as we can afford, based on the support from our generous donors. Last year, NCS expanded its youth scholarship program to encourage children to sail for more than one week so that they could progress in their skills. In 2015, NCS provided \$84K in free sailing scholarships and another \$45K in free sailing to children and adults from local community groups such as the Boys & Girls Club, STAR, PASCON, and the Saltmarsh Senior Center.

On February 1st, NCS opens all program enrollment slots for everyone. This is an opportunity for Island families, who missed out during early registration, as well as for our seasonal families, to enroll in the classes of their choice. Please note that we are constantly monitoring waitlists and do all we can to ensure that your child has the opportunity to get out on the water this summer! See you in a few short months!



Speaking of sailing, we absolutely love it when our summer sailors have the opportunity to enjoy winter sailing. Tiernan Burns, Opti Blue sailor, has been charging in his Opti out at the California Yacht Club. Go T! Can't wait to see you this summer!

NCS Instructor-in-Training Program

NEW! Intended for our 14 and 15 year old sailors who have participated in a minimum of 420 Blue (or are on the 420 red team), the Volunteer Instructor-in-Training Program provides sailors with the opportunity to try out instructing at our Polpis or Jetties sailing sites, under direct supervision and mentorship from our full-time instructors. Sailors must apply into the program, and must be accepted by the Program Director. In exchange for volunteer hours, volunteers will receive volunteer t-shirts; receive a formal letter from NCS at the end of the summer detailing their time commitment to be used for high school community service requirements; and be invited to 3 training sessions throughout the summer. Training sessions are intended to help prepare volunteers to take the [US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 Instructor course](#) (required for all NCS Instructors). Click [here](#) to learn more and find out how to apply.



NCS volunteer and instructor-in-training, Lulu Desai, gets some training last summer on driving a skiff! Watch out!

NCS Program Highlight: Keelboat Green



How cool would it be to learn to sail a 35' boat?! For students, ages 8 to 12 years, interested in experiencing sailing on a larger boat, the Keelboat Green class offers sailors the opportunity to cruise with a group of other students on our J/105, a 34.5' keelboat. Students participate in steering and trimming sails, and are introduced to the most basic concepts of sailing on a larger boat, including operating winches, navigating, and safety at sea. Sailors meet at the Children's Beach Ramp on Harbor View Way. This program operates Monday-Friday mornings from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm for nine one-week sessions, starting June 27th, 2016. [Register](#) on the NCS website.

2016 Summer Employment Application Posted

The 2016 NCS seasonal employment application has been posted on our website. Hiring will begin immediately and continue on a rolling basis throughout the spring. All of our instructional positions require a US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 or 2 Instructor certification and current First Aid and CPR certifications by the start of employment. You can find our 2016 application [here](#). You can also view our ads on [Sail1Design](#) for more information. We look forward to putting together a great group of seasonal instructors again this year!



My Sail Across the Mediterranean By, Abigail Turner NCS Opti Instructor & 420 Race Team Member

This past fall, I was given the opportunity to live on Geronimo, a seventy-foot sailboat, along with seven other students from St. Georges School in Newport, RI. Over the course of seven weeks we traveled from Barcelona, Spain to Athens, Greece. On the way, we stopped along the coast of Italy and other small islands. One of my favorite places was Ponza, a small island located off the coast of mainland Italy. We anchored in a small harbor where fishermen passed by and where we were able to explore small caves in the walls of the mountains protecting the harbor. The best part of living on a boat



was

not being able to see land, giving you a perfect sunrise and a perfect sunset. The end of the trip gave each student the chance to be a junior watch officer. A position that required you to be completely in charge of the boat including, knowing the final destination, how to get there, how to properly trim the sails, and knowing the correct course that the skipper should be steering. Overall, this trip was a great learning experience; it gave me a better understanding of sailing and what it is like to live on a boat.



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