

Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation, Inc. Junior Sailing Parent-Student Handbook

Welcome to the 2008 season of the Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation's Junior Sailing Program! We have put together this handbook in order to help both parents and sailors participating in the program understand what to expect, what to bring, where to be, and when to be there.

Whether you're new to the program, or are a returnee, we hope this will help to clarify a few issues, and answer some questions about the program. Ultimately, we hope that it will help you to make the most of the opportunities that the sailing program has to offer.

The Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation. The Foundation works in a partnership with the Bellport Bay Yacht Club. It is our hope that this organization will be able to help with the overall management of the sailing program, and will ultimately increase the strength of the program. In turn, a stronger program will increase participation in sailing on the bay and help to foster a love of and enthusiasm for sailing by as many community members as possible.

Thank-You for joining us!

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Sailor's Ethics / Code of Conduct

- 1. Be cooperative, supportive, and respectful of other people and their property at all times.**
- 2. Participate 100% in daily activities.**
- 3. Understand and obey the sailing "Rules of the Road."**
- 4. Be gracious in success or failure, victory or defeat.**
- 5. Remember that your actions, both on and off the water, reflect upon you and the BBSF program.**

Program Goals

The primary goals of the Junior Sailing Program are to:

- 1) Instill in the students an interest and appreciation for the sport of sailing.
- 2) Develop sportsmanship, self reliance, integrity, self-esteem, camaraderie, and interpersonal skills through support and encouragement.
- 3) Learn and incorporate good safety and seamanship.
- 4) Develop new skills in boat handling and sailing for those who wish to race and those who do not.
- 5) Instill a responsibility for the boats and equipment.
- 6) Create a fun atmosphere in which the student wants to participate.

Overview of Youth Sailing Classes

Our sailing classes are conducted at different levels, starting with Beginner Levels and continuing through Advanced Sailing/Racing. In addition, we are offering a full array of classes in our Optimist Program, as well as an Opti Racing Team and Laser/420 Race instruction. The following class descriptions offer a general overview of each class. They are listed as a general guide, and students will be placed in classes most suitable to their experience, skill level, and age.

BEGINNER CLASS

This class level is designed as an introduction to sailing. Students will learn the parts of the boat, basic seamanship skills, such as knot tying, wind direction, points of sail, boat care, and water safety. Classes are conducted both on the water and in the classroom. On the water instruction is conducted in CC Mercuries, with several students in a boat. There will be one instructor on each boat with students at all times. Another instructor will accompany the class in a "safety boat" (power boat).

Our goal is familiarize students with sailing and have them feel comfortable and confident on the boats, as well as having enough fun to make them eager to continue the sport.

Classes are held in the early morning, when the wind is generally the lightest, and the bay is relatively calm.

The year following completion of the beginner class, sailors have a choice to continue in the Mercury sailboats in the Advanced Beginner Class or move into the Single-Handed Opti-ette Class described below.

ADVANCED BEGINNER

This class level is designed for students who have some previous sailing experience or have completed the Beginner class level. Again, classes are held in Club Mercuries and in the classroom. At some time during the season, students may also be introduced to Optimists.

This class is designed to further develop all the basic sailing skills, while increasing the sailor's confidence on the water. Basic sailing concepts will be improved upon, including all points of sail, as well as simple right-of-way rules, rigging and de-rigging the boats, as well as learning to skipper (steer) and crew (handle the sails) the boat.

Classes are held in the morning, and instructors are aboard with students at all times, including, of course, in "safety boats." The year following completion of the Advanced Beginner Class, sailors have a choice to continue in the Mercury sailboats in the Intermediate Class, move into the Opti-ette Class, or – depending upon their age, into the Double Handed 420's or Single Handed Lasers.

INTERMEDIATE

Students in this class level are working toward perfecting their boat handling skills and seamanship. Since on water instruction is held in both Mercuries and in an array of student owned boats, students in this class level must have attained the skills required to skipper a boat.

Sailors will increase their sailing proficiency and expand their knowledge of seamanship. Sail trim, simple tuning, heavy weather and light air sailing techniques, and boat maintenance are a few examples of topics that will be covered. Basic elements of racing competition and simple racing rules will be introduced.

Students will sail with and without instructors aboard, but students will always be under the direct supervision of instructors aboard the "safety" boats.

ADVANCED SAILING / RACING CLASSES

Racing classes are designed for students with more advanced sailing skills, and who are interested in the racing experience. Students *must* be capable of helming alone. Classes will cover all aspects of racing, including more complex rules of racing, racing tactics, go-fast rigging and tuning, etc. There will be an emphasis on good sportsmanship.

Classes will include classroom instruction and on the water in a variety of formats, including skill-drills, tactical drills, and practice races. They will be held in the afternoons to take advantage of the more consistent wind conditions. Students may use their own boats for lessons. The club fleet will also be available.

Teen Introduction to Sailing

New two-week program geared to first-time sailors ages 13 and up. Short program designed to accommodate busy teen schedules. There will be two to three students per boat with an instructor. First week emphasizes fundamentals. Second week consolidates skills by cruising and exploring the Great South Bay. Students will learn the parts of the boat, basic seamanship skills, such as knot tying, wind direction, points of sail, boat care, and water safety. Classes are conducted both on the water and in the classroom. On the water instruction is conducted in CC Mercuries.

OPTIMIST PROGRAM

The Optimist is a single-handed small dinghy raced all around the world by sailors under the age of 15. With previous sailing experience children can begin the Opti program as young as 6 years of age.

OPTI-ETTE

This is a beginner course for Optimist Sailors. The course is designed as an introduction to Optimist Sailing, and will cover rigging, launching, and basic sailing skills in the best little boat in the world! Sailors in this class will be ready for the Green Fleet by summer's end!

INTERMEDIATE OPTI

This class is designed for students ready for the Green Fleet (novice sailors in their first year of Opti racing). It is meant for those students familiar with the Optimist, and are ready to hone their skills and begin their racing careers.

INTRODUCTION TO OPTI RACING

This class goes beyond the basics to teach special boat handling and proper "go fast" rigging for racing. This class will interact and compete against the Racing Team. It is meant to be a less intense version of the Racing Team agenda.

OPTIMIST RACING TEAM

This class is offered to focused, driven Optimist sailors. It will meet 3 days a week, Tues, Wed, & Thurs, in an all day, clinic-like format. Students will also receive on-water coaching regattas. Plans will be made to attend off-bay regattas. Students are instructor selected based on "team try-outs."



420/Laser Lessons

420's and Laser are one design racing sailboats for older, more experienced sailors. Lasers are single-handed boats, 420's are double-handed. All students in the Laser class must BYOB (That's Bring Your Own **Boat**!) The Foundation has a limited number of 420's available for charter (see the boat use policy page.)



SAFETY

Safety is of prime importance to our program. Our senior instructors are Advanced Red Cross and CPR Certified. There is *always* at least one "safety boat" (power boat) in operation that accompanies each class on the water, with radio communication to land. In addition, Bellport EMS has an emergency response plan with the BBYC during the sailing season. The medical forms that are part of registration, with emergency contact numbers are kept on file at the club, should an emergency situation arise. The following basic safety rules **MUST** be followed:

- 1- **WATER SAFETY CHECK**- All students, regardless of age or number of years in the program, are *required* to take a swim test. This test will be conducted on the first day of class, with life jackets on. (The exact location of the test will be announced)
- 2- **LIFE JACKETS (PFDs)**- Every sailor *must* provide and properly wear a US Coast Guard Approved PFD (Personal Flotation Device/ Life Jacket) at all times while on the water and the dock. In addition, we recommend that a whistle should be attached to the PFD.
- 3- **SHOES**- All sailors are required to wear some type of foot protection, preferably non-skid. This is important not only to provide more stable footing while sailing, but because, unfortunately the beach area has a lot of glass and sharp objects in the water, and splinters are a big problem on the docks.
- 4- **ALSO RECOMMENDED**: Sun protection! It's a good idea to apply sunscreen before you leave home so that it is not forgotten. The sun is exceptionally strong on the water, even on overcast days. We also recommend sunglasses and hats. A water bottle for drinking is also a good idea, especially for the longer classes. Students in "all-day" classes should bring their own lunches and snacks.
- 5- **Medical Forms**- It is very important that the brief medical form included with your registration materials, be filled out. If you do not remember doing so, please contact the senior instructors. They will provide you with one to complete. It is our policy to notify parents first should an emergency situation arise. With that in mind, please provide an *alternate person* that we can contact in the event that we are unable to contact a parent.

BASIC GUIDE LINES AND INFORMATION

It is important that both sailors and parents read and review this information

- 1- **PLEASE BE ON TIME**- Classes start promptly at their designated times. *Please* arrive on time! Sailors in racing classes should arrive early enough so that their boat is rigged and ready to launch *when the class starts*. Students will return to the club at the end of each

lesson, and will be dismissed from the clubhouse. We anticipate that this will answer the need for a safer departure for each student, as the dock area does get congested at times. Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly when their class has ended. Classes are scheduled back-to-back, and a delay in pick-up for one group, means a delay in the start for the next. This is unfair to the kids, and to the instructors.

- 2- **ATTENDANCE-** Attendance is taken daily. Of course, being at every class is not mandatory (this isn't school! ☺) If you know in advance that you will not be at a class, please let your instructor know. If you can't let them know in person, please call the club (286-3226) and leave a message.
- 3- **RAIN OR SHINE-** Classes meet regardless of weather. If the instructor feels that weather conditions are not suitable for on the water instruction (or dangerous), classes will be held indoors. This, however, is up to the discretion of the instructor. Some classes will sail in the rain, heavy winds, etc. Dress for it! Hopefully the weather will cooperate this year, but obviously, we cannot control Mother Nature. Unfortunately, we *cannot* offer make-up classes since the season is so short.
- 4- **BULLETIN BOARD-** There is a bulletin *board* directly to your left as you enter the clubhouse. Please check this frequently (*parents and kids!!*) This is where information regarding changes, scheduled events, races, and other information re: sailing classes will be posted. Many activities have been planned for this year. These include the ever-popular *Sail to the Beach Day* at Ho-Hum Beach and other social activities. We have tried to include the event dates on the calendar, included in this handbook. However, these dates are tentative and subject to change. We will post specific dates, times and information as soon as possible before the events.
- 5- **AWARDS DINNER-** There is an Annual Awards Dinner at the end of the season. This is a fun, casual event that all sailing students *and their families* are invited to. Sailors will receive their sailing certificates at this dinner. The time and place will be posted on our web site. The Awards Dinner is for BOTH sessions, all classes. For information on the dinner, please see the notice which will be posted at the yacht club.
- 6- **VILLAGE RULES-** Our clubhouse is owned by BBYC. The property it is located on is NOT. The dock, beach, dry-dock area, and land surrounding the clubhouse are owned by the Village of Bellport. Therefore, we must cooperate and abide by *ALL VILLAGE RULES* including (but not limited to):
 - No swimming off the dock or beach
 - No jumping off of (or throwing people off of) the docks or bulkhead
 - No skateboards in the marina area
 - No running on docks
 - No throwing of objects (rocks, debris, etc.) off of dock

We must respect Village property, as well as the clubhouse. Students will pick up their own trash. Boating gear and personal belongings cannot be left lying around on the lawn, dry dock area, or in and about the clubhouse. Students may arrive by bike. We definitely recommend locking bikes. Please do not block stairway with bikes. Bikes are *NOT* allowed in the clubhouse or on the docks at any time! Children riding in a hazardous manner around the marina will be subject to discipline (by the dock master!) **Students are under the supervision of their instructor only during their scheduled class time. It is important for parents and students to understand that if they are using the Bellport Village Marina at any other time other than their scheduled class-time, the BBSF, it's directors and employees (instructors) are NOT responsible for supervising them.**

- 7- **REFUNDS-** Cancellations requested *before* the start of the sessions will receive a full refund, minus \$50.00. No refunds will be offered once the session for which you have registered is started except for medical excuses (verified by a doctor's note), which will be given on a pro-rated basis.

8- RETURNED CHECKS- Registrants will be responsible for a \$20 service fee for any returned check.

BEHAVIOR

In addition to these rules, we have established a set of behavioral rules. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times! In order to provide a safe, rewarding *and fun* environment, these rules, as well as the previously listed safety rules, **must be followed**. Instructors are responsible for the discipline of the students, and students are expected to respect and obey them at all times. Their word is LAW!

1. **No HORSEPLAY** Sailing can be a dangerous sport and involves expensive equipment. Horseplay cannot and will not be tolerated either in the boats or on land.
2. **Students will show respect** for their peers, the instructors, and other individuals.
3. **Offensive language or actions** are not appropriate at any time.
4. **No Playing with Hoses** The hoses are provided for washing down equipment only! The water supply is the property of the Village of Bellport. If this privilege is abused, we will not be allowed to continue to use the water supply. So please, use the hose quickly and efficiently for the purposes they are provided for.
5. **Remove boats and equipment from the lawn.** Please use the lawn area quickly after washing down. We have provided a ramp for easy access to the lawn area. As soon as possible, please remove your boats and rigs from the lawn so that other people can use the area. Congestion in the dry dock area can also be a problem. Please respect the fact that we must share a relatively small area with many boats and people (including people not involved in lessons) Please do not block access to other people's boats and belongings, as well as access to the beach for launching.
6. **Students will show respect for equipment and property** Sailors are responsible for damage done to BBYC property or the property of another sailor.
7. **Consequences-** There **will** be consequences for failure to observe the rules. These will vary according to the nature of the infraction (the punishment will suit the crime), but can include loss of privileges. Disruptive sailors will be removed from class. Any verbal or physical abuse, or it a student's behavior jeopardizes his/her own safety or that of anyone else in the program will result in early dismissal from class, with a warning to both student and parent. Continued incidents will result in the student's dismissal for the remainder of the season. ***There will be NO REFUND of tuition.***

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BOAT POLICIES

BBYC owns five CC Mercuries, a Flying Scot, seven Optimist dinghies, and 3 420's as well as three powerboats. All the sailboats are one-design sailboats. The Mercury is a sloop-rigged boat designed to be sailed by 2 or more people. The Optimist is a sprit-rigged pram, 7'6", designed to be sailed by one youth, although initially our younger sailors can be doubled up until their skills and confidence is sufficient.

The use of these boats is a privilege that is not to be abused by carelessness, misuse, or neglect. Not only can abuse of a boat and its equipment be dangerous, the boats and their parts are very expensive to equip and maintain. Please understand that these boats and equipment have been purchased, built, equipped, and maintained by volunteers and contributions.

We are anticipating adding to our fleet in the near future. However, until \$ becomes available to make this a reality, we have to make do with what we have. If even one boat is out of commission due to damage or missing and broken equipment, it will seriously impact every student in our program. Therefore, rules and guidelines re: boats are very important and must be followed. They are:

- 1- Students will show respect for equipment at all times.

- 2- Putting boats and rigs away correctly is part of basic seamanship and is an important part of lessons at *every level*. Students will not be dismissed from class until every boat has been de-rigged, equipment washed, and put away. It is important for parents as well as students to understand this. If these procedures aren't carried out quickly and efficiently, it will have a negative impact on everyone. The amount of time spent on the water will be reduced, and parents will be inconvenienced when dismissal is delayed. Worst of all, the level of learning and fun will decline.
- 3- As stated before, there will be *no horseplay on boats or with equipment at anytime*. **PERIOD**
- 4- If any piece of equipment is lost or damaged by any student through misuse or negligence, the parent will be responsible for payment of repairs or replacement. (However you choose to deal with your child regarding this payment is up to you)
- 5- No students will be allowed to operate the safety (power) boats at any time.
- 6- PFD's must be worn (and zipped) at all times while on any boat.
- 7- **Student Owned Boats-** Of course, if you own your own boat, great! We encourage you to use it in lessons (and, in fact, in some classes, this is a requirement). Our instructors have the right to inspect the boat to be sure that it is safe. This is particularly true for Optimists – the boats need to comply with Class rules.

There are dry-dock spaces available, as well as space on our Opti rack and floating dock, to rent for the season to store your boat. As spaces are limited, these must be reserved early in the season. Leaving your boat at the dock facilitates use in lessons immeasurably, and it saves a lot of time and wear and tear on parents. It is advisable not to store your rigs and gear on your boat unless you have a secure place to put them. We recommend that students bring their rigs and gear home. While Bellport Village does provide 24-hour security at the marina, nothing is fail-safe. Neither the Village of Bellport, BBSF nor BBYC will be responsible for loss or damage to the personal property of sailors. Please contact Ed Laviano (286-2502), Commodore, to arrange rental of dry-dock space.

REGATTAS, (and other opportunities)

Sailors who are ready to challenge their sailing skills and add a little friendly competition are encouraged to participate in regattas. There are many benefits derived from racing. Besides the fun of the competition itself, the learning curve is generally heightened when there is a clear, identifiable short-term goal. Going to away regattas is a great experience for sailors. They get to enjoy the experience of checking out other yacht clubs, try sailing in different venues, and make a lot of new friends. Participating in these activities really enhances the sport of sailing and the social aspect increases the level of fun.

There are many opportunities to participate throughout the season in racing. BBYC hosts an evening series (The Bright-Light Series & Sundowner Series) here at the club each Wednesday evening during the summer (see BBYC website for dates and times.) This series is relaxed and a lot of fun. Even if you don't want to participate in the race, come down each week to watch, socialize, and cheer on the racers.

Another opportunity for kids to race is the GSBYRA Junior Regattas held on Fridays at the various clubs along the south shore. These races are just for sailors in the lesson program. They are run and supervised by members of the hosting club and their instructors. One or more of our instructors will be on hand at every race to coach and supervise our students. The Friday races will be utilized as an effective learning tool for our racing level classes. The location and times of the regattas are listed in the calendar. In the event there are changes, they will be posted on the bulletin board by the instructors ASAP.

As in any sport, Racing requires a large degree of commitment from both the students *and the parents*. Parents are responsible for transporting students and boats to and from the regatta. Car-pooling arrangements can sometimes be worked out with other parents. Generally, each club provides a lunch (at a nominal fee) for the sailors. Parents (and siblings) are welcome

to stay for the day to watch and enjoy the camaraderie. (Hey—there are worse places to have to hang out on a summer day to watch your kid in a sport!©)

For a little more challenge, students are also invited to participate in the weekend class racing held at member GSBYRA clubs. Check the schedule that is posted on www.gsbyra.org. The same transportation guidelines are in effect as for the Jr. Races. However, instructors are generally NOT in attendance to supervise your child. Safety becomes the responsibility of the hosting Race Committee members, and ultimately, the sailors. Sailors are encouraged to seriously consider their abilities in deciding whether to participate. Races are held in virtually all weather conditions, and are not canceled if only part of the fleet decides to sail. If conditions are too severe for certain class boats, the racing committee will make the decision to hold the race or not. However, each sailor must acknowledge their own capabilities. *A smart sailor knows when not to go out.* Again, family members are welcomed to stay for the races. There are usually lunches provided (for a fee) and generally there is some type of dinner (BBQ) on Saturday nights. (Again, there is a charge, but VERY inexpensive) Boats can be left at the hosting club for the duration of the races (Please refer to the hosting clubs directions and BBYC guidelines) *It should be noted that in order to sail in invitational regattas in the GSBYRA the sailor must be a member of a yacht club. Students and their families are welcomed –and encouraged—to join the Bellport Bay Yacht Club.*

As a member of the BBYC there are opportunities to race in various US Sailing Championship races held for different age groups. These are LADDER events, meaning that they are elimination races which entitles the winner at each level to progress to national championship races. Bellport Bay Yacht Club is a member of a larger racing association: GSBYRA (Great South Bay Yacht Association) The GSBYRA is comprised of 18 other yacht clubs situated on the south shore of L.I. In turn, the GSBYRA is part of a larger group of YRA's that make up "Area B" of the US Sailing Association. Students may either be selected by instructors based on skills and experience, and through elimination races, to represent BBYC and compete in US Sailing Championship races. If they win, they go on to compete in Area B Regional Championships, which could lead to competing in National Competition. The Championship races our club has participated in previous years are the Midget Championship, the Junior Double and Single Championship, & the Junior Championship Races. Qualification for these races is also determined by age, skill, and desire to compete. The schedule for these races is on the calendar. In addition, throughout the summer there are a number of Junior Olympic events for Lasers, 420's, and Opti's, as well as One-Design class sponsored races on local, state, and national levels. Dates and locations will be posted.

Other regattas that may be of interest can be found in One-Design Newsletters (ex. Optinews) We will try to post races that the instructors feel may be of interest on the bulletin board.

DIRECTIONS TO GSBYRA YACHT CLUBS

SAYVILLE YACHT CLUB (SYC): (363-9581) Sayville Yacht Club is actually in Blue Point.

Take Montauk Highway to Gillette Ave. in Bayport. Go south (Left turn at light) on Gillette Ave to Middle Rd. Make Left on Middle Rd to Boylan La. (2nd Right) Continue South on Boylan La almost to end. Yacht club is on left (You'll see the sign)

BABYLON YACHT CLUB (BYC): (669-9671) Babylon Yacht Club is in West Islip. Take Sunrise Hgwy West, to Deer Park Ave. South on Deer Park Ave. to Montauk Hgwy. Left on Montauk Hgwy to Eaton La. (CVS Pharmacy at corner) Make Right on Eaton and continue south to yacht club at intersection of Eaton & Sequams Rd. East.

BAY SHORE YACHT CLUB (BSYC): (224-4954) Bay Shore Yacht Club is in Brightwaters. Take Montauk Hgwy to Bayshore. Continue West through Bayshore. When you reach Brightwaters Canal, (you'll see the gazebo on your left) Make a Left on Concourse West. Continue South on Concourse to Shore Dr. Right on Shore Drive. Dead End ends at Yacht Club.

BAYBERRY YACHT CLUB (BYC): (224-4954) Bayberry Yacht Club is in Islip. Montauk Hgwy west, to Islip. Make a left (south) on Ocean Ave. (?) to end. Left on Elder Rd. (East) then Right on Beech Rd. Yacht Club is on your right. (And yes, you CAN miss it. Look for small dirt parking area. Club is very small wood building.)

WET PANTS SAILING ASSOCIATION (WPSA)- (563-1475) Wet Pants is located in Sayville. Take Montauk (or Middle Road) to Foster Ave. (Left) Continue South on Foster Ave. to End. Enter Parking area for Sayville Beach at Browns River Rd. Club will be to your Left.

POINT O'WOODS (POW YC)- Point O'Woods is on Fire Island and can be reached either by the Point O'Woods Ferry from Bayshore or by private boat. Arrangements *may sometimes* be made with the ferry to ship small boats as cargo. (Contact POW ferry *early*)

LONG ISLAND MARITIME MUSEUM- (854-4974) This is at the Long Island Maritime Museum grounds in West Sayville. Take Montauk Hgwy West to West Sayville (West Sayville Firehouse will be landmark on Left) Take West Ave. south (left turn) and continue south to Museum grounds entrance on right near end of street.

MORICHES YACHT CLUB (MYC)(878-9633) Take Montauk Highway to Center Moriches. Turn Right on Union Ave. (old Bank building on south east corner). Moriches Yacht Club is on the right at the end of Union Ave.

NARRASKETUCK YACHT CLUB (NYC) (691-9292) Take Sunrise Highway to Amityville Exit (Broadway). Go south on Broadway to Merrick Rd. Go Right on Merrick Rd. to Richmond Ave. Make a left on Richmond to Riverside Rd. Turn Right on Riverside to Central Ave. Make a left on Central Ave. Central Ave. runs inter Berger Ave. The Club is located on Berger Ave.

UNQUA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB (UCYC) (691-6570)- Take Sunrise Highway to Amityville Exit (Broadway) Go south on Broadway to Merrick Rd. Then go Right on Merrick Rd. to Richmond Ave. Make a left on Richmond. Take Richmond almost to the end. Unqua Place is a right near the end. The club is located at the end of Unqua Place.

WESTHAMPTON YACHT SQUADRON (325-8321): Take Sunrise Highway to Exit 61 – Take Eastport Manor Road south to Montauk Highway go east through Eastport and then take right fork - South Country Road to Remsenburg. Go through Remsenburg – take Shore Road (right going south). WTS is off Shore Road – New Street.

AND, OF COURSE, BELLPORT BAY YACHT CLUB (BBYC) HERE AT THE END OF BELLPORT LANE IN BELLPORT, NY.

SAILING SUPPLIES, PARTS, REPAIRS, ETC.

This section is provided in order to assist you in finding supplies your sailors may need, parts for your Opti's, 420's, Lasers, and resources for repairs (yes, boats do get damaged. Damages incurred during lessons and/while racing are not the responsibility of the BBSF, INC, BBYC, its employees (instructors), Directors, trustees, or volunteers. Unfortunately damage to equipment is like any other rigorous sport...it goes with the territory) the list that follows is not meant as an endorsement to any business. We merely provide at as a quick reference to locally available resources.

- Bellpat Marine Corp- 286-8368- 1260 Montauk Hgwy., E. Patchogue
- Colie Performance Sailing 1-800-481-4349 1649 Bay Ave. Pt. Pleasant J.J. 08742 (not local, but a good source for parts and gear, mail-order (quick, too!)
- Dinghy Shop 631-264-0005 e-mail www.dinghyshop.com 334 S. Bayview Ave. Amityville, NY (parts, boats, gear, repairs)
- Sailaction Inc. 631-283-8373 1686 CR 39 (North Hwy-Rte27) Southampton, NY 11968
- Weeks Yacht Yard- 475-1675 10 Riverview Ct., Patchogue, NY (repairs)
- Westin's Boat Shop 589-1526 69 River Rd. Sayville, NY (repairs)

CLASS ASSOCIATIONS WEBSITES:

- US Sailing Association- www.ussailing.org

- US Optimist Dinghy Association- www.usoda.org
- Club 420 Association- www.club420.org
- Laser Class- www.laser.org.
- Sunfish Class- www.sunfishclass.org
- Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association (GSBYRA) www.gsbyra.org. The schedule information for Bay events is posted.



We hope this book has been of some help. Obviously, we haven't covered everything. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask (hopefully we'll have the answer, or at least direct you to somebody that does.) We're looking forward to a great summer!

And to all of you.....Smooth Sailing!!!