

## **Boat Use Policy**

The Bellport Bay Sailing Foundation has the following boats that are used in our sailing program.

- Safety Boats - Four
  - Two 16 foot Carolina Skiffs
  - Two 16 foot Boston Whalers
- Cape Cod Mercury Sailboats – Five
- Optimists - Seven
  - Three wood and four fiberglass
- C 420s - Three
- Flying Scot

We believe that having some BBSF owned boats facilitates teaching sailing by giving the opportunity to experience sailing before making a large financial commitment. However, we also know that private ownership of boats is the most desirable way for adults and children to participate actively in this sport. Children and adults who develop a strong interest in sailing are encouraged to own their own boats and they should feel free to discuss options with instructors and others who have experience.

There are no usage fees for a using the Cape Cod Mercury boats. Students who do not own a boat may use the BBSF Optimists and C420s during lessons for an additional fee of \$250. There are a limited number of boats available. The boats are assigned to students - first come, first served, based on the postmark of the completed registration.

As part of our program we teach all students to care for boats and to respect them as if they were their own (better than a family member).