

Pine Beach Yacht Club

Junior Sailing Program

June 22 - August 13, 2026



PINE BEACH YACHT CLUB
JR. SAILING



2025 PBYC Jr. Sailing Program Sailors

2026 Schedule

Official Start of Jr. Sailing
June 22, 2026

Last Day of Sailing
August 13, 2026

River Rats: Mon & Wed, 9 AM - 12 PM

Pre-Opti: Tue & Thu, 9 AM - 12 PM

Opti C: Mon - Thu, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Opti A/Opti B/Sunfish/Laser:
Mon - Thu, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Half-day)

Opti A/Opti B/Opti C*/Sunfish/Laser:
Mon - Thu, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM (Full day)

About Pine Beach Yacht Club Junior Sailing

The Pine Beach Yacht Club (PBYC) Jr. Sailing Program began in the summer of 1975 with 16 sailors and Terry Kempton as our first Head Instructor. Our mission is to introduce our youth to sailing in a safe, fun, structured, and accessible environment. While learning how to sail, our students gain important life skills such as respect, leadership, real-time problem-solving, teamwork, sportsmanship, and responsibility/care for their equipment. Learning to sail has also been shown to boost confidence and self-esteem as well as improve focus and concentration.

Since the inception of our program, some of our jr.sailors have gone on to join their high school sailing team, become elite athletes, coaches, and instructors. Others have pursued careers inspired by their love of sailing such as joining the U.S. Coast Guard, becoming maritime lawyers, marine biologist, and engineers.

The PBYC Jr. Sailing Program caters to all skill levels in age groups ranging from

6 to 17. Our program is open to anyone interested in learning how to sail and is not limited to PBYC members. We blend classroom training, on the water practice and drills, and debriefs provided by qualified instructors and coaches. While our program is focused on recreational sailing, we encourage our sailors to participate in local regattas (racing). We collaborate with other yacht clubs on the Toms River to introduce our sailors to racing and hone their racing skills in preparation for these regattas.

Our Sailing Program

Our Jr. Sailing Program is organized into four main groups and one new group:

River Rats (Ages 6-7)

This half-day, land-based program is for our youngest/novice sailors who are just learning their way around their boats and the basics of sailing. They will have an opportunity to be on an Opti with an experienced sailor to get a feeling of being on a boat.

Pre-Opti (Ages 7-8)

Our sailors are introduced into the water with their boats where they will learn how to rig their boats, sailing fundamentals, and get them into the water to sail their boats.

Opti (Ages 8+)

Our Opti group is separated into three fleet levels (Opti C, B, and A). Opti C is our "beginner" program where sailors will focus on sailing fundamentals, concentrate on sailing as a recreational activity, and gain some basic racing knowledge. Opti B and A are for our seasoned and advanced sailors. Sailors will develop and strengthen their racing tactics and be introduced into the next fleet of boats - Sunfish and Laser.

Sunfish and Laser

These are the next class of boats our young sailors will learn to handle. These boats are used in high school, collegiate, and elite sailing programs.

FJ Fleet - NEW

Interested in double-handed sailing? Have a middle schooler who would like to learn how to sail? Any seasoned high school sailor who would like to get more sailing time on the

2026 Rates (as of Jan 01)

River Rats: \$432 (member)/\$540 (non-member)

Pre-Opti: \$509 (member)/\$785 (non-member)

Opti C: \$916 (member)/\$1775 (non-member)

Opti A/Opti B/Laser/Sunfish - Half Day:
\$916 (member)/\$1775 (non-member)

Opti A, B & C*/Laser/Sunfish - Full Day:
\$1133 (member)/ \$2090 (non-member)

FJ Fleet - Half Day: Please contact for pricing

FJ? We have three (3) FJs that are waiting to be sailed!

Additional Information

Rentals

We offer a limited number of rentals for those without a boat. The cost is \$400 for an Opti and \$500 for a Sunfish or Laser. Rentals are for the entire 8-week program.

4-Week Program

We offer two 4-week programs: June 22-July 17 and July 20-August 13 for families who cannot participate for the entire 8-week program. Please contact for pricing.



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