

Top Junior FAQs 2015

1. **Age:** Minimum and maximum ages are a must for our program: age 7 until 18 or graduated from High School.
2. **Club Owned Boats:** Sailing is an investment in both time and equipment. The Jr program ONLY owns 2 Optimist 6, C420s, and ZERO Lasers. The 2 club owned boats are designed to encourage NEW members or soon-to-be-members to try it out or charter for camp. They will always get priority. If you want a boat to use consistently – please consider purchasing one. Typically used Optis from our program go for \$500-1,500. They lose very little value over a 4-6 year use cycle. It is an investment, but isn't every sport.
3. **Swim Check:** Swim check is required for all sailors participating in our camp and training programs. The test consists of jumping off the end of the dock without a life jacket swimming to the shore, treading water, and putting a life jacket on while treading water. This test helps ensure the safety of all our sailors. This is the standard requirement as set forth by US Sailing. All juniors should demonstrate a comfort level in and around the water during the swim test and capsized drill. We strongly encourage all parents to practice this prior to camp.
4. **Other type Boats:** If have a Sunfish or other daysailor can my juniors bring it to camp? We ONLY support instruction for Optimist, Laser (4.7/Radial/Full) and C420 (Spin and Non-Spin).
5. **Motor boat use** – the Junior program has a Jr. Barge & Aluminum Jon boat in the water available for use by Club members to facilitate jr training and provide safety while juniors are sailing. Parents are encouraged to use these boats for that purpose. Please report any issues to the Jr. Director for fixing/repair. The Jr. Zodiac is located in the C Lot and can be launched to provide additional safety boats and only to be launched and used by qualified parents/coaches.
6. **Fun Sailing:** Is it all racing? No, we have several family activities, fun sailing and junior social events scheduled during the year. This is dependent on parent support and enthusiasm for these events.
7. **Parent volunteers:** LLSC was founded on the principle of volunteer spirit and that continues today and part of the reason this club is so successful. This is a parent run program with a Jr. Director. In order to support such a large program (80+juniors and over 40 scheduled jr. events) we need to have everyone pitching in. We don't *support or encourage* parents to 'drop off' their juniors for the day during scheduled junior activities. This is not a babysitting program rather a sailing program. Camp is the exception to this.
8. **Boat Storage:** Active Junior Boats (Optimist, Laser and C420 **ONLY**) are permitted to be stored in the Jr. Field of Dreams area for members per Club By-laws Section VII.G.1.c. No trailers or cars are permitted in this area. DOLLY ONLY.
9. **Junior Racing Team:** Details on the qualifications are listed on the Racing Team Information page. This team builds a team spirit and price at away regattas. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure the standards are being met.
10. **Non-Member Participation:** Can my son/daughters friend participate in camp? We get many requests every year for friends to join our program activities. We encourage everyone to share their love of sailing, however, as the club ONLY owns 2 Optimist and ZERO Lasers, it will be your responsibility to facilitate finding the friend a boat. The exception to that will be the C420 program b/c the boats are provided.
11. **Work Days:** Many 'jobs' are needed to help support our program such as kitchen duty, race committee, barge fixing, boat cleaning, etc. Please be sure you sign up to help. Please also encourage your juniors to help with work days as well.
12. **Code of Conduct:** Every junior participating in our program is required to sign the code of conduct for the program. We take this seriously please make sure your junior reads it and understands it. Failure to comply with the above conditions will result in disciplinary action by the LLSC Junior Sailing directors. This disciplinary action may also result in suspension of activities or removal from the program.