

# WELCOME TO NEWPORT SEA BASE'S

## SAILING - LEVEL 2



(Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge)

Thank you for your class registration. We're excited to have you aboard!

***ALERT: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are taking special precautions to ensure the safety of our staff and campers this year. Please be aware that all campers will be required to wear a face mask while on property and must have a backup ready (bring 2 masks). Campers are asked to keep at a safe distance from individuals at all times and will need to bring their own refillable water bottles to camp (we have a refillable station on site). All of our camp staff will be wearing masks and ensuring that campers follow safety measures and protocols. When you arrive our staff will help guide you through our security checkpoints from the comfort of your car. You will be asked to stay in your vehicle for pick up and drop off and we will not have spots for parking. All campers will receive a temperature and health screening before being allowed to enter camp. After the health screening campers will join their counselor and group. We know this is a difficult time and appreciate your help and cooperation. Please also be advised that our office will remain closed to the public. We will however have office staff ready to answer your questions by phone or email. For immediate assistance please call our office line at (949) 642-5031.***

### **Course Description:**

In this intermediate class, you will refine your boat handling skills in increased wind conditions while improving communication and sportsmanship. **On the last day of the session, each student will receive a certificate that will indicate the student's readiness to progress to more advanced sailing classes, teams and clubs or needs more instruction.**

After students become Level 2 proficient, they may potentially join our NSB Junior Racing Team (year-round; Tues & Fri practices w/ once a month regattas), Adventure Sailing Club (year-round; cruising/non-racing; Sundays), and/or Junior Sea Scouts (mariner and seamanship skills/sailing/boating; Fall & Spring seasons).

Note: Repeating Level 2 is a quite frequent occurrence as sailing is a challenging skill to learn. More practice and basic level instruction will help your students build a stronger foundation and progress to higher levels of sailing. Although this Level 2 Class is offered also a merit badge for Small Boat Sailing, the class and skills taught are fun and beneficial for all youth. After completing Level 2 Sailing, keep in mind that many students take the class several times because it's outright fun and also to continue their practice out on the water. Taking Level 2 a second time is not remedial but rather a continuation of their sailing skill building.

**Here are a few additional things you should keep in mind about the class:**

- A mandatory swim check will take place shortly after class begins. Sailors must pass the swim check in order to participate in these classes. Every effort is made for all children to complete it successfully.
- Wetsuits and goggles are permitted but not provided.
- Sea Base provides life vests for all sailors. Life vests must be worn whenever sailors are on the docks or boats.
- Sailors should bring a swimsuit, towel, sun block, water and snack. A hat and change of clothing are also recommended. Each sailor should bring a small water bottle to bring on their boats as they will not have access to water fountains while sailing on the water. Snacks, if brought, are only accessible at the beginning of class or at the end of class as we do not want snacking on the boats to take away from their focus while sailing and most importantly their focus on safety.
- Sailors must wear closed-toe shoes at all times. No sandals, Crocs or roller shoes are permitted. Shoes will get WET, so water shoes are suggested, but not required.
- Electronics and other items of value should be left at home.
- Sailors have small cubby holes to store their stuff, but they are not locked and Sea Base is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.
- Sailors should label all their personal belongings.
- You can drop your child off at NSB about 5-10 minutes before scheduled start of class with parents checking in with their appropriate NSB instructor first
- Sailors should be picked up promptly after class.
- If your child is taking this class for the merit badge, it is important that you let the instructor know on the first day so we can keep track of your child's completion of merit badge requirements. Scouts will bring their blue card on the last day of class to be signed off by the instructor.

**This highly interactive and exploratory class is open to and enjoyable for qualified ALL YOUTH (girls & boys), not just Boy Scouts.**

**Note:** Orange County Council, Boy Scouts is dedicated to the safety of all youth who participate in our programs. Consequently, youth must be able to repeat back, in their own words, an accurate understanding of all safety instructions. Youth who are unable or unwilling to do so, may not be eligible to participate. (Youth who are working on their English language skills can decide to bring an interpreter but may still not be eligible to participate.)

**Thanks again for your participation at the Newport Sea Base. Have a GREAT class!**

**NEWPORT SEA BASE STAFF**

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