

WELCOME TO NEWPORT SEA BASE'S SUMMER

SAILING 1

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). Please also pack a Ziploc to keep masks dry when doing water activities. 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 during Summer. 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 beginner class, you will be introduced to the exciting world of sailing. You will rig your own boat, identify wind direction, sail upwind and downwind, right a capsized boat, tack and jibe. Students will work together in a sailboat with 1-2 other youth and there may be a rotation of paired youth over the course of this session. On the last day of the session, there will be a short written and hands-on assessment to gauge skill and info retention. Each student will receive a certificate at the end of the final class to indicate if he/she has completed all Level 1 skills or needs more instruction. The final assessment together with student performance/participation during the week will determine a student's readiness to progress to Sailing Level 2.

Reminders/Additional Notes:

- **Parking & Drop-Off Note:** This year due to health and safety regulations we will not be able to allow for parking and getting out of cars to drop off and pick up campers. We will have a system set up when you arrive. From the comfort of your car you will get a temperature and health check from our staff and then campers will be escorted to their group for the day.
- There will be a mandatory swim check. Campers must pass the swim check to participate in the class.
- We at Newport Sea Base look forward to having your child here to take part in our exciting Sailing Level 1. Because much of the camp takes place on the water, we require

that each camper pass a swim check in order to participate. That swim check will take place at the Sea Base during the first hour of your child's camp, so that day campers should come ready to get wet (swimsuit and towel). Goggles and/or wet suits are permitted but not required or provided by the Sea Base.

- For the swim check, campers will jump into water over their heads, swim 4 laps inside our dock area and then float. Because the dock is in the bay, campers will not be able to see far into the water - but no sharks or other creatures will bother them. Campers who either cannot or refuse to pass the swim check will not be allowed to continue with the class. However, our staff will make all efforts to help the campers successfully complete the swim check.
- Children will not be required to wear face masks on the water while exercising. Your child will be on their water craft by themselves to maintain social distance. Trained instructors will always be nearby to ensure safety and coach children on the water. Open air also allows for the no face mask rule. Face masks will be required when arriving at the facility and in the classroom/lawn for the class intro, basic training/skills demo, and safety briefing before launching from our docks.
- Wetsuits and goggles are permitted but not provided.
- Sea Base provides life vests for all campers but encourages them to bring their own. Life vests **MUST** be worn on docks and boats! Everyday, campers should bring sun block, a towel, and change of dry clothes just in case they get their first set of clothes wet during.
- Snacks can be brought as well but are not required. There are flexible/optional snack times during the day depending on camper needs/requests. Water breaks are designated by Staff regularly all throughout the day. Please bring a reusable water bottle as we have a water bottle fill up station.
- Campers **MUST WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES AT ALL TIME**. No sandals, Crocs, or roller shoes are permitted. Shoes will get **WET**, so water shoes are suggested but not required.
- Electronics and other valued items should be left at **HOME**.
- Campers have cubbies to put their personal belongings in; Sea Base is not responsible for any damaged or lost items.
- Campers should label all personal belongings.
- Prompt arrival at camp is exceedingly important. Some days campers can expect to be in boats on the water within 10 minutes of start of camp. Late arrival could result in your child missing an outing on the water
- Campers should be picked up promptly after camp.
- **This highly interactive and exploratory class is open to and enjoyable for 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, campers must be able to repeat back, in their own words, an accurate understanding of all safety instructions. Campers 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