

February 20, 2009

Dear Parents and Junior Sailors,

Enclosed is the 2009 Junior Sailing School registration information. Our program runs from Monday, June 22nd through Friday, August 7th with instruction for all sailing skill levels. For our returning sailors and their families, welcome back to another exciting and fun season with our outstanding and experienced instructors. For new families, we look forward to welcoming you to our club, its outstanding sailing school program and all the benefits of sailing on the tranquil West River. Also included in this packet is information about joining WRSC so that you can consider the benefits of membership as your children's passion for the sailing develops.

From its first junior program in 1953, WRSC has a long and successful history with young sailors, turning out some of the best sailors in the country. Our instructors instill not only a respect for the water, but also teach the techniques and skills required to sustain a life-long passion for the sport, always keeping at the forefront the most important element of teaching young children – fun! Each week culminates with a special activity, be it a treasure hunt sail to High Island in the Rhode River or a quiet picnic to Round Bay to observe the horseshoe crabs hatching their young. If you are unfamiliar with the club, it is situated along the banks of the West River in the historic village of Galesville, MD, just 15 minutes south of Annapolis. The tranquility of the area – undisturbed by racing power boats and commercial watercraft -- enhances the calm environment in which the children are taught.

In 1930, a group of sailors from Cedar Point in Shady Side, Maryland formed "OODYC" -- Our Own Damn Yacht Club. Then in 1933 the current name, West River Sailing Club (WRSC), was adopted. WRSC not only provides the summer Junior Sailing School program, but also offers a mix of serious and casual racing for sailors of all ages, big boats and small, accommodating day sailors and cruisers. In addition, throughout the year, WRSC offers social events, seminars and instructional programs to compliment and enhance your knowledge and passion for sailing.

Club membership offers significant savings on the Junior Sailing School program. A brief outline of the membership categories is below. If you would like more information on our memberships, please contact our Membership Chair, Ed Mills, at 301-641-9488 or emills@fdic.gov. Membership categories include:

	<i>Dues</i>	<i>Initiation</i>
<u>Regular</u> : All rights, benefits and obligations of membership	\$520.00	\$450.00
<u>Associate</u> : Same as Regular except that the member must be Between 18 and 25 years of age.	\$235.00	None
<u>Corinthian</u> : A viable person who does not own a boat but who wishes to support the Club by participation in Club activities.	\$520.00	None
<u>Provisional</u> : period January 1 –September 30, available only once, can convert to regular membership with fee applied to initiation fee before September 30	\$286.00	None

Please feel free to contact me at 301-261-9631 or ireys@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Sailing School Committee