



Welcome to the 49th season of the Skaneateles County Club (SCC) Sail School!

Hello.

We are sending this letter to help you prepare for this year's sailing season. It has information that you will need, and the attached calendar will help you prepare for special races and events. Please read them carefully.

The SCC Sail School is fun and exciting for any sailor, novice or experienced. The SCC Sail School instructors always consider the skill level and ability, size and age of the student when selecting the training and drill activities. Our staff is dedicated to the safety of student sailors. In addition to being certified instructors with training in CPR and First Aid, our instructors work as a team to keep things calm and safe and resolve any challenging situation as best possible. That said, if you have questions about the placement of your child please ask us.

The weather directly affects the safety of the sailor, and is a critical factor when deciding how to conduct a class. Our instructors understand the weather and local environmental conditions. We take precautions that include monitoring a weather radio in addition to receiving periodic reports from the internet and the Country Club's Pro Shop. If dangerous or life threatening weather is predicted the staff will act conservatively and plan alternative activities to keep a class onshore. This will always be productive and fun - despite the poor weather.

If you haven't been to the Skaneateles Country Club in the past year you might be surprised. SCC built a new Foc'sle for the sail school closer to the water. It's a beautiful building and the location eliminates the need for our kids to cross the parking lot to access the boats and the lake. The Club will mark off parking places for drop off/pick up at the school.

All students are required to take a swim test. This is done during the first week of class in order to assess the swimming ability of the sailor. The students must swim approximately 100 feet and tread water for one (1) minute.

Personal flotation devices (PFA/life jackets) must be worn at all times when on or near the water. Life jackets need to be marked with the owner's name, and should be inspected regularly to ensure that it still has working straps, no torn zippers or exposed or water logged flotation. The jacket must be US Coast Guard Type III; please attach a whistle to it.

Please bring or wear to class:

- close-toed shoes (sneakers or strap-on TEVAS - absolutely NO FLIP FLOPS)
- sunscreen
- swimsuit
- towel
- hat or sunglasses
- water bottle
- change of clothes and rain/warm jacket when appropriate

Please print out the attached SAIL SCHOOL 2010 SUMMER CALENDAR.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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