



SUMMER SAILING

FAQs

Q: WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER FOR SUMMER SAILING?

A: Our most popular classes begin to fill around the various Spring breaks. We recommend registering prior to then to secure a spot in the class and session of your choice.

Q: HOW DO I KNOW WHICH CLASS TO SIGN UP FOR?

A: We are happy to advise you on which class is right based on your sailor's previous experience (or lack thereof), size, and level of comfort with water. The Sailing School reserves the right to move sailors to a different class before and during each session based on their skill level and commitment.

Q: WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO SUMMER SAILING LESSONS?

A: Each day you should bring a lifejacket, lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, towel, hat, sunglasses, close-toed shoes that can get wet, and a change of clothes. If your child wears glasses, consider sending them with croakies to keep them secure. Label all belongings with your last name in permanent marker. CYC is not responsible for any lost items.

Q: DOES MY CHILD NEED A LIFE VEST?

A: Yes, each student is required to have their own life vest. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) should be fit properly and be United States Coast Guard (USCG) approved, preferably the USCG Type III designation. Boater's Closet is a local vendor and will be at Belmont Station with gear for sale during the Back to Sailing School Night on Wednesday, June 5 at 6pm.

Q: WHERE CAN I DROP OFF/PICK UP MY CHILD FOR SAILING SCHOOL?

A: Drop-off and Pick-up for sailing lessons at CYC Belmont Station is located at 300 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 60657. An instructor will be at the parking gate letting participants into the parking lot for temporary drop-off/pick-up in the traffic circle.

Q: WILL THERE BE A SWIM CHECK?

A: Each student will participate in a swim check supervised by coaches on the first day of class. Swimming skills are not being tested; coaches are just ensuring that students are comfortable in and around the water. Lifejackets must be worn at all times on docks and boats.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE WEATHER IS NOT IDEAL TO SAIL?

A: Safety is our top priority. We constantly monitor the weather, and only take students on the water if conditions are safe for their skill level. If the weather doesn't allow for on-water activities, we combine classroom instruction and fun off-water activities to keep children stimulated and learning throughout the day.

Q: WHAT IF WE NEED TO CANCEL?

A: Refund requests filed prior to the refund deadline of May 1, 2024 will be granted minus the \$100 processing fee. No refunds will be provided after the deadline has passed.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONTACT YOUTH PROGRAM MANAGER KATE O'DONNELL AT [KATE.ODONNELL@CHICAGOYACHTCLUB.ORG](mailto:kate.odonnell@chicagoyachtclub.org)