



Welcome the Nantucket Community Sailing, Nantucket Race Week and Opera House Cup Newsletter. Please read on to learn about our upcoming season!

Thank You for a Wonderful 30th Season!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our students, instructors, volunteers, friends, supporters, parents and caregivers for a wonderful 2024 season! We had 602 youth program registrations this summer (408 unique students), with ~33% of those registrations from local Nantucket youth residents. Nantucket youth residents are eligible for scholarships through NCS, and we issued over \$85,000 in funding this summer!

We were able to work with the Nantucket Boys and Girls Club, Nantucket S.T.A.R., the Tallship Lynx, and the Saltmarsh Senior Center to provide free sailing and water sports to members of the community. We also taught 12 Adaptive lessons this summer and hosted a 30th anniversary party at our Jetties Sailing Center where we taught over 45 **free** mini sailing lessons to anyone who signed up!

We sent our All-Island Opti and 420 Race Teams to 8 off-island regattas, and had our Jetties Sailing Center open to members and walk-up customers all season long. We had 234 (!!!) Tiny Salts registrations, close to 175 Women's Clinic registrations and over 400 private lesson bookings. Thank you to everyone who sailed with us this past summer; we can't wait to see you in 2025!



2025 Program Dates

NCS offers three tiers of program registration. Please read closely to see which registration period applies to your sailors. 2025 Class Placements, for returning sailors, will be emailed directly to you in early January.

Questions? registration@nantucketsailing.org

Islander Registration opens **Thursday, January 23rd at 12:00 Noon EST** and will close Friday, January 24th at 4:00pm EST. This registration period is open to island youth residents who are enrolled in Nantucket schools. *Read below for information on the scholarship application process.*

Returning Sailor Registration opens **Monday, January 27th at 12:00 Noon EST** and will close Wednesday, January 29th at midnight EST. This registration period is open to families who sailed with NCS Summer 2024 and Island Youth Residents (above).

General Registration opens **Monday, February 3rd at 12:00 Noon EST** and will remain open. This registration is open to all sailors.

Women's Clinic (Beginner & Advanced) and **Private Lessons** (Toddler, Youth & Adult) opens **Monday, February 10th at 9:00am EST** on the Jetties Sailing Center page.

Tiny Salts and **Rentals Registration** will open **Monday, June 2nd at 9:00AM** on the Jetties Sailing Center Page.

We plan on running a full slate of programs in 2025, with some slight

modifications! Our season will run from **Monday, June 23 - Friday, August 22** (8 weeks of programming plus a 9th week with private lessons only.) We hope to see you on the water next summer!

[Click here to view the NCS Registration Page](#)

NRW 2024 - Thank you!

In August, NCS held its largest fundraising event, Nantucket Race Week. We hosted 13 regattas and 4 social events. We also hosted the Opera House Cup; a highly successful and fun 30th Anniversary Gala for NCS; and the Classic Yacht Exhibition, which highlighted boats from the best wooden boat designers of the past century. We are grateful to the participants, volunteers, donors and sponsors who make our sailing programs and Race Week possible. Please support our corporate sponsors, listed below!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS





**Watch Now! 30th Anniversary Video -
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Thank you to our 2024 Head Whalers Instructor (and former Nantucket High School Sailing Team Captain and 420 Race Team Member), Archie Ferguson, for helping to capture NCS so well! 🙏

NCS Scholarship Application

The goal of our scholarship program is to help to give local youth every opportunity to learn the life-long skills of sailing. To be eligible for a scholarship, participants must be enrolled in year-round schooling on Nantucket. We are able to grant these scholarships thanks to generous gifts from private donors and foundations. Their support is very important to us and is sincerely appreciated by island children and their families.

Week 1: You pay only \$100!

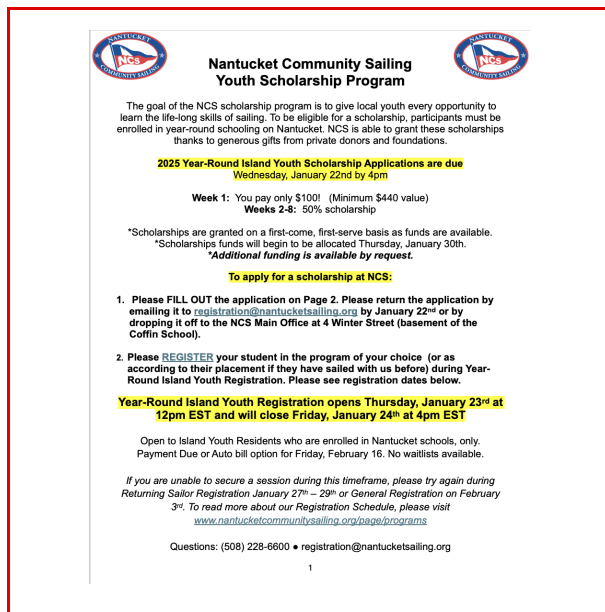
Week 2 - 8: 50% Scholarship

*Additional funding is available by request

Scholarships are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis as funds are available.

Click the image below for the 2025 NCS Scholarship Application *or visit our website*. Scholarship Applications are due Wednesday, January 22nd by emailing registration@nantucketsailing.org or mailing/dropping off to the NCS Office at 4 Winter Street.

****Scholarship Applicants must still register on Thursday, January 23rd to reserve their 2025 programs spot!****



Nantucket Community Sailing Youth Scholarship Program

The goal of the NCS scholarship program is to give local youth every opportunity to learn the life-long skills of sailing. To be eligible for a scholarship, participants must be enrolled in year-round schooling on Nantucket. NCS is able to grant these scholarships thanks to generous gifts from private donors and foundations.

2025 Year-Round Island Youth Scholarship Applications are due
Wednesday, January 22nd by 4pm

Week 1: You pay only \$100! (Minimum \$440 value)
Weeks 2-8: 50% scholarship

*Scholarships are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis as funds are available.
*Scholarships funds will begin to be allocated Thursday, January 30th.
*Additional funding is available by request.

To apply for a scholarship at NCS:

1. Please **FILL OUT** the application on Page 2. Please return the application by emailing it to registration@nantucketsailing.org by January 22nd or by dropping it off to the NCS Main Office at 4 Winter Street (basement of the Coffin School).
2. Please **REGISTER** your student in the program of your choice (or as according to their placement if they have sailed with us before) during Year-Round Island Youth Registration. Please see registration dates below.

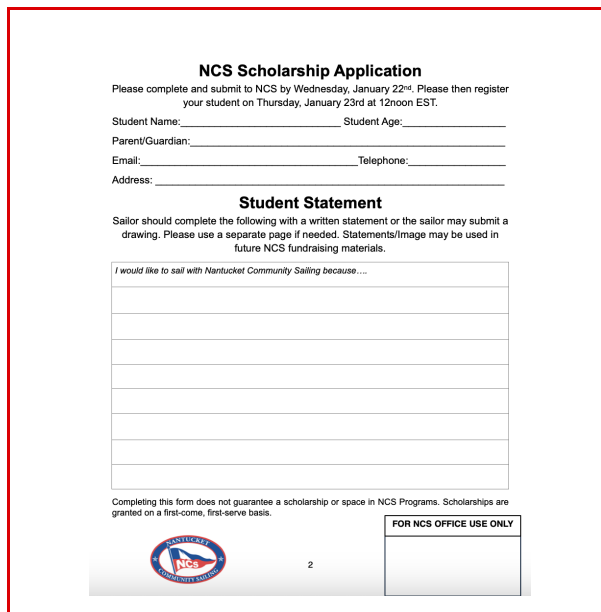
Year-Round Island Youth Registration opens Thursday, January 23rd at 12pm EST and will close Friday, January 24th at 4pm EST

Open to Island Youth Residents who are enrolled in Nantucket schools, only. Payment Due or Auto bill option for Friday, February 16. No waitlists available.

If you are unable to secure a session during this timeframe, please try again during Returning Sailor Registration January 27th - 29th or General Registration on February 3rd. To read more about our Registration Schedule, please visit www.nantucketcommunitysailing.org/page/programs

Questions: (508) 228-8600 • registration@nantucketsailing.org

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NCS Scholarship Application

Please complete and submit to NCS by Wednesday, January 22nd. Please then register your student on Thursday, January 23rd at 12noon EST.


Student Name: _____ Student Age: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____
Email: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____

Student Statement

Sailor should complete the following with a written statement or the sailor may submit a drawing. Please use a separate page if needed. Statements/image may be used in future NCS fundraising materials.

I would like to sail with Nantucket Community Sailing because....

Completing this form does not guarantee a scholarship or space in NCS Programs. Scholarships are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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2025 Youth Program Participants Must Submit Immunization and Physical Exam Records

NCS is required by the State of Massachusetts (per our Recreational Camp License) to collect Immunization and Physical Examination Records from all of our youth program students. Forms must be from within the past 18 months. These records will be due 14 days prior to the start of your student's sailing session. **Please plan ahead with appointment times for Spring 2025!**

Welcome Board Members

At the NCS Annual Meeting on November 7, 2024, new board members and advisors were elected and those rolling off were thanked for their dedicated service. The 2024-2025 NCS Board and Advisors are:

NCS FY 25 Board, Advisors, Directors Emeritus, Alumni Group and Staff

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2024/2025 Annual Appeal

Keep an eye out for our Annual Appeal mailing and consider making a donation to NCS this holiday season. NCS will enter its 31st sailing season in 2024, and we are very grateful to all our supporters. We continue to strive to meet our mission: *to engage people of all ages in the joy of sailing, offering access to all Nantucket's youth, and teaching every participant in our programs enduring life and leadership skills, with a deep respect for the marine environment.*

Where Are They Now?

Our NCS Summer Instructors are always up to amazing things! Here's a little update!

Clementine Kelly (Guppies Instructor and 420 All-Island Race Team Member) writes: "Our [Nantucket] high school sailing team has started getting things ready and organized for the spring season! We got together last weekend to organize dry suits and equipment and I know we're all excited"

Congratulations are in order for **Katharine Doble** (420 Blue and Opti Blue Coach) who just finished 6th at the ICSA Women's Singlehanded National Championship. This event was sailed in Lasers and Katharine sailed for Brown University. Congrats Katharine!

Rory Murray (Whalers Instructor and 420 All-Island Race Team Member) - we spied his name in the news! Rory was the Nantucket High School Boys Cross Country Senior Captain this year and he finished 36th out of 186 runners in the MIAA Div. 3 State Championship. Congratulations!

Sip, Shop, Support NCS

Join us at J.McLaughlin (1 Salem Street) to sip, shop and support NCS from 12-4pm on Friday, December 6th. We will also have a new batch of Nantucket lightship Crew shirts available! See the image below. We hope to see you on 12/6!



NCS Holiday Gift-Giving Guide

Nantucket Community Sailing and Nantucket Race Week gear is available year-round via our website and office. Get your gear: hats, shirts, jackets, rash guards, bags, sailing gear and so much more! Check out the new Nantucket Lightship crew shirt (at right!) that we will be selling at our NCS Office and our Sip and Shop at J.McLaughlin on Friday, December 6th. The shirts come in different color ways and make a great uniform for your crew. Shop online or stop by the NCS Main Office, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.

Give the gift of sailing this holiday season!

Fill stockings with *gift certificates for private lessons* or a *membership to our Jetties Sailing Center!* Make a gift to the *NCS Scholarship Fund* in a loved one's name!



Visit Our Website to Start Shopping!

NRW & OHC 2025

Nantucket Community Sailing's primary fundraiser, Nantucket Race Week, will be August 13-17, 2025 and includes regattas and social events for youth and adults. The 53rd Opera House Cup will be sailed on Sunday, August 17th. Save the dates!



2025 Summer Instructors

Would you like to work as a sailing instructor this summer, or know someone who would? As of December 1, 2024, NCS is accepting applications for our seasonal instructor positions. *Candidates should fill out the application on our website* and should be US Sailing Small Boat Instructor Level 1, 2 or 3 certified. Questions can be directed to NCS Program Director, Emily Taylor: emily@nantucketsailing.org

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