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Hello Parents and Sailors,

To start off, I would like to introduce myself: I am Quentin Chafee and was hired this past January as the Director for the Junior Sailing Program here at Quissett Yacht Club. I will be taking over the reins this year from Katy Burt and Kristan First, who have done an excellent job running the program, and who have been helping me get up to speed. I hope to build on the good work they have laid down and to help the program continue to thrive.

Here are a few points to highlight about our 2017 program:

- As your new Program Director I hope to streamline communication, alleviate volunteer workloads, and offer a program that is safe, fun, and turns out well-rounded sailors.
- The same wide variety of classes will be available this year, for beginner as well as experienced sailors. Not sure where your child might fit? We can help you figure this out!
- As you probably know, our Adventure Sailing program is available to children who want to learn to sail, but do not want to be part of the Opti or 420 racing tracks. To build on this program, we have added Adventure Sailing I in the mid-morning time slot, to accommodate older, beginner sailors. For more experienced sailors who don't wish to race but who still want to have fun on the water and improve their seamanship skills there is Adventure Sailing II in the afternoon. Like last year, these classes may be enrolled in on a week to week basis.
- In addition to having Wesley Bright returning to coach our 420 race team, we have hired Cicely Dahn, from Buzzards Yacht Club, to coach our Opti race team. We are delighted to have Wes back, as well as to have Cicely joining us.

Over the past few months, we have enjoyed planning for a summer of sun and sailing, and are pleased to announce that registration for the 2017 season is officially open! Fees have increased slightly. QYC subsidizes the Junior Sailing Program in order to keep fees down and promote broad participation in the program, but as our costs increase the share of tuition paid by the students must increase as well. This increase has been thoughtfully considered and we hope you will agree that we are still offering a great sailing experience for a fair value.

Detailed information about this year's program is available on the QYC website at <http://quissettyachtclub.org/junior-sailing/>. Please register online or send your registration forms with payment in-full as soon as possible. Class assignments are made on a first come first served basis, so we encourage you to register early!

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions about this year's program. You can reach me by email at quentinchafee@gmail.com, or by phone at 401-793-1017.

Sincerely,

Quentin Chafee
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