



TAYLOR POND YACHT CLUB

May 1, 2020

Dear Friends:

The snow has melted, and a recent visit to the yacht club during a sunny-day bike ride revealed that the grass is green, and the water was a bright blue but still very chilly in the afternoon breeze. Even (or perhaps especially) in these odd days of uncertainty, it is good to see familiar sweet sights; and even as we must recognize this uncertainty, we are also hopeful that it will be possible to enjoy the pond this summer in a way that is responsible for everyone's health and safety. We're also hopeful that we will be able to see you at Taylor Pond this summer and perhaps even that some members of your family will be joining us for sailing, swimming, or tennis lessons.

We write to let you know of our plans for the summer lesson programs. To that end, we will start with an explanation of what we hope to offer this summer and then follow that with an explanation of how we plan to address some of the concerns that we all have.

We are very excited that all of last year's instructors will be returning to teach again this year: Oliver Hall, Molly Skelton, Grace Skelton, and Ellena Frumiento will all be teaching sailing. Ellena will also be teaching swimming, while Brandon Case will return to teach tennis. As you will see from the Lessons Program Schedule, we plan to start the summer on June 22nd with our one-week *Kids Discover Sailing* program. Our regular sailing, swimming, and tennis lessons will begin the following week on June 29th. The programs are scheduled to last for seven weeks this year, ending on August 14th. The costs of the seven-week programs are slightly more than last year's six-week programs, but the difference per week is actually quite small. (For instance, the total cost of last year's sailing lessons was \$38.33/week, and this year they will cost \$40/week.)

All information and registration forms are available from TaylorPondYachtClub.com. Registration forms from the website can be saved, completed, and printed for submission, but online registration is not yet available. Members will also be receiving a packet in the mail. Please keep in mind that registration forms are due by May 15th.

Like you, we are uncertain of what this summer will actually hold, but we would like to begin planning now in the hope that it is possible to enjoy some of the sunshine at TPYC. So that you have a more clear idea of our thinking, on the *TPYC 2020 Summer Lessons Q&A Sheet*, you will find answers to questions that we ourselves have had—and that we expect many others have as well.

We are making all of our plans with the best information that we have at this point. Our primary concern is the health and safety of all participants, including our children. We would like to plan in the hopes that TPYC can be a place for all of us to enjoy the summer but also to provide our children with activities that are safe and enriching. For right now, we think we can proceed in planning for a safe summer. If we realize in the coming weeks and months that we can't, then we will change our plans accordingly.

Stay safe and healthy.

The Sailing Committee

p.s. We welcome any feedback or additional questions (send an email by clicking a name). Please feel free to contact Bruce Hall, 207-200-7597; Joe Hall, 207-240-2628; Bill Skelton, 207-577-0152; or Bill Horton, 207-662-6229.