



TAYLOR POND YACHT CLUB

SUMMER 2020 LESSON REGISTRATION Q&A SHEET

In the swirl of uncertainty that 2020 has offered so far, we feel that our preparedness with respect to Lesson Registration will help. These are the questions (and answers) we would be asking and would hope that you would want answered. As circumstances have revealed the humanity in all of us, please let us know if there are added questions that should be addressed as you plan for your summer lessons.

Overall, we want this process and the lessons to be a positive and safe experience for you and your family. We will make every attempt to work through unanticipated complications that are likely to arise during the ramp up to this summer's lessons.

To submit any additional questions, send an email to Bruce Hall at lessons@taylorpondyachtclub.com.

Q: Why register now?

A: As with every season, we need to plan early to determine how many instructors we need, whether we need any additional equipment, and to determine what our class structure will look like. Having a firm grasp on the final registration count allows for better planning.

Q: Will it be safe to hold lessons?

A: With the current stay-at-home order from Governor Mills, it is currently not possible to hold lessons and maintain appropriate social distances. We anticipate that the Governor's order will change before the end of June, but our priority is the safety of our members, so we will follow all orders and guidelines from the Governor's office and the Maine CDC.

Q: What if there are restrictions on public activity still in place in the summer?

A: If it not possible to hold lessons at the beginning of the summer, we will postpone the start of lessons until health officials say that such activities may occur. Fees will be refunded to families on a prorated basis. For instance, if the first three weeks of a seven-week program are cancelled, then we will refund 3/7ths of registrants' fees. In the event that lessons are not possible at any point during the summer, then participants will receive a full refund.

Q: What if we register and then have concerns about attending lessons?

A: If you have any concerns whatsoever about your or your child's health and safety and decide not to attend the lessons for which you have registered, registration fees will be refunded on the same prorated basis.

Q: When will we know if classes will begin?

A: Unfortunately, we are as uncertain about this question as everyone else. So much changes on a daily and weekly basis, we cannot make any predictions. All we can say right now is that we are making plans in the hopes that the programs are possible and, like everyone else, we will adjust our plans as officials' orders and recommendations require. We would certainly expect and believe that we would be able to provide at least a one-week notice before lessons begin.

Q: Can we use our boat if there are no lessons?

A: At this point, we would expect that you would be free to use your boat as you wish. However, we would also expect and require that you follow whatever coronavirus-related orders and guidelines that are in effect when you do so.

Q: Can we use club boats if there are no lessons?

A: The club already allows the use of the FJs for those students who have received prior approval. The policy regarding the use of the FJs will be published in early May. The board will also discuss whether it wants to enact a similar policy with regard to the Optimists.

Q: What about access to the clubhouses? beach? tennis courts?

A: Again, we are hopeful that it will be possible to enjoy the club and its facilities this summer in a way that is responsible for the health and safety of all involved. We are still planning to open the club in May; but recognize that we may need to adjust our plans as officials' orders and recommendations require. **Our priority is the safety of our members, so we will follow all orders and guidelines from the Governor's office and the Maine CDC and would expect that all members do the same.** If we are able to safely use the clubhouse, we expect every member to respect one another and sanitize the kitchen, bathrooms, tables, and chairs after each use. If social distancing is still recommended once the club is open, we ask all members to consider the health and safety of one another. If you want to use the beach and there are others already there, ask if they mind if you join them and explain that you will maintain an appropriate distance. Do the same in the clubhouse. If there are already too many people in a certain area or if someone tells you that they aren't comfortable your proximity, be understanding and graciously find another location in which to enjoy the club.

Q: How can I help TPYC?

A: In the grand scheme of things, be active and involved. If you see something that needs to be done, consider doing it – don't assume that it's someone else's job. But with regard to the pandemic, be responsible, communicate with your fellow members, follow all guidelines and orders from the Governor's office and the Maine CDC, maintain appropriate social distancing, wash your hands, clean and sanitize whatever you use, and please avoid coming to the club if you or a member of your household is sick.