



TAYLOR POND YACHT CLUB

May 21, 2021

Dear Friends:

We write to let you know of our plans for the summer lesson programs. In many respects, the public health situation is certainly much better than it was at this time last year, but it is worth noting that rates of new cases in Maine are much higher now than they were at any point last spring and summer. We have much to celebrate, but we should still take care of each other. 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 some of last year's instructors will be returning to teach again this year: Molly Skelton and Grace Skelton will be leading sailing lessons. They will be joined by assistants and junior assistants (if you or someone you know is interested in being part of the TPYC instructor team, please contact Bruce Hall at brucehall.maine@gmail.com). Our swimming instructors will be Samantha Poirier and Emma Hefty. Mya Vincent will return to teach tennis and be assisted by Paige Morgan. As you can see from the [Lessons Program Schedule](#), we plan to start the summer on June 21st with our one-week [Kids Discover Sailing](#) program for 7 or 8 year olds new to sailing. Our regular sailing, swimming, and tennis lessons will begin the following week on June 28th. The programs are scheduled to last for seven weeks this year, ending on August 13th. The cost of the seven week sailing program is the same as last year. There are some small adjustments to the swimming and tennis fees due to schedule differences. All information is available online at TaylorPondYachtClub.com/lessons.

This year we are very excited to offer [on-line registration and payment](#). Please keep in mind that **registration is requested by June 4th** to ensure availability and proper preparation. If there are things that can be improved in the registration system, please let us know. This is the first year and we expect to improve with your help.

Although vaccination rates and infection rates are going in the right directions, both are still a source of enough concern that things cannot return "back to normal." We still remain confident that it will be possible to enjoy summer sunshine at TPYC. Last year using more single-handing and adding more class sections helped us manage classes safely amid the pandemic. We will be continuing both this year. There are some small adjustments in times that should improve learning. They can be seen in the schedule already distributed and on the web site. All instructors have been vaccinated. We are updating our coronavirus guidelines to reflect the best information available. This will be on the web site when they are completed.

We continue to plan with the best available information. Our primary concern is the health and safety of all participants, including our children. As new guidance comes from the state and federal CDC, we will change our plans accordingly.

Stay safe and healthy.

The Program 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.