

# THE ERIE YACHT CLUB JUNIOR RACING TEAM MANUAL



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## **Introduction:**

This Manual provides information about the Erie Yacht Club Junior Race Team Program (Nathaniel Reyburn), and establishes basic expectations which apply to all Parents and Junior Race Team Members. **All participants and families join the program understanding the risks and rewards of sailing.**

## **The Erie Yacht Club Sailing Junior Race Team Program:**

### **Mission statement**

To support the sport of sailing among our youth sailors and foster good sportsmanship and seamanship for sailors both on and off the water, in a safe manner.

### **Junior Race Team Program “Junior Sailing” Travel Team**

The Erie Yacht Club sponsors a Junior Race Team made up of members that compete typically, but not solely, with I-LYA sailing and yacht clubs in regionally sponsored regattas. We encourage, but do not require our team members to compete in these events. Members are usually graduates of the Erie Yacht Club Nathaniel Reyburn Sailing program or otherwise display proficiency in racing and have received a Skipper rating.

### **Support for Junior Sailing and the Junior Race Team**

The Erie Yacht Club recognizes the importance of junior sailing in the development of future sailors and the sport of sailing. Please consult the [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) for racing rules of sailing. New racing rules can also be found in the March/April 2017 “speed and Smarts” online newsletter, [www.speedandsmarts.com](http://www.speedandsmarts.com) (issue #141).

## **Seasonal Junior Race Team Timeline**

### **June:**

1. An Orientation meeting will take place at beginning of each season to familiarize sailors and their parents with the Race team program (requirements, expectations and responsibilities).
2. EYC racing team program commences for both local and travel teams.
3. The racing team sailors interested in competing in Regional Regattas (Travel team) have the ability to sign up for multiple competitions:
  1. The I-LYA Travelers Series, which is a competition of youth across the region, whose scores from specific regattas are tallied at season end for an accumulated total in each of the 4 classes of boats (Optimist, Laser Radial, 420 and Thistle). See the I-LYA website [www.I-LYA.org](http://www.I-LYA.org) under “Junior Sailing” for more information and a calendar of events.
  2. Junior Bay Week (JBW) at Put-In Bay. Coaches collect and send event forms and information.

**July:**

Jr. Bay Week (JBW) normally begins the third Sunday of July. See the I-LYA website for details ([www.I-LYA.org](http://www.I-LYA.org)).

**August:**

1. The culmination of the traveler's series and local EYC Racing Team programs.
2. Junior Sailing Banquet.

**Parent/Guardian Responsibilities**

Parent must attend informational meetings for Race Team, Travel Team, JBW, and possibly Semi's and Youth finals.

If your sailor is selected for JBW, Parent MUST attend for a portion of the week to cover chaperone duties (Parent of the Day /POD), as well as transportation to and from Put-In-Bay.

P.O.D. duties include:

1. Sign in at PIBYC by 7:30 am. (There will be a notebook)
2. Sign in at the hotel by 10:30 pm. (Make sure to physically see each sailor from our team).
3. Check the tag board morning and afternoon (on and off the water).
4. Ice down and restock the cooler.
5. Be available all day.

Parents of team members involved in the Junior Race Team are expected to be financially responsible for any and all expenses incurred while sailing. This includes, but is not limited to the following provisions for team members:

1. Life Jackets (Type III USCG Approved ONLY)
2. Foul Weather Gear (Properly fitting, waterproof)
3. Regatta dues (Typically \$20 per one day regatta)
4. Transportation costs to offsite junior regattas

Parents are expected to seek and understand all safety rules, safety regulations and suggested courses of conduct regarding safety. At all times, each parent assumes the responsibility for the safety and actions of their children.

Parents of team members are expected to provide transportation for their children when travelling to offsite regattas. Please note: Coaches are responsible for overseeing the packing, unpacking, and transport of boats and equipment. Coaches **do not** transport Junior Sailors.

Parents of team members are expected to attend offsite regattas with their children or make arrangements with other parents in the program that are attending said regattas to chaperone their children.

Parents of team members are expected to maintain a positive attitude, regardless of their children's results on the water. Words of encouragement are welcome.

Parents are expected to participate in the Winter Junior Race Team Fundraiser (donate a basket, work the event, or help plan the event).

Parent participation is expected at the Erie Regatta.

### **Junior Race Team Member Responsibilities**

Junior Race Team members are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times, not only toward their competitors, but toward their coaches, parents and regatta support personnel. Members should know and understand to the best of their ability all US Sailing rules and regulations, and follow all safety guidelines. Remind your sailor that they are representing the Erie Yacht Club at all times.

### **Safety is ALWAYS First**

All emergencies shall be reported by team members and first responders to the nearest coach or persons associated with the Junior Sailing or Junior Race Team programs. The Junior Race Team Chairperson shall be notified of any emergency by cell phone and/or e-mail as soon as it is practical, to coordinate informing parents, and emergency services follow-up.

### **Ir Bay Week (JBW) at Put-In-Bay**

You're Race Team Chairperson or Head Coach will provide you with further details.

Boats allowed at JBW:

Sears: Thistle with crew of 3

Bemis: Club 420 with crew of 2

Smythe: Laser Radial with crew of 1

### **Guidelines for JBW:**

Coaches select the JBW team by assessing their readiness. In order to qualify to attend JBW, sailors must compete in at least 3 junior regattas in the year since the past JBW. 2 of these regattas must be at an open water venue (i.e. Lake Erie).

US Sailing membership is required ([www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)) to compete during JBW. Youth membership is fine. See [www.i-lya.org](http://www.i-lya.org) for updated information.

## **On the Island:**

There is a strict “no wheels” policy on the island from the time the sailors are checked in Sunday through Friday morning. No bikes, cars, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, motorcycles, mopeds or anything with wheels may be used by the sailors. Sailors may not accept rides in any cars (even with parents) without the express permission of the Regatta Chairperson.

Weather is highly variable on Lake Erie in the summer. Days of full foul weather gear may be followed by days of hot, no wind conditions. Please be prepared for anything.

## **What do I need to bring with me to Jr. Bay Week?**

The following is a list of things we recommend you bring with you when we travel to Put-In-Bay.

1. Enough clothes to last through Friday morning.
2. Enough long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, jeans and a jacket for a couple of days, in case it is rainy, overcast, cold, etc.
3. Foul weather gear.
4. Sailing gloves, boots and hats.
5. Water bottle. Put your name on it.
6. Attire for awards dinner: skirts or dresses for the girls, shirt and tie, khaki pants and or sport coat for the boys for the awards banquet Thursday night. We will sit together as a team for dinner every night.
7. As much spending cash as your parents will allow you to bring.
8. Sunscreen.
9. Sunglasses and/or hat.
10. A small duffel bag to carry things back and forth between the club and hotel.
11. Towels. The Hotel does not provide towels.

No boys and girls in the same hotel room at any time. Period. No exceptions.

Everyone should act like ladies and gentlemen while on the island. Remember, it is a privilege to represent EYC at the Bay, not a right. It will be an experience you will remember for a long time.

The Erie Yacht Club has rooms reserved at the Getaway Inn ([www.getawayinn.com](http://www.getawayinn.com)), and English Pines ([www.englishpines.com](http://www.englishpines.com)) Bed and Breakfast. Further details will be shared as event draws nearer.