



IJS Questions From Parents - 2017

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Tuesday, is July 4th holiday, there will be no classes on that day; the makeup class will be on Friday, July 1st. Therefore, there will be NO free sail on the first Friday, June 30th. This is a makeup day for the 4th. Classes will start Monday (June 26th), Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (June 30th), and Monday, Wednesday, ending on Thursday, July 6.

What is a “**free sail**”? Classes are Monday – Thursday, and on Friday mornings (9:15a – 12:15) there are free sails. All sailors who have completed Basic level one course, or are currently signed up, are eligible to sail. First priority is given to those sailors currently in classes. Instructors are there to assist in rigging and supervision during the sail. However, Free Sails are not every Friday morning, you need to check with Instructors that week.

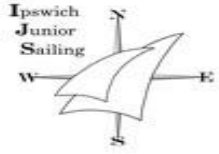
On the first day of class, your sailor should be prepared to get wet; there is a **swim check (this is NOT a swim test)** they will be asked to jump off the sailing dock, put on their life jacket and swim the length of the dock. The purpose is to ensure that sailors have a comfort level in the water.

If it is **raining**, we still have classes. Include a raincoat. We only come off the water for thunderstorms and winds not appropriate for the class.

If you have **carpooling requests**, provide us with your contact information and what your needs are, and we can share your information with others in your class.

Friday, August 18 is **IJS Competition Day**. This is our celebration and wrap up of the summer. **All sailors from the summer are welcome**. Activities include an IJS sailors only regatta, dock games (capsizing contests & knot tying), lawn games, awards, pizza, and cake. Then we ask for your help in putting all the equipment away for the season.

Every sailor for every class has a **skill sheet** that is completed by his or her Instructor. This indicates the skills acquired, the skills to be worked on, and the recommendations for next class. IJS operates on Instructor recommendations.



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Ipswich Junior Sailing (IJS) is a separate organization from Ipswich Bay Yacht Club.

We appreciate that the IBYC shares its property and we respect their rules:

- Use of the Yacht Club House and Waterfront is limited to IBYC members and their guests; IJS parking should be at the top of the lot (near the road). We strive to be respectful of the club's property and the IBYC members.
- In good weather, students should stay off the porch and store their belongings in plastic tubs under the tree.
- In bad weather, students gather on the porch and store their belongings NEATLY in plastic tubs.
- On rainy, stormy days, IJS has access to designated second-floor space via the porch and outside stairway at the front of the house (facing the water).
- Access to the clubhouse bathrooms is controlled by IJS staff
- Bikes should be stored in the bike rack.

DON'T FORGET to bring these things to sailing class!!

1. ***PFD (Life Jacket)***—a properly fitted, US Coast Guard approved PFD jacket style is recommended. If you DO NOT have your PFD you CANNOT SAIL!
2. ***Closed Toe Shoes***—shoes that protect the toes from cleats, etc. Crocs, Keens, etc.
3. ***Sun Screen*** – SPF 15 or greater applied at home before class.
4. ***Hat and Sunglasses*** – Hat for protection from the day's conditions—sun protection in good weather and maybe a warm fleece hat in cool rainy weather.
5. ***Sailing Clothes*** – Sailing is a water sport – expect to get wet!! In warm weather a swimsuit with a tee shirt and shorts is fine. In cool, rainy or windy weather, a windbreaker or light rain jacket is needed; light rain pants can be great too. Synthetic shirts, shorts, and warm layers are also helpful – avoid cotton.
6. ***Water, Snack, Towel, Change of Clothes and Insect Repellent***—Insect repellent for days when the bugs are bad. A snack, a drink, towel and clothes to have after sailing.
7. ***Small Duffel or Backpack*** – To keep all your stuff together. Plastic bins are provided to hold student packs and duffels on shore. Please don't bring money or valuables.
8. ***Be On Time*** – Morning classes START at 9:15am and END at 12:15pm. Afternoon classes START at 1:15pm and END at 4:15pm. Please drop sailors off 5-10 minutes prior to the start of class and pick up promptly after class! The return of sailors on the lawn depends on the availability of the IBYC launch.
9. ***Great Attitude*** – Bring your good behavior, sense of humor and adventure, and a willingness to learn!

Safety – Fun – Learning

