



Junior Sailing Program

Staff

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PETE DODOSH – Sailing Director

Pete Dodosh grew up in Huntington Beach and began his sailing career at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. He attended the University of New Haven in Connecticut on an athletic scholarship, where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration. Pete worked as a special education teacher for two years with the Ocean View School district located in Huntington Beach. During the year Pete works as a special education teacher, but finds any excuse he can to come down and be with our junior sailors at BCYC. This will be Pete's ninth summer working for BCYC.



CAMERON MACLAREN – Head Coach

Cameron grew up sailing in the Lido Isle Yacht Club Junior Program before joining the LIYC staff, coaching beginners and intermediate racing. After three years there, he spent four years coaching at BCYC, 2007-2010, and was responsible for developing some of our finest racers. For the last two years he has been working at Newport Harbor Yacht Club, gaining valuable coaching experience in a larger program, developing and cultivating contacts around the bay. Cameron earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Washington, and also volunteered at the Washington Yacht Club in exchange for access to their fleet of Lasers, CFJs, 420s, and Hobie 16s. He is currently assistant coach for the Newport Harbor High School Sailing Team, and off the water he works for REI as a footwear specialist. From basic boat handling to race course tactics and strategy, Cameron is looking forward to working with the BCYC juniors this upcoming sailing season to help build our program to be the best in the bay!



JACK DONNELL – Sailing Instructor

Jack grew up in the Corona Del Mar area and began his sailing career at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. During his tenure he was an accomplished racer at both the sabot and FJ levels. Currently, Jack is a varsity skipper for the Corona Del High School Sailing Team. This will be Jack's first year on BCYC's coaching staff; however he has worked with sailors the past few summers as a volunteer coach, assisting at both the Novice and Advanced Novice levels. Most recently, Jack earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. He also placed 1st in the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup, an event that includes the top Sea Scout sailors around the globe. We are fortunate to have Jack on our staff for the 2013 season.



COLIN DUFFY – Sailing Instructor

Colin developed a passion for sailing in grade school. He had a very successful career as a Sabot racer and eventually moved up the ranks, as many great sailors do, to focus on Lasers. This is Colin's third year sailing for the Newport Harbor High School Team. Besides being an accomplished sailor, Colin is also a starting long snapper for the Sailor's Varsity Football team. He is currently being recruited by both Division I & II universities throughout the country. Lastly, Colin joins a long list of past and present Eagle Scouts to work for our Junior Program. We are extremely fortunate to have Colin join our staff this summer. His great attitude and hard work ethic will most certainly have a positive impact on our young sailors.



ALEX WOLCOTT – Sailing Instructor

Alex has been actively sailing and racing in Newport Harbor for the past nine years, focusing on sabots and FJs. As a member of the Corona del Mar High School Sailing Team for the past four years, Alex has competed throughout Northern and Southern California.

After serving as a junior sailing instructor at Newport Harbor Yacht Club in 2011, Alex spent last summer as a neuro-pharmacology research intern at the University of California, Irvine, and discovered that performing DNA extraction and genotyping laboratory mice was almost as much fun as sailing.

Alex is currently a junior at Corona del Mar High School. When he is not studying, sailing, Alex enjoys scuba diving at Catalina off his family's boat, participating in Boy Scout Troop 90 activities, skiing, fly fishing, horseback riding and listening to classical music.



CHARLIE WELSH - Sailing Instructor

At age 7, I realized what I loved to do and that was to sail. Throughout my many years of sailing I have been presented with many unique opportunities to increase my knowledge of sailing. In those years I have become very experienced with sabots, CFJ's, 420s, and 29er's

During my entire high school career I have raced for Mater Dei High School in Gold A which is the top fleet in high school sailing. During my sabot career, I reached A fleet and participated in a total of six sabot nationals. Whilst in the process of actively competing in my sabot I was asked to join the NHYC Dick Sweet Team Race Team and in the two years I participated we received second and first respectively. Then after graduating out of my sabot I began to sail CFJs, Lasers and 29ers.

When I was sailing 29ers, I had the honor to represent my yacht club and country in several International regattas. After selling my 29er I began to race Lasers and in 2011 I participated in the Orange Bowl International Youth regatta in Miami, Florida. Now I am currently on the NHYC match racing team and still actively competing in high school races, laser races, match races and big boat races. I'm very much looking forward to the opportunity to give back to a sport that has given me so much.



Wills Johnson - Sailing Instructor

Wills started sailing sabots at Newport Harbor Yacht Club and rose through the ranks through A's. During that time he started sailing Optis, which took him on a crash course of ocean sailing. In his second year in the boat, Wills qualified for USODA's Team USA which took him all around the world to sail.

Once Wills became 6'0", the Laser became his boat of choice and still is. Recently, he qualified for the Chubb US Sailing Junior single-handed championship in Byte C II's by winning the Junior Olympics. Also Wills qualified for the CRESSY Single-Handed high school finals. Wills sails on the Newport Harbor High School Sailing Team and he is an avid CFJ and Club 420 sailor. Finally, Wills has been sailing the i420 a lot and a little bit of International Moths for fun!

Wills is a 4th generation Newport Beach native. His life consists of surfing, golfing, fishing, and sailing. He attends Newport Harbor High School. Currently, Wills is working on a 2020 Olympic campaign in the Laser or maybe 49er class! Also, Wills completed his US Sailing Level 1 instructor certification in December of 2012.



Shelby Gualter - Sailing Instructor

Shelby has been sailing on the Newport Harbor Bay for ten years. As a 6th generation Californian, she's not only addicted to sunshine, but life on the water. After moving up to Sabot A Class, she expanded her interests into CFJs and became a varsity athlete for the Corona del Mar High School sailing team. It was then Shelby became interested in "big-boat" sailing, and subsequently discovered a way to balance her other interests with her passion for sailing. Although she no

longer competes in high school regattas, she keeps up with club sailing and is always up for some "friendly" competition.

Shelby is currently a junior at Corona del Mar High School and President of PAMA, a student run art academy. After winning the academy's award for best 3D Designer last year, she launched her own skateboard company that she affectionately calls Shelby Boards. When not sailing, studying, or expanding her artistic interests, she enjoys hiking, wake surfing, building websites, and listening to Rock n' Roll. She hopes to one day charter a catamaran and sail it around the Bahamas and the Caribbean Islands.



Katie Calder - Sailing Instructor

Katie has grown up in Newport, and has sailed for NHYC since 2004. She now sails for the Newport Harbor High School sailing team. Katie is just finishing up her junior year at Newport Harbor and can't wait for her senior year. Besides sailing, Katie has been a part of National Charity League, and plans to take part in the debutant ball in the fall of 2014.

Katie's extensive knowledge of the sabot is a true asset; she can't wait to bring her knowledge to our program. Her passion and enthusiasm for the sport is so addicting I have no doubt our young sailors will become outstanding racers if they follow her path.



Megan Place - Sailing Instructor

Megan grew up in Fort Lauderdale, FL and started sailing when she was 14 years old in optimists then quickly moved up to 420's and FJ's since she was going into high school. Megan sailed for St. Thomas Aquinas High School all four years and went to ISSA Great Oaks twice and ISSA Baker Team Racing National Championship once during her four years. She was captain of her sailing team her senior year and co captain her junior year. Along with the high school sailing, Megan sailed club 420s and Lasers and traveled to regattas such as Orange Bowl and US Junior Women's Ida Lewis Double handed Championship.

In 2007 she started sailing Snipes with Ernesto Rodriguez from Miami, FL and they competed in many regattas including, US Snipe Nationals three times, with a first place, second place, and fourth place, Atlantic Coast Championship, Pacific Coast Championship, and Snipe Worlds 2009, which they finished strong in third place and the top US boat. She has also traveled to Spain with Ernesto for the Spain Snipe Nationals to represent the US in 2010 and 2012. Megan has also sailed Etchells, participating in several Jaguar Series and her team made it to the 2008 Etchells Worlds. In addition, she has sailed 2010 Key West Race Week on a Melges 32, and has spent some time in J105s and J80s. Megan is currently majoring in Visual Arts at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.