

Annapolis Yacht Club  
Junior Fleet  
Frequently Asked Questions

**What is JAM?**

JAM stands for "Junior Associate Member." It is a membership category open to all sailors ages 8-18. With the exception of Creek Critters and the high school program, all sailors at AYC must be JAM members or children of members. Membership applications can be completed [here](#). There is a \$50 annual fee.

**How do I become a regular member?**

Contact Member Services Director Tracie Parkinson at 410-263-9147 or [tparkinson@annapolisyc.org](mailto:tparkinson@annapolisyc.org) for information.

**It's raining, storming, cold, etc. Is there class?**

We will always put safety first at AYC but we will not cancel for inclement weather. Staff routinely monitors radar for thunderstorms, and all coaches are qualified to run classes that maximize training value based on the conditions. Class is inside during thunderstorms, but we will sail in all other weather. Come prepared!

**Where do I get sailing clothes?**

Annapolis is full of sailing shops. Some offer discounts up to 15% if you mention you will be participating in the AYC program. We recommend APS on Severn Ave., Helly Hansen on Main St., Fawcett's, or West Marine.

**Are classes prorated if I have to miss part of a session?**

No. Every year, we have to turn many sailors away and put others on waiting lists because we operate on a first come, first served basis. Under these circumstances, we cannot justify prorating.

**Do you have a carpool set up?**

No. We cannot organize carpools, nor can we give out personal information of other families in the program. If you would like to carpool, our race team meetings, pre-season cookout, and/or the first day of class are good opportunities to meet other parents.

**What about supervision before and after class?**

Please be on time dropping off in the morning and be prompt picking up at the end of the session. We cannot offer supervision outside of our normal class times.

**Can I stay and watch my child sail?**

Parents are welcome to watch from a distance. Our experience has shown that most young sailors learn best without the distraction of a parent. All of our coaches are trained to run safe and fun classes and appreciate being able to do so without parental input during class. Please ask the Sailing Director if you have any questions.

**I lost my... Did you find it?**

We have a lost and found near the entrance to the bathrooms. Please label everything very clearly with your name and phone number. With more than 300 Junior Sailors participating in our annual program, our lost and found is very full by the end of the summer. Unclaimed items are donated to Goodwill or discarded at the end of each season.

**What do I bring?**

Every day, sailors need to bring closed-toe shoes (e.g. tennis shoes, Crocs, neoprene sailing boots), a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved life-jacket, i.e. Personal Flotation Device (PFD), sunscreen, and a water bottle. It is also recommended that sailors bring a towel, snack, change of clothes, and a lunch. There's a good chance that sailors will get wet every day.

**Is there swimming?**

Sailors will need to pass a short swim test on their first day. This is done in our protected basins while wearing a PFD and shoes. This is to ensure sailors are comfortable in the water. Capsize recovery will be learned and/or reviewed as early in each class as is practical.

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**Class Schedule for: Sea Squirts, Beg. & Int. Opti, Adventure Boating, Basic Keelboat, Beg. & Int. 420**

Session 1: 6/22 – 7/3

Session 2: 7/6 – 7/17 (7/17, Mid-summer Party and Awards, Jr Annex Deck, 1800)

Session 3: 7/20 – 7/31

Session 4: 8/3 – 8/14 (8/14 End of Summer Awards, Skipjack, 1800)

**Practice Schedule for Opti Chesapeake, 420 Chesapeake, Laser. (Opti and 420 Race are Full Summer only)**

Session 1: 6/22 – 7/17 (7/17, Mid-summer Party and Awards, Jr Annex Deck, 1800)

Session 2: 7/20 – 8/14 (8/14 End of Summer Awards, Skipjack, 1800)

**Class Schedule for Creek Critters:**

Session 1: 6/22 – 6/26

Session 2: 6/29 – 7/3

Session 3: 7/6 – 7/10

Session 4: 7/13 – 7/17 (7/17, Mid-summer Party and Awards, Jr Annex Deck, 1800)

Session 5: 7/20 – 7/24

Session 6: 7/27 – 7/31

Session 7: 8/3 – 8/7

Session 8: 8/10 – 8/14 (8/14 End of Summer Awards, Skipjack, 1800)

**Class Schedule for Powerboat Certification:**

Session 1: 6/22 – 6/26

Session 2: 7/6 – 7/10

**Times:**

Creek Critters, Powerboat Certification: 0900 – 1200

Sea Squirts: 1300 – 1600

Beg. & Int. Opti, Adventure Boating, Basic Keelboat, Beg. 420: 0900 – 1600

Opti & 420 Chesapeake Race Teams: 1000 – 1600

420 & Laser Race Teams: 1200 – 1700

Opti Race Team: 1100 – 1700

**What do these parties and Award Nights entail?**

- The July 17<sup>th</sup> Midsummer Awards is a cookout and informal awards presentation where ALL sailors who have participated in and finished a session by July 17 will be recognized. It will take place on the Junior Fleet Deck from 1800 – 2030, or in the Skipjack as a rain location.
- The August 14<sup>th</sup> End of Summer Awards is held in the Skipjack at the main Clubhouse from 1800 - 2030. This more formal (blazer and tie) ceremony also includes a buffet dinner. In addition to recognizing all sailors who have participated in and finished a session by August 14, our Junior Fleet perpetual trophies are awarded. Family members and siblings are always welcome at these events.

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