

June 2, 2011

To Parents of children registered in MRSA's summer Junior Training Sailing Program:

Preparation is ongoing for the MRSA sailing program, to be held at the Grachur Club at their beautiful location on the Magothy River weekdays from June 20 - July 1. This letter covers your obligation for Wednesday 6/15, and the support needed from you on Saturday 6/11, Sunday 6/19 and/or Friday July 1. Driving directions to the boat storage area (McNair property) and to the Grachur Club are included. I am very pleased that your child(ren) will be part of the program, and I trust that the youngsters are looking forward to two weeks of improving their sailing skills and having fun.

The Parents Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30pm in the Grachur Club's Dining Hall. It is very important that at least one parent from each family attend to learn about the program's daily routine; to meet the Instructional staff; and to know what items your child will need to bring every day. (If you want to start shopping early, the two most important items are a Life Jacket, and closed-toe water shoes.)

Directions to Grachur Club: From Severna Park, take Ritchie Hwy (Route 2) to Route 648. Turn Right onto Magothy Bridge road. Turn Right onto Route 100. Route 100 will merge with Mountain Road (Route 177), going east towards Gibson island. Turn right onto LAKE Shore Drive (across the street from the Fire Hall.) Once on Lake Shore Drive follow signs for camp Whipporwill, which is located next to Grachur Club. The entrance to the Grachur Club will be on the right, immediately after the entrance to Camp Whipporwill. Parking will be on the left of the driveway, across from the dumpster. Do not drive beyond the dumpster.

The Parent Supervision schedule will be posted on the MRSA website soon:  
<http://www.magothysailing.com/bin/junior.php>. If you need to swap days with another parent, please follow the posted instructions so that information can be updated promptly and accurately.

One important event before the Parents meeting is Boat Preparation, scheduled for Saturday June 11 at 9:00 am (raindate Sunday June 12) at the McNairs' property. I hope you and your child(ren) can give a few hours to help out with this important task. Last year we had a good turnout and finished in under three hours. Buckets and cleaning supplies will be provided, but you may want to bring drinks.

Directions to McNair Property (384 Eagle Hill Road, Pasadena MD 21122)  
From Severna Park, take Ritchie Hwy (Route 2) to Route 648. Turn Right onto Magothy Bridge road. Turn Right onto Route 100. Route 100 will merge with Mountain Road (Route 177), going east towards Gibson island. Turn right onto NORTH Shore Road,

take this to Eagle Hill Road and follow to the end. Turn right at the mailboxes onto the unpaved driveway. (Do not park outside the chainlink fence). Then proceed, bearing left where the driveway forks. McNairs' is the first house on the left, white shingle and brick, with a number 384 placard in front of the big tree. You may park around the back of the house, in the small side-parking area next to the driveway, or along the driveway on the lawn (house side only please, to keep it open for other cars).

Another essential part of preparation is Boat Rigging/Transport to Grachur, which will begin at 1:00 pm on Sunday June 19, also at the McNair property. Additional help with this would be greatly appreciated. Questions regarding Boat Preparation and/or Rigging should be directed to Fleetmaster Dave Kemp, [fleetmaster@magothysailing.com](mailto:fleetmaster@magothysailing.com).

We could use two additional chase boats to enable more individual on-the-water instruction. If you have an inflatable dinghy or small runabout (under 16') that the instructors could use during the two weeks of the sailing program, please contact [fleetmaster@magothysailing.com](mailto:fleetmaster@magothysailing.com). Chase boats are stored in the water overnight at the Grachur boat pier.

PLEASE NOTE: Parental assistance is an integral requirement for the success of our Junior Training program. In addition to your parent supervision day(s) during the Program session (one day for each child enrolled), the program relies heavily on parent help with Boat Preparation (Saturday morning June 11), Boat Rigging and Transport (Sunday afternoon June 19), Boat Removal (Friday afternoon July 1), and the Awards Picnic (Friday afternoon July 1). To those of you who have not yet signed up for one of these events, please choose one (or more!) that fits your schedule, and email your intended participation to [junior\\_training@magothysailing.com](mailto:junior_training@magothysailing.com). Boat Preparation, and Rigging/Transport are great opportunities for parents and youngsters attending the program for first time to meet others and get familiar with the boats.

I look forward to seeing you at the Parents Meeting on June 15. If you have any questions before then, please contact me at [junior\\_training@magothysailing.com](mailto:junior_training@magothysailing.com), or by phone at 240-447-4112.

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