

# SACHEM'S HEAD YACHT CLUB

## JUNIOR PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER

Session D Newsletter (August 1-13, 2020) & JR Summer Awards!!

### From the August Sailing & Waterfront Director, Haley Brown :

What a summer we wrapped up during Session D! These two weeks went by quickly, but it was so wonderful to spend time on the water with a great group of instructors and sailing students. Session D brought Tropical Storm Isaias, which knocked out the power at SHYC Tuesday-Saturday. Did that stop the instructors and the sailors? Nope! Without power, the kids carried on status-quo. The weather following the storm brought easy breezes and blue skies. The sailors finished the week on a high note. During the following (and final) week, the sailors enjoyed themed days out on the water. My personal favorite was Fishing Day. Some students brought their own poles, and others created their fishing rods on site using wood and line! It was a blast to watch sailors of all ages catch fish, ranging from little minnows to 20 inch stripers! Overall, these two weeks were filled with great wind and great fun. I've enjoyed getting to know the sailors and watching them finish up their summer sailing. I feel so lucky to have been a part of it.



### Sachem's Head Yacht Club - JR Program Summer Award

What a great summer 2020! The coaches and sailors all managed a terrific summer amid a GLOBAL PANDEMIC!! Congrats to all. We had 65 junior participants in total. We were thrilled to be able to have a small in-person outdoor ceremony for the kids to enjoy the annual end of Summer JR Awards. The winners of all the awards are listed below. Here is the link to enjoy the photo slideshow - so much fun!

**[Watch the 2020 JR Program End of Summer Slideshow Video](#)**

## 2020 Sailing JR Award Winners:

**All Star-Coaches Award:** Fischer Smith & Eloise Streeter

**Best Sportsmanship:** Carter Mikolay & Hannah Brown

**Most Enthusiastic:** Henriette Bailey & Avery Peterson

**Most improved:** Cora Stienbacher & Sammy Mizhen

**Best Attitude:** Sasha & Gus Fichtenholtz



**Farley Fitton of the SHYC Sea Squirt Class** won the **US Sailing Junior Olympic “Build a Boat Challenge”!** Out of all the submissions across the United States, Farley’s boat (and smiling face) won first place! Congratulations, Farley! *(photo credit to Kevin Gunn)*



## 2020 Tennis SHYC Championships:

This year we had more kids than ever before compete in our end of summer club championships. We had 17 kids enter our Green-dot singles champs, and a fierce line up for

both our Green and Yellow mixed gender doubles champs! The matches were all hard fought, with most semi and final matches ending in tie breakers. The sportsmanship was amazing across all the matches. Go SHYC TENNIS!!

**Green Doubles Championship:**

- **Runners-Up:** Avery Peterson & Eloise Streeeter
- **Winners:** Wylder Smith & Zack Milano

**Green Singles Championship:**

- **Runners-Up:** Henry D'Albert
- **Winners:** Zack Milano

**Yellow Doubles Championship:**

- **Runners-Up:** Nora Davis & Molly Peterson
- **Winners:** Simon Weeks & Preston Eder

**Yellow Singles Championship:**

- **Runners-Up:** Nora Davis
- **Winners:** Simon Weeks

## **2020 Tennis JR Season Award Winners!**

**All Star-Coaches Tennis Award:** Mila Leonardi & Paige Steffen

**Best Sportsmanship:** Sammy Mizhen & Molly Peterson

**Most Enthusiastic:** Michael Haar & Luke Steffen

**Most Improved:** Anderson Smith & Preston Eder

**Best Attitude:** Chase Tuttle & Harper Brooks

## **Final JR Racing for Sailors on Labor Day Weekend!**

There is one final Labor Day Junior Trophy Race for each junior fleet on Labor Day Weekend. Harbor Start at 9AM, first race at 9:30AM.

- FEVAs on Saturday AM Sept 5th (Trophy Race)
- LASERS on Saturday AM Sept 5th (last day of series) and Monday AM Sept 7th (Trophy Race)
- OPTI on Monday AM Sept 7th (Trophy Race)
- *If we have more sailors than available Fevas, priority will be given to those who have been racing Fevas this summer in the series races. A boat sign-up form will be sent around. If you have questions about Labor Day racing, please reach out to Cutter or Shane.*



## FINAL August Session-D Class Reports:

### Morning Beginner Sea Squirts - Instructor: Maeve Merkle-Scotland

Sea squirts had so much fun this session! This session was focused on aquatic animals and their natural habitats. The kids had an awesome time making crab traps, going clamming, and catching fish on fishing day! We also went on a special Sonar adventure where we sang pirate songs. I will miss all of the Sea Squirts!



### Morning Opti 1 Beginner - Instructor: Izzy Merill

The past two weeks these awesome girls did so much. We spent mornings in heavy wind sailing the optis, in light air capsizing the optis, and even caught a couple porgies on fishing day!

### AM Feva Adventure - Instructors: Haley Brown, Ryan Squires, Joe Coyne, James Vagell

This session the Feva group had a blast with lots of adventures on and off the water. Fishing day proved a success! The morning feva group ended up catching some stripers, porgy, and black fish. While fishing, we spotted 3 seals! Towards the last week of session D, we were able to do some fun Sonar adventures, too. The boys were able to halyard swing off the sonar, as well as tube tow behind the Sonar!



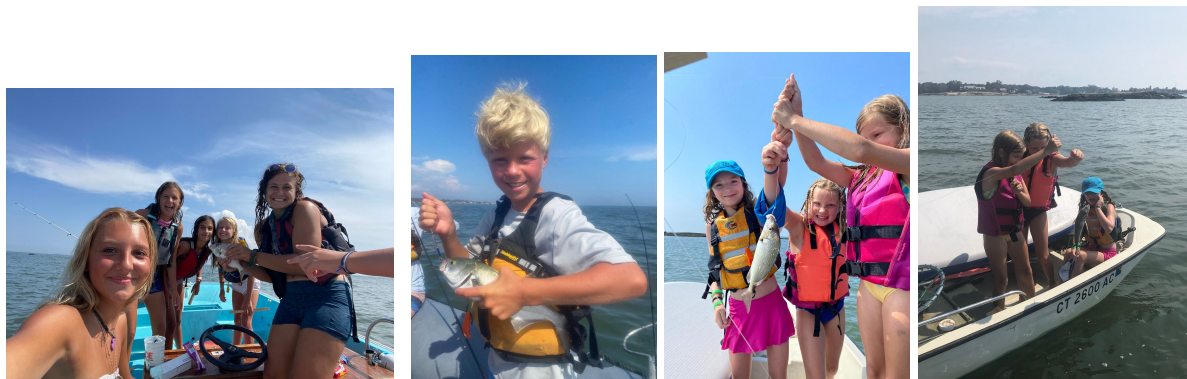
### Afternoon Feva Tween Adventure - Instructors: Maeve Merkle Scotland and Izzy Merill

This group of sailors have improved incredibly since last session! This final session has been full of fun adventure days, along with a few high wind days where they practiced trapezing in a 420 and proper hiking form in the Fevas! The girls can all confidently sail with the spinnaker in all wind conditions too! We



had a great summer, and will miss this awesome group of girls!

**2020 New SHYC Fishing Day!** This new SHYC fishing day was a huge success. The kids all made hand-lines using a piece of wood, string, a hook, sinker, and squid for bait. Every class caught at least one fish!! The Tween & Teen Feva girls combined caught the most fish out of all the classes on fishing day! Claire Tuttle caught 3 porgies off Goose Rocks and Avery Peterson caught a 20 inch striper! Fisher Smith caught multiple fish and even brought his own fishing rod! The Seaquirts & Opti-1 sailors surprised themselves with multiple catches.



**Afternoon Feva Teen Adventure - Instructors: Haley Brown and James Vagell**

The teen girls in the afternoon Feva Adventure class made a lot of progress all summer! They can all handle the spinnaker in a variety of conditions and their boat handling is steady. It was extra impressive to see them work as a team to tackle rigging the sonar and sailing around the sound with the chute with coach James, especially during windier days. This class also greatly enjoyed the Annual Beach Day Sail to Vineyard Point!



**Afternoon Laser Race Training - Coach: Joe Coyne**

The laser sailors continued to work on their starting tactics and boat speed. All their hard work and practice



came to fruition on the last Saturday of the SHYC junior season races. Facing a puffy, shifty, and strong northerly, the laser sailors demonstrated their skills on the start line and all around the race track. The junior Laser sailors beat the adults in many races all summer!

### **Afternoon Opti 3 Race - Coach: Ryan Squires**

After a heavy wind regatta in Barrington, the Opti race team was able to let loose and enjoy their summer. The racers got creative on one of the particularly windy days and created their own boat! They took a Bic hull, rigged a 420 spinnaker pole to the mast and bow, and raised a feva spinnaker. Boat name and trademark both pending.



### **Friday Kayak - Instructor: Joe Coyne**

### **Friday Paddle Boarding - Instructors: Maeve Merkle-Scotland and Izzy Merrill**

The groups enjoyed exploring Goose Rocks and many other rocky areas and inlets around the harbor. Our last paddling day was a little cloudy, but still so much fun. The kids explored the depths of the back of the harbor, and we were able to anchor and play games in the water. It was so great to spend our Fridays with such a great group of kids. Overall, Friday kayaking and paddling was a great, relaxing way to cap off each week!



### **END OF SUMMER - Important Reminders**

- 1) Pick up your EQUIPMENT & BOATS:** Please remember to pick up your Optis, kayaks, paddleboards, paddles, blades, sails, gear, and more! Equipment should be removed by the week after Labor Day (or sooner if you would like!)
- 2) LOST & FOUND:** Have you lost anything this summer? Lost and found is in the shower room this year. Take a look! Your long lost item may be waiting for you!
- 3) Follow the COVID Rules:** Please remind your children that they need to continue to follow the CLUB & COVID rules in the post-season. Mask rules must be followed. Children under 12 need a supervisor at all times at the YC. Here are the detailed rules for your review: [COVID & SHYC HOUSE RULES](#)

### **Any Final Questions:**

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