

Welcome to the
MARINER JUNIOR
Fall Season 2009



Where we go one,
we go all

Pass it on

Program Description

Mariner Juniors is a program offered in conjunction with the Dana Point Mariner – South Coast Sailing Team.

Mariner Juniors

Boys and girls ages 12 and 13 may become Mariner Juniors. As members of this junior program participant will gain the right to use Dana Point Mariner Equipment for which they are qualified on designated recreational boating days. In addition, participants will be offered an optional overnight cruise on Mariner Vessels each season*. The Mariner Junior classes offered are: canoeing/kayaking (fall season), rowing (spring season), small boat sailing and motor boating, sailboat racing, and Mariner Apprentice Rank. There are prerequisites for some of the classes.

Why have we established a Mariner Junior Program?

For many years we have received requests that we allow youth younger than 14 years old to join the Mariner program. Due to insurance constraints this is not possible. In response to the demand for a program for middle school aged youth that parallels the Mariner program we are introducing Mariner Juniors. The Mariner Junior program incorporates much of what is available in our Mariner program at a relaxed pace and with a bit more supervision. Youth who elect to continue with the Mariner Junior program through successive seasons and successfully complete each course will be eligible to join the Mariners at an advanced rank upon reaching the appropriate age.

Details Pertaining to the Program

Specific age requirements

Youth registering for fall classes must be at least 12 by Nov. 1st

Youth registering for spring classes must be at least 12 by May 1st

Schedule of classes

Four Wednesday evening classes following the Mariner Information Night and three Saturday classes as indicated on the current season calendar. Wednesday classes are from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Saturday classes are from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Note: Parents are required to sign youth in and out at each class session and at all optional events. Please drop-off/pick-up youth on time. Refer to the calendar included in this packet for this season's class and optional event dates/times.

Location of Classes

All scheduled classes are held either in the classrooms or on the water at the Orange County Sailing and Events Center (formerly the Dana Point Youth and Group Facility).

Water Safety Requirements

A swim test will be given on the first Saturday class. All Mariner Juniors must bring a swim suit, towel, and change of clothes to the first Saturday class. Participants must demonstrate an ability to swim 50 yards (a life vest may be worn) and tread water for 5 minutes.

On the Water Sailing Demonstration/Test

Youth who desire to take the Mariner Junior sail racing, small boat sailing/motor boating, Apprentice course will be required to provide evidence of having completed the required Westwind sailing courses or demonstrate adequate skills in a test given by designated Mariner Junior instructors on the date indicated on the season's calendar. Eligibility for participation in Mariner Junior sail racing, small boat sailing/motor boating, and Apprentice courses is subject to the approval of the Mariner Junior Program Director.

Mariner Junior Season Cruise

Cruise dates are as scheduled on the Mariner Junior calendar each season. Participation in the cruise is optional and requires a reservation and payment in full by the stated RSVP deadline.

**There is an additional fee of \$40 per person, for participation in a weekend cruise.*

Required Dress

Youth are required to wear the Mariner Junior T-shirt, jeans, and enclosed tennis shoes (must have non-slip soles) to all classes.

Course Offerings

Fall Season

Canoeing and Kayaking
Small boat sailing/motor boating
Apprentice Rank
Sailboat racing

Spring Season

Rowing
Small boat sailing/motor boating
Apprentice Rank
Sailboat racing

Course Descriptions

Canoeing and kayaking

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites.

Four Wednesday evenings are devoted to classroom instruction in material related to the safe handling of canoes and kayaks. Three Saturday afternoons are devoted to on-the-water instruction to develop physical expertise in safe canoeing and kayaking.

Rowing

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites.

Four Wednesday evenings are devoted to classroom instruction in material related to the safe handling of rowboats, dories and pulling boats. Three Saturday afternoons are devoted to on-the-water instruction to develop physical expertise in rowing.

Small boat sailing and motor boating

Prerequisites: Must have successfully completed or be concurrently enrolled in Westwind Sailing JSII or JSDCII or Teen II **

Four Wednesday evenings are devoted to classroom instruction reviewing sail theory, rules of the road, rigging of Lasers, 420s and Hunters and material related to the safe handling of small motorboats. Three Saturday afternoons are devoted to on-the-water instruction in the specific handling of Lasers, 420s and Hunters small motorboats.

Sailboat racing

Prerequisites: Must have successfully completed Westwind Sailing JSII or JSDCII or Teen II **

Four Wednesday evenings are devoted to classroom instruction covering racing rules and strategies. Three Saturday afternoons are devoted to on-the-water racing of Lasers and 420s.

Apprentice Rank

Prerequisites: Must have successfully completed Small Boat Sailing and Motor Boating

This course should be taken the season before being age qualified for joining the Mariners. Four Wednesday evenings and three Saturday Afternoons are devoted to learning the Mariner Requirements for Apprentice Rank including the knowledge of 10 knots, heaving a line, heaving a ring buoy, boxing a compass, lookout reporting using relative bearings and basic maritime traditions. Successful completion of this course will enable entering the Mariners as an Apprentice Seaman. **Note: additional class meetings may be offered/required in order to successfully complete this course.*

**** With regard to prerequisites: please refer to Westwind course offerings in the OC Sailing and Events Center catalogue to determine classes in which youth should be concurrently enrolled.**

Mariner Junior Instructors

Each Mariner Junior course will be taught by a team of Mariner adult volunteers and Mariner youth who are either working toward their BSA Quartermaster rank (the equivalent to Eagle Scout) or who have graduated from the Mariner program.

Mariner Junior Registration Process & Fees

The fee for the Mariner Junior program is \$80 per season and includes a Mariner Junior T-shirt.

For Mariner Junior courses requiring a Westwind Sailing prerequisite: Upon Westwind's verification of a Mariner Junior youth's concurrent enrollment in and payment for a Westwind sailing course, a credit of \$40 will be issued by the Mariner Junior Program no later than the last class of the season.

Completion of the following steps by a youth's parent/guardian is required for Mariner Junior registration:

1. Complete and sign the Mariner Junior Parent Permission Form enclosed in this packet.
2. Complete and sign the Mariner Junior Youth Emergency Information, Medical Release and Liability Waiver.
3. Work with the Mariner Junior representative to complete the registration form.
4. Make payment in full for the program to the Mariner purser.
5. If appropriate, register for Westwind courses by completing the necessary registration process through the OC Sailing & Events Center.

Contact Information

At the second class meeting of the season each Mariner Junior will be provided with a team roster which includes the name of each youth, home phone, cell phone, and the youth's email address. The roster will also contain contact information for the adult volunteer and Mariner youth instructors. This roster is for your personal use and is absolutely not to be utilized as a marketing tool.

For questions pertaining to the Mariner Junior Program please feel free to contact the following individuals:

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