



## Optimist Sailing School

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### **What program will be used for the curriculum?**

*We use the Inland Lake Yachting Association sailing school junior program curriculum, a course used to instruct children throughout the Midwest and approved by the U.S. Optimist Dinghy Association, U.S. Sailing Association, U.S. Sailing Training Committee and National Faculty and Canadian Yachting Association. The Oshkosh Yacht Club is proud to offer such a quality program to our youth sailors.*

#### **What will we use the medical release and authorization form for?**

*In the unlikely event of a medical emergency, the sailing school instructor will seek assistance as quickly as possible, taking your child to the nearest medical facility by either car or ambulance (if necessary). Parents, guardians, and/or emergency contacts will be notified as soon as possible. The sailing school student's family insurance policy is his/her primary coverage while attending sailing school.*

#### **When should the student arrive and if arriving by car when should I pick them up?**

*Classes are held at the Oshkosh Yacht Club Harbor at The Waters, 1393 Washington Avenue. Please arrive punctually so you don't miss one minute of fun and instruction. Please make proper arrangements for your sailor's prompt pick up at the end of the class. Our instructors are not responsible for your child when the class is complete.*

#### **What happens if the weather is inclement?**

*Sailing is obviously an outdoor sport. Weather conditions may not always be conducive to safe sailing. Therefore, the instructors will make the best decision about class modification. If sailing is not possible, indoor or on shore activities/drills will take place. The Oshkosh Yacht Club is in the lower level of The Waters and is available to the instructors and students in event of inclement weather. Classes will not be cancelled.*

#### **How do the boats stay in such good condition?**

*We rely on the users of the boats to take care in handling the boats and sails. Please take care when sailing the boats and most importantly when docking the boats. Normal wear and tear will take place but learning proper skills will extend the life of the boats and equipment.*

### **What happens if my child is a disruption in class?**

*Sailing is fun and sailing school will be fun as well. The sailing school instructors have high, but reasonable expectations for sailing school student behavior. If a child fails to obey the safety rules of class and becomes disruptive to other students, we reserve and will exercise our right to remove a child from the sailing school program. Parents will be notified to pick up their child at once and no return will be given.*

### **What should I bring to class?**

- *U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest which will be worn, without exception, at all times while on the dock and water.*
- *Sunscreen already applied*
- *Shoes with rubber soles must be worn to protect feet and maintain a slip-resistant footing*
- *Clothing that can get wet*
- *A water bottle to rehydrate during class*
- *A towel*
- *A smile and a great attitude*
- *Please note: We are not responsible for any phones brought to class.*

### **Is there anything the sailor can do for class?**

*First time sailors may want to read "Sailing for Kids" by Steve and Gary Kibble. It is a great introduction to the Opti.*