



## 2019 SAILING SCHOOL - WET PANTS SAILING ASSOCIATION, INC.

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### Welcome!

Wet Pants (WPSA) is where youth and adults learn to sail the Great South Bay in a fun, safe, affordable way! Our facility is also called Port O' Call (30 Browns River Rd, Sayville NY 11782). Congratulations for registering! We are the **Parental Steering Committee**, volunteers who run the sailing school. Here are some things you should know for the 2019 season:

**INSTRUCTORS:** We welcome 2 new highly accomplished people, a level-3 Head Instructor and Race Coach! Past level 1-2 Instructors were invited back, 2 in-training were upgraded, all will have current credentials, SafeSport & CPR training.

**CLASS PLACEMENT:** It is vital to a young sailor's success to be in the class that best suits their size and ability. For safety we cannot allow children to sail in classes for which they are not adequately prepared and not to their skill level. Students may repeat a class year after year until confident to move up. Your child should be registered for the class recommended to you by instructors at the end of last season. If your child sailed elsewhere, contact the **Parental Steering Committee** [psc@wetpantssailing.org](mailto:psc@wetpantssailing.org) for guidance. Each child will be evaluated for swim ability.

**CLASSES:** Students should arrive at least 5-10 minutes before class begins to check-in and get settled. In good weather they'll have a 10-20 minute classroom lesson, go out to rig boats, then get onto the water for as much sailing time as possible. Don't miss lessons or boat departures, children should not be left unattended at the docks or in the building.

**GUARDHOUSE/REC CARD:** Tell the Town of Islip staff you're there for Wet Pants and they'll wave you in, NO CARD needed! Want a town Recreation Card anyway? 2-yr cards are \$30, half price for additional family members 12 & up to access Sayville beach/playground & parking lot, Byron Lake Pool in Oakdale & more. Info at <http://tiny.cc/rec-card>

**SCHEDULE & HOLIDAYS:** No class Thurs, Jul 4<sup>th</sup>, half summer runs between Jul 1-Jul 25, full runs Jul 1-Aug 15.

**BAD WEATHER:** Wind and weather conditions can and do impact the water portion of classes and races. We still hold classes! We do alternate lesson & activity plans indoors. See our Facebook page for timely updates.

**NOTIFICATIONS:** Like and visit our Facebook page for timely class/regatta announcement and update posts. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/wetpantssailing/> Get on our email list for advance notice distribution.

**REGATTAS:** The club hosts Home Regattas 6-8pm Wednesday nights for adults, youths and other clubs. You do NOT have to own a boat. Sail club boats when available, crew a member's boat, sail your own. Friday Junior Regattas are Away races for youths in our sailing school at other club's locations, weather permitting! Generally they are on the water by 9am and finish up roughly about 4pm. PARENTS need to transport your child and their boats if using, to/from the Away races.

**MANDATORY DAILY GEAR:** Life jackets/vests (preferably high visibility with waterproof whistle), water bottles, sunscreen are mandatory! Take home daily. No jacket = no sailing. All students & instructors are required to provide and wear US Coast Guard approved type III PFD jackets for water portion of lessons. Label belongings, day-use lockers available, siblings/friends share. Bring a lock, DO NOT bring valuables, WPSA is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

**RECOMMENDED DAILY GEAR:** Always remember to bring a towel, hats and sunglasses, wear a rash/sun guard shirt and appropriate water shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS). Don't forget the life jacket, water or sunscreen. Long hair should be tied back. Waterproof phone pouches suggested. We have a bike rack with ample room to lock up. Lock it or lose it.

**ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEERING:** Activities are fun! We hope your student & family will participate in club and junior social events like Movie Night, Talent Shows, Fundraisers, Ice Cream Social, Sachem Share Day, Clam Bake and more!

**DISCIPLINE:** We may terminate a student's participation at our discretion for discipline, attitude or safety infractions, including vaping or bullying. We support a culture of kindness and community. Problem? Tell PSC or head instructor.

**REFUNDS:** No refunds will be made for sailing lessons or memberships cancelled or terminated for any reason.

**BE TIDY:** This is YOUR club - treat it well. Please don't leave a mess: food/drinks, trash, sand, wet items in the classroom, lockers, bathrooms or elsewhere. Clean up after yourself, be a good citizen!