

NSP Committee meeting Sunday, February 28, 2021 - minutes:

Meeting opened at 2:00PM on Zoom

Attendees: Members: Mark Patek, Eric Kirton, Jeff Hall, Heidi Fiore

non-members: John Fulghum, Olivia Fulghum (Director of program for 2021), Collin Murphy (Assistant Director)

Members not attending: Jeff Hall, Doug Frauenholz

Set dates for summer program: 7 week program: June 28- August 13 (set-up June 21-25)

Discussed class options to be offered this summer:

Hope that instructors who are 16 year old or older will be June 28.

In general – would plan to again do any “classroom” sessions outdoors on the wharf.

Learn to Sail Class:

Agree that it is critical to our program to be able to offer the Learn to Sail class for beginner sailors (typically 8 and 9 years old) and for adults.

Johnson School has good success with in-person learning for the elementary school and kids are all comfortable wearing masks and used to not being too close.

In the past, the Learn to Sail Program has typically had several students (3-5) in a Rhodes 19 with an instructor. (Often CIT or junior) and sometimes also an extra CIT to help with landing etc. If eliminate second instructor in the boat, may need to have CIT on power boat help tie boats to mooring at least for first few classes.

Our plan would be to try and only have 3 students and an instructor. Students and instructor would be a consistent pod and stay the same for every class. (3 classes per week) Proximity would be less than 6 feet but would be outdoors. Since we have 6 - R/19's we could offer 18 children classes.

Opti 1 and combined Opti 2/3 classes would be offered as we did last year. One child per boat.

420 – and/or laser light air and afternoon advanced – if possible. Would be two students in a boat so less than 6 feet apart but outdoors. If we can not have two in a boat, may have to borrow some lasers again this summer.

Note: student and instructor masks should ideally have a line connecting ear straps so mask could easily be pulled down without loss of mask.

Adult Sailing:

Would like to offer Beginner Adult sailing classes in Rhodes 19's again. We have two lasers which could be used by very skilled adults. Need to prove skill level this year.

Assume all adults will be vaccinated by then. (Would we be allowed to mandate it of students or even ask) only potential problem would be instructors who may not be vaccinated by then.

Should be able to offer adult racing – again assume vaccinated participants.

Advertising and polling

Although we need to finalize details of how classes can be done under COVID-19 restrictions at that time and will need approval by Town, we should announce the general plans and say they are subject to approval and also assure parents that we will follow COVID-19 Guidelines in place at the time of classes.

Heidi will begin some informal polling of 2nd and 3rd grade parents to get an indication of how many students might want to enroll in Learn to Sail and other classes.

She will assemble scrap book and or video of classes – Collin, Olivia and Eric will send her photos from last summer. She has also been given full administrator access to the NSP Facebook page. Note that Haley also has some good pictures.

General affordability and guidance for more work on fees for summer. This work will be done. Expect to need to raise the fees which should not be a big concern: 7 weeks up from 6 weeks last year and minimum wage up from last year.

Overview of hiring plans – instructors.

Discussed instructors to be hired for this summer looking at comments from mid-season reviews.

Clearly have a shortage of senior instructors with US Sailing Level-1 training as well as good performance review. Mark will start poll of last year's instructors to see who would like an offer. Will also make strong case for them to complete L-1 training since it is key element of instructors having lesson plans.

If instructor wishes to return but did not have exhibit performance consistent with his level, give an offer at reduced level and pay.

Identified potential students to be offered CIT positions this summer. Mark will send invitations to them.

Maintenance work and supplies needed for summer:

Briefly reviewed spreadsheet prepared at end of last season. Rhodes 19 needs were from 2019.

Eric will look at some of the boats to see what needs to be done before set-up week.

We have 2 good laser hulls due to Eric's repairs. Seem to be missing one boom. John may have it or it may be in laser stuff in bunker.

Discussed getting extra mast part and sails to allow the lasers to be rigged as Radials as well as 4.7 to allow use by bigger students and adults. Would need to participate in large Radial fleet at Marblehead Junior Race Week.

420's – 2 hulls not useful.

One stripped of good parts – should go to dumpster or donate to garden club.

Diesel 420 – very heavy, takes on a lot of water. Possibly could be sold but may also only be useful for parts.

Olivia reported that one of the 420 racks in bunker has shaky cross beams. Eric will check.

Seabags for fund raising:

We have been donated 2 large sails which will be given to SeaBags Inc who will give some items we can sell to raise money – Eric would like recommendations from members as to which items we should get.

Discussed recruiting a 5th member of committee - handle registration, collections etc.

Mark will pursue one candidate suggested.

Meeting ended at 3:30PM