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*THE SAILS WEAR OUT AFTER THREE SEASONS.
THE LESSONS LAST A LIFETIME.*

PLEON'S MISSION

Pleon is a unique club which emphasizes junior sailing. Since the Club's beginning in 1887, Pleon's flag officers and members have been youngsters under the age of 21.

The purpose of the Pleon Sailing Program is to involve as many young people as possible in the sport of sailing in a fun, educational atmosphere.

The program supports both serious competitors and recreational sailors of all skill levels, and is focused on building sailing skills while also promoting sportsmanship, fostering teamwork and strengthening respect for oneself and others.

Pleon owns a fleet of club boats which are available for the club's members to use including: 20 International Optimist Dinghies; 4 Lasers, including Full, Radial and 4.7 rigs; and 20 Club 420's, most with spinnakers and trapezes, and others with modified rigs for novice sailors.

PLEON YACHT CLUB AND THE 2008 SAILING PROGRAM

The 2008 Pleon Sailing Program will begin Monday, June 30th and end Friday, August 22nd. The primary emphasis of the program is learning through experience on the water. Pleon also provides members with a variety of additional summertime activities. Social events include cookouts, movie nights, dances, Great Day, the Commodore's Ball and Awards Night. Elections for flag officers are held in August for the following summer. Pleon often hosts regattas including regional, national and international class championships. Commodore Ryan Carney will be on hand each day during the summer to answer any questions that you may have regarding club and social activities.

2008 PLEON CLASS OFFERINGS

BEGINNER: The Beginner class is for sailors who have little or no prior single-handed boating experience. This class is designed for sailors who are at least 9 years old and have completed 3rd Grade. Knowledge of boat rigging, basic sailing, water safety and confidence in handling all points of sail are emphasized. The Beginner class will be taught in the single-handed Optimist, and in modified 420's. Classes meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00AM – 12:00PM. Fee: \$1,000

INTERMEDIATE: Pleon's Intermediate class is for sailors who have successfully completed the Beginner class or equivalent. The curriculum is an extension of the Beginner class, with emphasis on independence in rigging, skippering and boat maintenance. Classes will be taught in Optimists and in modified 420's. This is Pleon's largest class and is divided into A and B groups for scheduling purposes only. Please state your preference (if any) when applying. Friends wishing to be together should indicate this on the application.

Group A meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00AM – 12:00PM.
Group B meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00AM – 12:00PM, and Friday from 1:00PM – 4:00PM.
Fee: \$1,000

OPTIMIST 1: Pleon's Optimist 1 class is for students who have successfully completed the Intermediate class or equivalent. Students will continue to improve their sailing skills while they learn basic racing skills through drills and actual racing. Racing rules, tactics, boating safety and fun are emphasized. Optimists will be used. Sailors may race in Marblehead Junior Race Week and other local green fleet regattas. Private boat ownership is encouraged.

Classes meet Monday through Thursday from 1:00PM – 4:30PM, with racing on Wednesdays. (Boats rigged and ready to sail by 1:00PM).
Fee: \$1,100

OPTIMIST RACING: This class is for Optimist sailors on the Championship line. The curriculum is geared toward improving racing tactics and knowledge of racing rules. All racers in this class will compete in local regattas, such as Marblehead Junior Race Week and the Junior Olympics. Private boat ownership is encouraged. Parents will be expected to attend periodic parent meetings, and share in responsibility for providing transportation and on-site regatta assistance during the season.

Classes meet Monday through Friday from 1:00PM – 4:30PM, with racing on Wednesdays. (Boats rigged and ready to sail by 1:00PM.)
Fee: \$1,250

OPTIMIST RACE TEAM: The Opti Race Team is for sailors based upon the recommendation of last year's sailing staff. This class is for experienced and eager Optimist racers who own an Optimist and have sailed on the Championship line. Racing tactics, rules and correct sail trim are stressed. These sailors will travel as a team and compete at selected local, regional and national regattas. Parents will be expected to attend periodic parent meetings and share responsibility for providing transportation and on-site regatta assistance during the season.

Classes meet Monday through Friday afternoons from 1:00PM – 5:00PM, with racing on Wednesday. (Boats rigged and ready to sail by 1:00PM.)
Fee: \$1,350

INTRO TO ADVENTURE SAILING: The Introduction to Adventure Sailing class is for sailors who have successfully completed the Optimist 1 class or equivalent. This class is an extension of Optimist 1 and intended to teach sailors to be comfortable, safe and confident on the water in a non-competitive atmosphere. Emphasis is placed on sailing terminology, teamwork, boat-handling, the basic racecourse and rules of the road. Classes will be taught in the modified 420's.

Classes meet Wednesday from 9:00AM – 12:00PM, and Monday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00PM – 4:30PM.
Fee: \$1,100

ADVENTURE SAILING: This is a class for adventurous, experienced sailors who want to sail beyond the buoys. This class is designed to expose those junior sailors to all aspects of boat handling, navigation and seamanship. The class may culminate in an overnight race/cruise planned by the sailors pending availability of boats.

This class is offered as two sessions for four weeks each. Sailors may sign up for one or both sessions. Classes meet Monday and Friday from 9:00AM – 12:00PM, and Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00PM – 4:30PM.

Session 1 runs from June 30th – July 25th, and Session 2 runs from July 28th – August 22nd.
Fee: \$750 per session, or \$1,100 for both sessions.

INTRO TO 420: This class is for sailors at least 13 years old, who have a solid understanding of sailing and want to learn to sail the double-handed Club 420. Sailors should have completed Opti Racing, Adventure Sailing, or an equivalent class. Sailors will learn more advanced boat handling maneuvers and basic racing skills.

This class is offered as two sessions for four weeks each. Sailors may sign up for one or both sessions. All sailors are encouraged to participate in Marblehead Junior Race Week.
Classes meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00AM – 12:00PM.

Session 1 runs from June 30th – July 25th, and Session 2 runs from July 28th – August 22nd.
Fee: \$750 per session, or \$1,100 for both sessions.

420 RACE TEAM: This class is intended for the most experienced racers. Enrollment is based upon the recommendation of last year's sailing staff. The 420 team will be divided into groups according to ability. The groups will work to fine tune their boat handling and racing skills. All sailors are expected to sail in local regattas, such as Marblehead Junior Race Week and the Junior Olympics. The primary emphasis for top sailors will be regatta travel. The curriculum includes sail trim for speed, regatta preparation, boat maintenance, racing rules and tactics. These sailors will travel as a team and compete at selected local, regional and national regattas. Parents will be expected to attend periodic parent meetings and share responsibility for providing transportation and on-site regatta assistance during the season.

Classes meet Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00 PM – 5:00PM (boats rigged and ready to sail by 1:00PM), and on Wednesday from 9:00AM – 5:00PM, with racing on Wednesday afternoons.
Fee: \$1,350

LASERS: These classes are for older sailors who have a solid understand of sailing and want to learn to race or improve their racing skills in the Laser 4.7, Radial or Full Rig. Private boat ownership is strongly encouraged. Laser sailors will be divided into three classes: Laser 1, Laser 2 and Laser Race Team.

LASER 1: This class is for those transitioning to the Laser, and will be sailed in the Radials and smaller 4.7 rigs. Sailors in this class will learn basic racing skills, as well as more advanced boat handling maneuvers. Sailors will race in Marblehead Junior Race Week and other local regattas. Classes meet Monday through Friday from 9:00AM – 12:00PM. Fee: \$1,100

LASER 2: This class is for those who have experience sailing the Laser, and will be sailed in Laser Radials and Full Rigs. Sailors in this class will work to fine tune their boat handling and racing skills, and will sail in local regattas such as Marblehead Junior Race Week and the Junior Olympics, with parental support. Classes meet Monday through Friday from 1:00PM – 4:30PM, with racing on Wednesdays (Boats rigged and ready to sail by 1:00PM). Fee: \$1,250

LASER RACE TEAM: Enrollment is based upon the recommendation of last year's sailing staff. The primary emphasis for this team will be regatta travel. The curriculum includes sail trim for speed, regatta preparation, boat maintenance, racing rules and tactics. These sailors will travel as a team and compete at selected local, regional and national regattas. Parents will be expected to attend periodic parent meetings and share responsibility for providing transportation and on-site regatta assistance during the season. Classes meet Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00PM – 5:00PM, and Wednesday from 9:00AM – 5:00PM, with racing on Wednesday afternoons. (Boats rigged and ready to sail by 1:00PM.) Fee: \$1,350

PLEON MEMBERSHIP

Pleon membership is required for everyone participating in Pleon classes. Membership is also encouraged for Pleon friends, family and alumni ages 9 – 18 who are interested in taking part in other club activities. These include social activities, private sailing lessons, and committee membership. Members who are not taking classes are not entitled to store boats or other belongings on club premises, nor to receive coaching support at regattas. Pleon also welcomes sustaining memberships for those not eligible for membership.

Membership dues: \$50

Sustaining members: \$50

REGISTRATION

The sailing program is open to children who are at least 9 years old and who have completed 3rd grade. All registration forms must be returned by mail only to the Post Office box by March 7, 2008.

Class sizes are limited. Returning sailors who were enrolled in the 2007 Pleon program will be given priority for class placement if the application is postmarked by the March 7th deadline. Applications for new sailors postmarked by March 7th will be considered by age. Applications postmarked after March 7th will be considered based on space available.

Applications forms will be available beginning February 25th on Pleon's website: www.pleon.org. Copies may also be found at West Marine, Marblehead Outfitters and the Marblehead Sport Shop. Please print and fill out the three forms: the 2008 Sailing Program Application, the Parent Agreement, and the Emergency Medical Form, and return them with **full payment** to:

Pleon Junior Sailing Program
P.O. Box 160
Marblehead, MA 01945.

Payment plans are available. Requests must be submitted to the above address, along with the application and payment of at least one-third of the total due.

Requests to move to another class will be considered in the order received, based on eligibility, capacity and instructor recommendations. Please contact Katie Bloxham (contact information below).

If you have questions about the program or your child's class placement, please feel free to contact:

Katie Bloxham: 781-631-8689 (katie.bloxham@fmr.com)
Bill Lynn: 781-631-0643 (lynn.family@verizon.net)
Dru Slattery: 781-631-4899 (druslattery@verizon.net)

FINANCIAL AID

A limited amount of financial aid is available for program fees only. Aid will be limited to families who can demonstrate financial need. Please send a written request and explanation of need along with your application and medical form. The deadline for requests is March 7, 2008.

REFUNDS AND DISCOUNTS

Fees will not be prorated for partial attendance, or for cancellations after March 7, 2008. Pleon does not offer a discount for families with multiple children in the program, and cannot accommodate requests for refunds.

IMPORTANT DATES

Instructional classes will begin Monday, June 30th and end Friday, August 22nd. Classes will not be held July 21-25 due to Marblehead Junior Race Week and the Marblehead NOOD Regatta.

A **mandatory** parent information meeting will be held at Pleon on Sunday, June 29th at 1830. A Parent/Student handbook including class objectives, a summer calendar, regatta schedules and program events will be distributed at that time.

SAFETY

SWIM TEST: On the first day of class, all sailors will be required to take a swim test in the harbor. All participants in the program will swim in a swimsuit for 50 yards and tread water for one minute. Remember to bring a towel and warm clothes to the first class.

LIFE JACKETS: Safety is of primary importance! Every child, regardless of age or class, is required to own and wear a Coast Guard-approved life vest at all times when on the dock and water. This rule also applies to free sailing at Pleon and to participants at away events.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE: Proper conduct is simple common sense. There should be no rough play on the dock or on Pleon grounds. Jumping off piers is absolutely forbidden. Respect for fellow members and boats is essential. When juniors are sailing at away events, they are representing Pleon, and poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Sailors and their families will be held accountable for lost or damaged equipment if it is deemed by staff to be reasonably preventable given the sailor's ability level. If discipline is necessary, the Director reserves the right to require a student to leave the program for a certain period of time. The student's parents will be notified immediately. Please refer to the Parent Agreement.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF: Our high caliber staff is chosen from all over the globe. They have impressive resumes from the collegiate ranks and beyond. Each instructor is US Sailing certified (or equivalent) and trained in CPR.

INSTRUCTOR HOUSING

Would you or someone you know be willing to house an instructor for the summer? A stipend is provided. If interested, please call Tracey Myers at 781-631-2155 (traceymyers@comcast.net).

COMMUNICATION

During the program, a weekly newsletter will be distributed via the mailbox located at the top of the hill. Please check the box on a regular basis in order to stay informed about upcoming events. In addition, a weekly email will be sent out to all parents. Pleon also maintains a website: www.pleon.org. Please visit the site for information throughout the summer.

PRIVATE BOATS

Due to space limitations for private boats at Pleon, the more experienced classes will be given priority for boat storage.

LOCKERS

Locker assignments will be made in June. Please include **a separate payment** with your application. Locker space is extremely limited and in most cases lockers are shared. Priority will be given to private boat owners and members of the racing teams. There is no guarantee of locker availability.

REGATTA PARTICIPATION

PARENTAL SUPPORT: Parental support is essential for all sailors participating in regattas. Responsibilities include registering for regattas, chaperoning at away events, providing transport for children, dinghies and coach boats, loading and unloading boats, supplying snacks and drinks, and providing accommodation for coaches while traveling. There will be a mandatory Parent's Meeting for each Race Team early in the season, at which time the regatta schedule and parental coverage will be discussed. If you have questions, please contact:

Opti Race Team: TBD – please contact a member of the program committee.
Laser and 420 Race Team: Debbie Noble: 781-631-2816 or 914-793-2330 (Debbienoble@msn.com)

BOAT CHARTERS: Private boat ownership is strongly encouraged for members of the Race Teams. Alternatively, arrangements can be made to charter a club boat for a regatta, subject to availability. A charter fee and a damage deposit will be charged. Contact the Program Director at the beginning of the season to arrange your charter.

LINKS FOR CLASS AND REGATTA INFORMATION

USSailing.org

USODA.org

laser.org

club420.org