

Key Largo Sailing Summer Camp - Fact Sheet

WHO: The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program creates independent, self-confident and well-grounded youth through the sport of sailing. We are the only organization that offers year-round instruction to children and teens that live in the Upper Keys, Homestead and South Dade areas. Making the sport accessible and affordable to children of all backgrounds serves as our founding principle. Through our recreational and competitive programs, we cultivate a life-long passion for sailing while imparting valuable lessons in leadership, sportsmanship and respect for the marine environment.

WHERE: Upper Keys Sailing Club, 100 N Ocean Bay Drive @ MM 100 in Key Largo, Florida. Our 45 year-old club has beach access to beautiful Buttonwood Sound on the bayside.

AGES: We have sailing programs for all ages! Our Largo Conchs is perfect for kids ages 5-7; our Learn to Sail program is for kids ages 8-13, while our Intro to C420 Sailing gets teens ages 13-18 out on the water and sailing with a friend on a 14-foot boat.

SAILBOATS: Optimist prams, Sunfish, Zumas, RS Qba, Catalina 12.5, Hobie Getaway 16, JY15, C420s, Hunter 17 and Flying Scott.

ACTIVITIES: A LOT of sailing, beach swimming, shoreline snorkeling, kayaking and paddling, short trips to nearby islands at Everglades National Park and tubing.

SESSIONS: We offer two-week sessions over the course of 8 weeks each summer. Campers **MUST** attend the full two-week session, are not allowed to come half days and **MUST** begin the session on Mondays - **NO EXCEPTIONS**. While we greatly appreciate referrals, campers are strictly forbidden from bringing an unregistered friend or relative to camp for any period of time. All sailors must be registered and paid in full in advance of the beginning of the session.

CAMP HOURS: For Largo Conchs: 9am to Noon. Learn to Sail: 9am to 3pm. Intro to C420 Sailing: 10:30a - 3:30p. Drop off begins 30 minutes prior to the start of activities. Camp activities will begin promptly at scheduled time whether all campers are present or not. Pick up is up to 30 minutes after the end of camp activities. Late fees may apply if campers are picked up following the 30 minute pick up time.

LUNCH: Please pack your kids a hearty lunch and plenty of snacks! They can keep their lunches in our club fridge. **CAMPERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE! NO PLASTIC WATER/ BEVERAGE BOTTLES, SODA CANS OR CUPS ARE ALLOWED.**

FACILITIES: Two covered showers by the sail loft, two bathrooms inside the clubhouse, beachside shower and hose, clubhouse and patio area, a sail hut where all boat equipment is stored.

STAFF: Our instructors are US Sailing Certified. Our camp counselors are experienced sailors from our racing teams.

SAILING: Kids will initially learn to sail near shore and will always be accompanied by coaches on motorized inflatable boats or together with a counselor on the same boat when needed.

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