



Quassapaug Sailing Center April 2020 Newsletter

Dear Quassapaug Sailing Center Member/Sponsors,

COVID-19 Policies for the use of QSC. COVID-19 has left us with ever changing situation of how we can live our lives and interact socially. The QSC board is trying to be proactive by putting in policies that define how we can safely use the QSC property and not add to the spread of the disease.

We have posted our **updated (rev 2.0)** policies and guidelines on our website at:

https://www.qsailingcenter.org/pdf/2020/QSC_Covid_19_Policy.pdf

There is also a link on our home page at <https://www.qsailingcenter.org/>

This policy can change as the efforts to prevent the spread of the disease change. We have no idea how long we will need these policies in place, but will do our best to communicate well.

You must be a paid in full 2020 Member/Sponsor to use the property! The Board is extremely concerned about our finances. Unless you are Member/Sponsors that have paid for 2020, you should not be going on the property and it would be considered as trespassing.

2020 Membership/Sponsorship form available on the QSC website at

https://www.qsailingcenter.org/pdf/2020/qsc_sponsorship_form_2020.pdf . Also available on the website are the ground rules, https://www.qsailingcenter.org/pdf/2020/QSC_GroundRules_2020.pdf , and the calendar of events, <http://qsailingcenter.org/calendar.html>

Due to Covid-19:

1. **Spring Clean-up** is cancelled. Volunteers have been doing many of the clean-up jobs individually.
2. **Open House** is cancelled.
3. **Open Water Swimming.** David Heller and Andre Simonpietri are working on developing guidelines for the Open Water Swim Training. We hope to publish the guidelines during May.
4. **Sailing.** Bob Panza is working with the Snipe fleet on guidelines for sailing at QSC. We hope to publish the guidelines during May.
5. **Regattas and Open Water Swim Festival.** The QSC Board will be deciding on the first of the month preceding the event if the event will run. We highly anticipate the events will not happen.

Sails and Trails Camp/Junior Sailing Program

The QSC Board has decided **not** to run the Sails and Trails Camp for the summer of 2020. This decision was not easy to make.

Our Sails and Trails Camp/Junior Sailing Program requires the support of our Sponsors to run. We are anticipating a reduction in the numbers of Sponsors for 2020, and therefore a very stressed budget. This reduction in funds may not give QSC enough income to run the summer programs.

Also, the Connecticut State Office of Early Childhood, which licenses camps in the state, has published a list of Covid-19 requirements that would be very very difficult to enact at our camp. In an effort to comply, and keep our campers and staff safe, QSC has elected not to run the camp for the summer of 2020.

If we get a strong showing by our sponsors and the Covid-19 disease allows, QSC might try to run a reduced camp/junior sailing program for the summer of 2020. Such an effort would be announced at a later date, when and if such a program seems possible.

If you are interested in entering a child in such a program, you may send an email to manager.qsc@gmail.com to be placed on an email list.

We certainly hope to have the program up and running in the summer of 2021.

QSC Budget Issues:

As stated above, the board is very concerned with QSC's finances during these trying times. The Board has taken many steps to ensure QSC's survival:

1. QSC has applied for deferral of payments for our mortgages with Ion Bank.
2. QSC has cancelled the Sails and Trails/Junior Sailing Program for 2020.
3. Insurance policies associated with running the camp are not renewed for 2020.
4. All capital improvements have been put on hold, except the window replacement program. The windows were already purchased, so we will have them installed, so that there is no risk of damage during storage.
5. Cleaning, Water system turn on, and other expenses have been cut from 2020.
6. QSC needs you to become a Member/Sponsor!

If you have any questions or suggestions, email us at manager.qsc@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 203-758-2241.

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Quassapaug Sailing Center