
TELLTALE

Indian Harbor Yacht Club Junior Sailing



Sprites

In their second week, sprites got in Optis for the first time and learned how the tiller and steering works in the smaller sailboat. They learned so quickly that we were able to tow them to Captain's Island with the Opti 1s and 2s.



Opti Is

This week, Opti Is practiced maintaining a course- sailing in a straight line to a mark. They also completed their first hot dog course, but the most noteworthy accomplishment for the Opti Is this week was sailing out of the harbor completely independently and successfully. The Opti Is also started getting into the basics of tacking and jibing.



Opti 2s In the second week, the Opti 2s brushed up on their tacking and jibing skills and had a great session with Andrew about rules of racing. They were able to apply their skills and the new information to practice starts and upwind legs of triangle race courses. Their impressive improvement in just 2 weeks became clear in the practice races.

Opti Race

Opti race worked on starts and have been doing races mixed with fun all week. We finished out the week with the Opti racers planning their own fun race and obstacle course. They have learned roll tacks and tactics for sailing in light wind. – Sophia



C420/Laser Race

The 420/Laser Race group went to their first regatta of the season this week- Eastern Districts. Caitlin Owles, our only Laser sailor and Junior Commodore traveled to Norwalk Yacht Club with Andrew while 6 420 sailors traveled to Noroton Yacht Club with Jack. Rebecca Hillestad (skipper) and Isabella Clemens (crew) were the highest finishing IHYC boat placing 6th at 420 Eastern Districts. Caitlin Owles placed in the top 5 girls at Laser Eastern Districts.



Adventure Sailing

The adventure sailing group was able to make the most of the low wind and stormy days this week with paddle boarding, swimming games, and kickball. They also learned a few important sailing knots when it rained on Thursday.