

Community Sailing of Colorado--Frequently Asked Questions

What does Community Sailing of Colorado do?

Community Sailing of Colorado's mission is to provide a place, the means, and the knowledge for youth to learn and refine the skill and art of sailing in a safe, controlled and fun environment. The programs emphasis focuses on youth ages 5-17. Our vision is to motivate youngsters toward reaching their full potential in life, using sailing as a tool, taking advantage of its inherent qualities to encourage positive growth, self esteem and behavior. We provide youth with a safe place to learn basic and advanced sailing techniques, and upon learning the basics of sailing we provide the use of sailboats to practice sailing and further that knowledge. Instruction includes practical on the water classes and practical and theoretical shore classes. Sailing subjects include sailboat boat handling, right of way rules, marine safety, navigation, basic terminology and sailboat racing.

How do I Register? You can register by visiting the Programs section of our website and clicking the Registration tab. There you can view our brochure with all available course prices and scheduled times as well as a list of requirements for the program. Once you've found the class you want to sign up for you can click the 'Register Now!' button to get started.

What do I need during registration? All you need is a computer, parent's permission and a method of payment.

What should my child bring to camp each day? Sunscreen, Water, LUNCH, Hat, Sunglasses, Change of Clothes, Towel, Closed-Toe Sandal/Water Shoe, any medication the student might need and a FUN Attitude ready to learn and go sailing!

Who are the instructors? Our instructors are all [US SAILING certified instructors](#) who have completed training from US SAILING, and have certifications in CPR and First Aid. They're all excellent sailors and great teachers. Your child's coach probably learned to sail in an Opti, too! Coach Bios will be posted soon. We also have several counselors in training who are under 18 assisting with our classes.

Can I watch my child sail? You'll have lots of opportunities to watch your child sail. Please keep in mind that parents on the beach and docks can be a big distraction for new sailors (they'll watch you instead of paying attention to class!). For safety reasons it's very important for new sailors to focus entirely on their coach and the instruction. Especially in the beginning, it's usually best to wait until the class is on the water to watch. If you'd like to watch your child's class, speak with your child's coach so that you can make arrangements that won't interfere with the coach's plans that day.

Is there camp if it rains? Yes...we will try and sail every day during camp but know the weather sometimes doesn't cooperate. Plan on attending camp everyday during your scheduled week regardless of a little rain...unless you are contacted by our staff. Rain doesn't scare sailors!

A typical day of camp... We will meet inside the [Cherry Creek Marina & Yacht Club](#) grounds near the water. From there we learn about and rig up sailboats, discuss our daily plan, and head out on the water. Around lunch time we bring all the classes together to enjoy a social lunch and practice a few onshore skills before heading back out sailing for the afternoon. Each class runs a little different depending on skill level and conditions. Please speak with your instructor about any questions you may have.

What is the camper to instructor ratio? We use a 8:1 instructor to student ratio and most of our camps are 5:1 ratios. This is to ensure safety and provide a great learning environment for every child. Safety is always paramount and if you have any concerns or questions please call our office at (303) 757-7718. We always appreciate your feedback or input.

How do I get to the Cherry Creek Marina? The [Cherry Creek Marina & Yacht Club](#) is located in the Cherry Creek State Park at 4201 S Parker Rd Aurora, CO 80014. If you are on I-225 N, take exit 2 for Tamarac St/DTC Blvd. and turn right onto DTC Blvd. Turn left onto E. Union Ave and follow that until you reach S. Dayton St. on your right. After you turn right onto S. Dayton St, you will immediately see an entrance to Cherry Creek State Park on your left. You can follow this road until you reach the Marina.

Do we offer refunds? No, but we can change the session in which the participant is registered. This can only occur within the same sailing season.

How can I find out more about camp? For more information please visit www.communitysailing.org or call Brandon or Katie at (303)757-7718.