

To: Parents of Prospective Pixel Sailors

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As we head into registration season, we wanted to offer additional information on what to expect in terms of class placement and boat options for returning or prospective Pixel sailors.

Following registration PYC will group students based on parent request and instructor input. After the Pixel, the afternoon racing program basically breaks down into two classes and boat types:

Classes: 1) Pixel Racing
 2) Pixel Performance

Boat Type: Pixel (double handed)

Class 1 Description: The Pixel Racing class is geared for sailors wanting to participate in the full compliment of Long Island Sound regattas (see schedule below). As such this class will focus on developing racing skills for crews and skippers. PYC will use its best efforts to pair up unmatched crews and skippers for regattas. However, it's always best to sign up as a team we recommend that you use the time between now and registration to arrange your own pairings. For your convenience a copy of last year's junior sailing roster is attached.

Class 2 Description: The Pixel Performance class is geared for sailors who simply enjoy being out on the water and palling around with fellow sailors. As such this class emphasizes basic competency over racing skills. Students will be exposed to different positions (skipper and crew), pairings and even boats types throughout the summer. Participation at regattas is the exception, not the rule, but certainly an available option.

Boat Description: The Pixel is JSA's designated double handed boat for the intermediate age group (12-14). It is a good stepping stone to the 420. The Pixel is just under 14 feet long and is typically sailed by two persons subject to a minimum combined weight of 190lbs. The Pixel flies a spinnaker in addition to a jib and main sail.

Rent vs. Own: We have a limited number of Club-owned Pixels available for charter (2) with priority given to non-racing sailors (i.e. performance class). However, there can be an active private charter market depending on the year. Charter fees, whether

club or charter, can range between \$1,000 and \$1,200 depending on what's included (trailer, dolly, extra sails, etc.). These rates are per sailor per eight week season.

It can also pay to buy a boat and charter out to others in subsequent years or at alternate sailing times when your sailor is not in class (multiply all of the estimates above times two to reflect a minimum crew of two).

A new Pixel including trailer is priced at approximately \$8,000. A used Pixel with trailer can range between \$4,000 and \$6,800 depending on age and condition. The Boat Locker hosts an annual "Boat Swap" at which used boats are sold off by private owners (see dates below).

Where to find a boat: The JSA web site is a good starting point to view a listing of used boats for sale or charter. You can find this site at:

www.jsalis.org

Under "Resources" (left hand side) select "Classifieds"

Also, many of the top sailboat dealers in the area offer new or used Pixels and/or Laser Radials and may also arrange charters on a limited basis. These retailers include:

The Dinghy Locker
151 Harvard Ave.
Stamford, CT
(800) 941-2219
www.dinghylocker.com

Hathaway's
184 Selleck Street
Stamford, CT
(203) 324-9581
www.hathaways.com

The Boat Locker
1543 Post Road
Westport, CT
(203) 259-7808
www.boatlocker.com

This year's annual "Boat Swap" for boats such as the Pixel will take place on April 11 at 10am at the Boat Locker

The Pixel Class Association can be found at:
www.sailpixel.com

Parent Coordinator: Pam Toner will be our liaison to Pixel sailors and parents this year. Please feel free to contact her with any Pixel related questions at:

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Pixel Regatta Schedule:

July 7	Eastern Districts (Norwalk YC)
July 13-14	Overnight at Oyster Bay (Waterfront Center)
July 12-14	Larchmont Race Week (Larchmont YC)
July 22-23	Pixel Race Week (Manhasset YC)
August 2-3	Pixel Invitational (Black Rock YC)
August 11-12	Pixel Championships (Cold Spring Harbor YC) ¹
August 12	USCGA Midget Challenge (Coast Guard Academy) ²
August 17-18	Overnight at Oyster Bay (Waterfront Center)

Bold type indicates an event that is open to Novice racers.

¹ This event is a qualifier. A Pixel competitor must place in the top 40% in any of the three preceding Pixel regattas (excluding the Pixel Invitational) in order to qualify for Champs.

² This event is sailed in FJs. Limited to one boat per club at the discretion of JSA.