



Quassapaug Sailing Center
April 27, 2022 Newsletter

Dear Quassapaug Sailing Center Member/Sponsors,

Spring is here! Summer is around the corner

Sponsorship/Membership – New Membership/Sponsorship form is available on the Website
<https://www.qsailingcenter.org/sponsors.html>

Membership is filling up rapidly. Rack space is also filling up. Renew your membership soon.

Spring Clean-up/Set Up - Will be on April 30th, 9am-2pm, Rain date May 7th. **Everyone** is encouraged to help for a few hours. Bring rakes, work gloves...

Watercraft Storage Fee – All watercraft stored on the QSC Property are required to display a registration sticker. QSC will be issuing stickers at \$20 per watercraft. Watercrafts include all types of boats, kayaks, and boards. The sponsorship form has a place to enter how many stickers and rack spaces you will need.

Gary Bruce will continue to be the Watercraft and Rack Czar. He will be issuing the stickers and assigning rack space at the Clean-up/Set-up this Saturday from 9am-2pm.

All watercraft without 2022 stickers will be removed from the racks on May 15th and placed by the swing set. All unclaimed and unstickered watercraft on the property will be sold or disposed of after June 15th.

The board acknowledges that there still has been a shortage of rack space. We are working to rectify this shortage. Hopefully, with a new rack design we will have plenty of rack space.

COVID-19 Rules –The board is suspending the COVID rules. The board will revisit the COVID policy every month. The board urges folks to use common sense and courtesy to others needs and safety. Masks are encouraged in the building.

Guest Policy – Please read the House and Ground rules at:
https://www.qsailingcenter.org/member_resources.html

Sails and Trails Camp – Registration for the 2022 Camp Season is open. With much of our staff returning we are looking forward to many improvements to the camp. Sign up soon!
<https://www.qsailingcenter.org/sailsandtrails.html>

If your camper is waitlisted, please contact me (Joel at manager.qsc@gmail.com to see what we can arrange. Sometimes I just need to juggle the group sizes.

Member/Sponsors should use the coupon code “QSCSponsor” at checkout time to get the sponsor price.

We are currently hiring more Counselors and Junior Counselors. Jobs include Sailing instructors, Paddling Instructors, and Nature Instructors. Please refer interested folks to the employment page on our website or to Joel Zackin. <https://www.qsailingcenter.org/employment.html>

running. If you find something amiss, or think there is something that should be added or changed, please send an email to us at manager.qsc@gmail.com.

On the Water Safety – Spring can be deceiving. The Air can be warm, but the Water can be very cold. Paddle sports continue to be the fastest growing segment of recreational boating, and the Coast Guard urges paddlers to paddle smart and be safe while having fun. **In previous years, the majority of paddle craft fatalities in the northeast involved people who were not wearing a life jacket.**

- **Always wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket!** Once you are in the water, it is almost impossible to put it on.
- Children are required by CT state law to wear a securely fastened Coast Guard approved life jacket **at any time** during the year.
- In CT, paddlers are required by state law to wear a life jacket between October 1 and May 31. Properly fitting life jackets are required to be onboard at all times.
- **Dress for the water temperature.** At the start of the boating season, air temperatures get much warmer while water temperatures remain deceptively cold. Always check the weather forecast before paddling and dress for the water temperature, rather than the air temperature. Sometimes, especially when water temperatures are under 60°F, wet or dry suits are most appropriate for paddling.
- **1-10-1 Rule:** In the water at water temperatures below 59 degrees, you will hyperventilate for 1 minute, you will lose dexterity in 10 minutes, and become unconscious in 1 hour. **Please be careful, always wear a lifejacket and paddle with a partner.**

For questions or suggestions, email us at manager.qsc@gmail.com.

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