

## **Darien Junior Sailing Team Still Has Spots Available for Classes this Summer**

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Darien Junior Sailing Team (DJST) is Darien's best kept secret! There are still some spots available for this summer.

Learn to sail without the hassle of owning a boat. Instruction for all levels of sailing and racing for youth ages 8-16 is at Weed Beach. For online registration and details, go to the [DJST website](#).

Questions about the program can be emailed to [dariensailing@gmail.com](mailto:dariensailing@gmail.com).

*Here's more about DJST from the group's [website](#):*

DJST provides all Darien families the opportunity to try the sport of sailing without the hassle and expense of owning your own boat! We have a fleet of 28 Optimists available for all participants to rent, for a nominal fee, so you can enjoy the experience without the full investment!

Over forty years of operation at Weed Beach have seen the program explode in popularity. We have had tremendous success cultivating loyalty to our program with hundreds of returning sailors, and many rotating through to instructor level. We are proud of our long term family associations, and of the efforts of all the volunteers who have kept us going. This season is poised to continue that excitement, and we look forward to meeting new faces, new volunteers and new sailors!

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**Our Program**

DJST offers programs from novice to advanced level junior sailors at Weed Beach, including instruction in Optimist sailboats for sailors 8-14 years of age, Laser sailboats for sailors with intermediate to advanced sailing skills and introduction to Club 420s as well as Club 420 Racing for those interested in high school sailing.

In addition to leisure sailing, DJST has incorporated intermediate and advanced racing techniques and strategies into the afternoon programs in preparation for our traditional friendly scrimmages with other local clubs. Our experienced instructors will engage local yacht clubs these scrimmages during the season in preparation for JSA sanctioned regattas on Long Island Sound.