

Which Sailing Camp is Right for Your Child?

At the Key West Community Sailing Center Summer Camp, we offer four different levels of sailing learning and adventure. The four different levels correlate systematically to get your child from a novice sailor to a confident sailor and racer. Our goal is to offer valuable instruction and a safe and enjoyable environment for your children to learn sailing.

Young Beginners

Our first level of sailing instruction is for those children who are still a little too young to grasp the concept and logic of small boat sailing. The ideal age for this class is 6-9 years old. In the young beginner's class, we will give younger children the opportunity to get a taste for small boat sailing. Our focus for this class has less to do with learning sailing logic and single hand sailing. Instead we turn the focus more towards having fun, getting on the water and experiencing the joy of sailing without the pressure of having to learn the "hard stuff".

Beginners

The beginner camp is our "crash course" learn to sail camp. It is designed for those who have little to no experience on sail boats. In this course we put a lot of focus onto sailing logic and single hand sailing. The goal for this class is to get each student sailing their own boat confidently by the end of the week. In this course we cover basic sailing physics, how to control a small sailboat, and how to sail safely. At the end of this class there is a simple written test and on water examination to certify the sailor to sail our boats themselves. The recommended age for this course is 9-17.

Intermediate

The intermediate course is one of our more adventurous and exciting courses. The intermediate course is for those sailors who have at least 1-3 weeks of small boat sailing experience! This course focuses on more advanced sailing logic, advanced sailboat control and increase confidence on the water. Our goal is to

turn beginner sailors into confident explorers and racers. It is imperative that students of this class know the basics of small boat sailing.

Adventure Sail Class-

This adventure fueled sailing class is designed to hone all the prior sailing experience in a fun, explorative way. The goal for this class is to turn shipmates into captains! By using all the beginner/intermediate sailing skills learned over at least 1 week of prior experience, we will be sailing longer distances away from “evil sea monsters”; searching for hidden treasures on deserted islands; and of course, battling other enemy ships! Students are encouraged to express their inner “pirate” in whatever way they see fit! So, come swim, sail, paddle and explore with us in search of untold glory!

If you have any questions about the above sailing camps please contact instructors Heidi Ruse at 804-832-4731 or Ben Hermelin at 314-349-9929.