

FOR JUNIOR SAILORS AND COACHES ONLY

It's time to elect representatives to the Junior Sailing Council of the I-LYA Junior Sailing Committee!

JUNIOR COMMITTEE? JUNIOR COUNCIL? I'M ALREADY CONFUSED!

The **Junior Sailing Committee of the I-LYA** is made up of organizations with an active junior sailing program and their members. The Committee meets twice a year at the scheduled spring and fall I-LYA meetings. When it became apparent that it was very hard to discuss and vote on issues twice a year in a two hour meeting, the **Junior Sailing Council** was set up as the governing body of the Junior Committee to facilitate communication. The idea is that, guided by the Council, conversations can take place throughout the year through elected representatives and issues that need to be voted on can be previewed before the actual meeting. The bottom line: we have a Junior Committee that meets twice a year and a Junior Council that governs and guides that Junior Committee.

OK, BUT WHO EXACTLY IS ON THIS COUNCIL?

As defined by the *Points of Reference*, available online at I-LYA.org (click on Juniors and then Our Organization), the Junior Sailing Council is to be made up of the following:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Three Representatives (one each for the Eastern, Western, and Inland Clubs)
- Youth Councilperson
- Junior Coach Councilperson

Current Council is listed on the website. We need to elect the Youth and Coach representatives.

WHO CAN SERVE AS YOUTH AND JUNIOR COACH COUNCILPERSONS?

- **Youth Councilperson:** will be elected by junior sailors registered for Junior Bay and "must be eligible and active for the entire term of office as an I-LYA Junior Sailor." Since the one year term runs from August to August, this means that a candidate must have at least one year of eligibility left when he or she is elected.
- **Junior Coach Councilperson:** will be elected by junior coaches registered for Junior Bay and "shall be an active Junior Coach between the ages of 20 and 25, inclusive."

WHO SHOULD SERVE AS YOUTH AND COACH COUNCILPERSONS?

The representatives you elect at Junior Bay Week should be active, engaged sailors able to communicate your concerns to the Council and, equally important, able and willing to communicate the information from the Council back to all the junior sailors and coaches. Attendance at the Junior Sailing Committee meetings held as part of the I-LYA spring and fall meetings would be nice. Willingness to work closely by phone or email with the other elected Council members is a must.

I KNOW THE PERFECT PEOPLE. HOW DO I GET THEM INVOLVED?

Please indicate your choices on the Nomination Sheet and return it with other Junior Bay registration papers. Nominate at least one and not more than three sailors or coaches. All nominees will be contacted for approval before their names are placed on a ballot and voting takes place at Junior Bay. Nominees can be from any club. Choose the people you can count on to represent you regardless of club affiliation.

The following should be completed by your program's junior sailors and coaches (one per team):

NOMINATION SHEET FOR YOUTH AND

JUNIOR COACH COUNCILPERSONS

(Please return with other I-LYA registration forms)

Each registered Junior Bay team and its coaches should nominate at least one, but no more than three candidates to serve as Youth Councilperson and as Junior Coach Councilperson for one year on the Junior Sailing Council of the I-LYA Junior Sailing Committee. Nominees can be from any club and will be contacted to verify their eligibility and willingness to serve.

Desirable qualities:

- Demonstrated commitment to continue and strengthen the I-LYA Junior sailing tradition
- Excellent communication skills
- Interacts with sailors and coaches outside of own program
- Respected by peers and adults

Junior Sailor Councilperson Nominees (no more than three). Candidate must have at least one year of eligibility remaining beyond the current year.

1. _____ (club) _____

2. _____ (club) _____

3. _____ (club) _____

Junior Coach Councilperson Nominees (no more than three). Candidate must be between 20 and 25 years of age, inclusive.

1. _____ (club) _____

2. _____ (club) _____

3. _____ (club) _____

Elections will take place by written ballot at Junior Bay Week.