



Dr. Bill Healy Scholarship for Junior Sailing at Niantic Bay Yacht Club

The Niantic Bay Sailing Academy (NBSA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization based at the Niantic Bay Yacht Club in Niantic, CT. The Dr. Bill Healy Scholarship fund has been funded by generous donors who made contributions in memory of Dr. Bill Healy. Through this fund, sailing scholarships will be awarded to junior sailors within the Niantic Bay Yacht Club membership and youth within the community. We are especially seeking to support NBYC families who see the program fees as a challenge or barrier to enter their children in the program. Additionally, we seek local youth who may not have otherwise been exposed to sailing, a sport which offers camaraderie, fun, competition and the development of lifelong skills.

We offer a 4 or 8 week summer program (June 22 – August 14) providing instruction for ages 7 – 17. All abilities are welcome - from beginner sailors to those who seek more competitive racing. Classes meet several times per week for several hours depending on ability. Participants must be able to swim and pass a swim test before they can begin sailing. Boats are provided.

We also offer scholarship support to families who are seeking regatta fee reimbursement. Please see the form below for eligibility details.

The Niantic Bay Yacht Club (NBYC) has been a leader in junior sailing nationally and internationally for over 50 years. Sailors from NBYC's Junior Program have gone on to compete in High school, collegiate, national, and world competitions as well as the America's Cup.

Equally important are the countless young men and women who have taken their experiences at NBYC and gone on to make sailing a lifelong passion, whether it be cruising, competitive racing, day sailing, or just enjoying the outdoors on the water.

For more information about junior sailing on Niantic Bay (or to register without the scholarship) go to www.NianticSailing.org.



NBSA Full or Half Season Sailing Scholarship Application

Student Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Home # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Is this scholarship request for a full or half season? Full Season ____ Half Season ____

Student to complete:

Do you or your family have any sailing or boating experience? If so, please describe:

Please tell us why you are interested in this program and what you expect to get out of it:

Parent to Complete:

Why do you think your child will benefit from learning to sail?

Regular program rates vary based on the class selection, with costs up to \$900 for the full 8 week program. Please share how paying the normal fees might be difficult for your family and why your student is a good candidate for a scholarship:

(please continue separate sheet if more room is needed)

Return completed form and direct any questions to Ken Shluger, Niantic Bay Sailing Academy, PO Box 884, Niantic, Ct 06357 or scan and email to kshluger@hotmail.com. Call 860-205-9569 with questions by May 1, 2026.