



BIG TREE BOATING ASSOCIATION

Plain Sailing

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BTB is getting ready for another great summer

REGISTRATION, MEMBERSHIPS, AND NEW AND RETURNING STAFF...

On April 1st, the Islesboro Central School sailing team donned drysuits, rigged 420s and got out on 40-degree water! For us less hardy souls, the **BTB sailing season starts June 24th!** Check out page 2 for important dates and information about our workdays - we love (and need) more volunteers!

Registration is open! You can learn about all of the programs and register online at bigtreeboating.org/classes or find a registration form around town.

Don't let the cost come between you (or your child) and a membership to Big Tree Boating - scholarships are readily available when you register.

We are happy to announce **Hendrix Lovett** is returning in the role of Head Instructor. Hendrix has been a member of BTB since age 10, has mastered the BTB curriculum, and is a US Sailing certified instructor. **Caleb Reed**, also a US Sailing certified instructor and ICS student, will be returning full-time this summer with his easygoing and professional attitude. Additionally, **Jackson Cleveland**, **Max Mueller**, and **Ginger Anderson-Willis** return with their passion for sailing, high commitment to sailing instruction, and priority on safety at the forefront of their teaching practices. We promoted **Sam Bigelow** from junior to full instructor this summer and are adding three junior instructors: **Lucy Engstrom**, **Ford Glotzl**, and **Sebastian Chamier**. Alumni Rylee Sienkiewicz and Grace Hartley will be supporting the program as their schedules allow.

Don't forget, BTB isn't just for kids. Register for a Rec and Racing membership and join us for Laser races on Tuesday evenings, or cruise around at your own pace.



The instructors and I look forward to seeing you on the float this summer!

Katie Wuori
Executive Director, Big Tree Boating
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Our new head instructor, Hendrix Lovett (center, blue life jacket), pictured here with students and fellow instructor

REGISTER TODAY

Big Tree Boating is a community sailing program offering classes for all students (ages 10 and older) and abilities, open to residents and visitors to Islesboro. The program is designed to teach proper seamanship, respect for the water and a lifelong love of sailing.

Visit our website to learn more. You may register online or using a paper form, found online, at the town office, post office and the bulletin board at Mosely's dock.

Scholarships available.

bigtreeboating.org/classes

Boats for “Sail”



CATALINA CAPRI 26 - Great Condition!

This beautiful 1990 26' sailboat is in excellent condition. Comes with 11 HP engine, sails in excellent condition with roller furling jib, tiller steering, enclosed head and a solar plate for battery charging. Available for sea trial this summer.

We also have two 420s in good condition available for sale.

Contact Ken Smith | (207) 691-1947 | 57bravo@gmail.com

2024 Summer Schedule

June 24 - August 16, 2024

BTB instructional program

Monday - Friday | 10:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 3:30

Recreational Sailing

Monday - Saturday | 10:30 - 4:00

Dinghy Racing

Tuesday | 4 - 6 pm

Starting July 2nd for experienced sailors.

Call/email to register.

BTB is closed on Sundays.

All sailors meet on Mosely Dock a few minutes before class starts. If you are late, just wave to the instructors on the float and we'll come back for you.

WORK DAYS

OPENING WORK DAY is Saturday, June 15th

(Rain Date: June 16th)

Meet at 9:00 AM at Mosely's Dock Parking lot, wear old clothes you don't mind getting paint on and wet!

CLOSING WORK DAY is Friday, August 16.

Meet at the dock around 1:30 PM

There will be a follow-up work day once all the boats have been hauled and placed ashore. Email if you would like to be added to our volunteer list. bigtreeboating@gmail.com

Forget the Snow, ICS Sailing Team Is on the Water

The ICS spring sailing season started with a pre-season clean-up on March 28th, where we reviewed our spring program and rigged the fleet of 420s.

Twice-weekly practices at the Apprenticeshop in Rockland started April 1st and run through May 30th. We have a full regatta schedule this spring season with the Pen Bay Sailing League fleet, team racing, and several NESSA events. We will also participate in the Scholarship Regatta held in Rockland in August.

Our spring coaching staff includes veterans Peter Clapp and Ken Pride, with additional coaching support from Tracey Wuori and Todd Schwendeman, and program support from The Apprenticeshop's Caitlin Sackville.

Our first regatta was a beautiful day, mostly sunny with 10-13 mph breeze. Our sailors did very well; Oceanside finished first, and Camden and Islesboro finished fifth.

The ICS sailing team is grateful to BTB for the support of four new drysuits for spring sailing.

ICS Spring Sailors: Alma Brewster, Rosie Brimley, Eloise Mooney, Ford Glotzl, Eli Field, Gauge Dakers, Luke Neve



Mike Horn passing along sage wisdom to Eloise Mooney.



Ford Glotzl shows off a new drysuit.



President's Letter

Friends of Big Tree Boating,

With less than two months from the start of BTB's 2024 season, we are very excited to welcome Katie Wuori back as our Director along with her team of instructors that includes veterans and some new faces. Everyone is excited to begin the season with a new fleet of sailboats, adding six new lasers last season to the 420's that were purchased in 2022.

Behind the scenes, the BTB board of directors is very busy working on some exciting projects. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for a survey we are planning to release this summer. Visit our website at bigtreeboating.org to sign up for our virtual newsletter.

I want to take the opportunity to express gratitude to all of our donors in the last year. Without you this program would not be possible. Thank you! Please keep us in mind again this year. We couldn't make this program happen without your support.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the island and on the water very soon!

Ben Alexander
President, Big Tree Boating Association

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Isleboro, ME 04848

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