

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What should my child bring to class?

A: A USCG approved life jacket

Water compatible shoes

Sun protection, sunglasses, a hat with a visor

Water Bottle

Lunch for full day courses

Towel and Spare Clothes

Warm layers depending on weather

Rain jacket or spray gear

Snacks

**Not recommended:**

VHF Radios. Coaches will use whistles and hailing

Other Expensive electronics

Toys

Candy

Q: Are there classes on rainy days?

A: Classes are held rain or shine. We will make every effort to sail every day; however, safety is our #1 priority. It is essential that students bring rain gear and be prepared to sail. We will not sail in lightning/thunder or any other threatening weather scenario. Nor will we sail in winds above 20 knots. If bad weather occurs, land-based activities will go on until the weather clears up.

Q: What if we're going on vacation and need to miss a class?

A: If you know that your child will be missing class, please let the Coaches know.

Q: Can I watch my child sail? How do I get involved?

A: Yes, please feel free to stay and watch your child sail; HOWEVER, we ask that you do not interrupt class time and/or the instructors. We further ask that parents not sit in on classroom sessions, and (when on the water) stay far distant from classes. The Coach may, solely at their discretion, has the right to ask you to leave. Parental involvement is important! If you are looking for ways to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Coaches or Board of Directors.

Q: May I bring a friend to class?

A: Unfortunately due to liability issues, OLSS has a "no guests" policy. However, you can encourage that friend to sign up for a sailing session with you!

Q: I am an experienced racer. Can I coach my child at regattas?

A: If your sailor is participating in an event with a OLSS provided coach, we highly recommended that you leave the coaching to them. Let them do their job without undue influences. If a coach is not present and you desire to coach, you must follow the coaching rules as stipulated in the Notice of Race. Be cognizant that your experience level will be very different than that of a young sailor. Keep it positive regardless of race outcomes and limit your input to a few things at a time to avoid information overload.

Q: How are the children supervised on the water?

A: The instructors will be with the sailors at all times. If a sailor is in any kind of trouble, the instructor will be present to provide assistance. All sailors must follow the commands of the instructors. All boats under the supervision of a single instructor leave and return to the dock at the same time.

Q: Can my child bring valuables to class?

A: NO! OLSS is NOT responsible for any valuables lost or misplaced. It is strongly advised that valuables are not left on site.