



Cooper River Yacht Club



*South Park Drive, between Route 130 and Cuthbert Boulevard
Collingswood, New Jersey*



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COOPER RIVER YACHT CLUB OFFERS FREE SAILING, CANOING, AND KAYAKING CLASSES TO CAMDEN CITY YOUTH

Collingswood, New Jersey – May 5, 2009 – The Cooper River Yacht Club is in the process of scheduling Boating Safety Classes, which will be offered free to Camden City youth. The age range

for participation is from 9 to 15 years old. **All participants must be able to swim.** These classes will teach rowboat, canoe, kayak, and sailboat skills.

Note: There will be no instruction about motorboats. The skills that will be developed and improved are paddling, rowing, and sailing, and students will practice these skills on the water. The Club provides life jackets. The classes will be fun and involve a lot of games on the water such as scavenger hunts and sponge ball.

The Club is currently reaching out to Camden school groups, church groups, and other youth organizations to bring their young people in for the free classes. The Club is planning to schedule classes at the convenience of the various community organizations. Community organizations should assemble a group of 6 to 14 students. They may be scheduled on weekdays or weekends. A typical class session lasts two hours and several sessions may be scheduled on the same day or they may be scheduled on several different days.

The boating and sailing classes are taught by experienced sailing and canoe instructors. Registration forms are available at the Cooper River Yacht Club or they can be mailed to applicants' homes or the sponsoring youth organization.

The classes will teach safety practices for using rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and sailboats. Youth organizations may select instruction on one type of boat, several types of boats, or all four types of boats: rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and sailboats. Most instruction will be on the water.

The program is funded by the **I BOAT NJ Program**, which seeks to benefit the boating public by promoting, improving and enhancing the marine industry in New Jersey.

Young people who complete the early summer Boating Safety classes may qualify for scholarships to take the Club's Youth Sailing Program, which provides a thorough introduction to sailing.

Contact the Cooper River Yacht Club for additional details on their Free Boating Safety Courses. For more information on the Cooper River Yacht Club visit the Club's website at www.CooperRiverYC.org or arrange to visit us in person by calling our steward at 856-869-9145. Also questions may directed by e-mail to Marcie Ridenour, marrid@comcast.net.

Throughout every season, CRYC offers lessons tailored to specific age and skill ranges, but this year in these tough economic times, the Club offers some extra special values. For people living in the greater Philadelphia area, CRYC is much closer than the New Jersey shore and sailboats, canoes, and kayaks are the original, pure "green" mode of transportation. They have no environmental impact because they don't consume fuels of any kind - *the wind is free!*

Conveniently located on South Park Drive in Collingswood along the Cooper River Park, CRYC provides a comfortable, safe, and friendly place to learn how to cruise and race, at a home away from home for like-minded boat lovers, where there is always ample free parking.

For over sixty years, the CRYC has been a vital part of the Camden County Parks providing a full season of activities for sailing enthusiasts.

The exciting world of sailing is available nearby at the Cooper River Yacht Club, on the Collingswood side of Cooper River Park.

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