



# 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  
BOATING SAFETY CLASSES  
TO CAMDEN CITY YOUTH**

Collingswood, New Jersey – May 6, 2008 -- 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 **11 to 15 years old.** **All participants must be able to swim.** These classes are on **rowboat, canoe, kayak, and sailboat safety, not 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. **Students are required to wear life jackets while they are using boats and walking on the dock.**

The club is currently reaching out to 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 14 students. Registration forms from the organization should be sent to the club in one envelope. No sessions will be scheduled after August 18.

All class sessions consist of **thirty hours of instruction, beginning on Monday morning through Friday afternoon, from 9:00am to 4:00pm.**

**For those young people who are not part of a community organization, open classes will be provided Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm, from July 7 to July 11. More open weeks will be added throughout the summer, check the Cooper River Yacht Club website for additional details.**

The boat safety course is taught by **certified sailing and canoe instructors.** More classes will be scheduled during the summer. Individual registration is

required because of the limited availability of boats and instructors, so please register early. Applicants should register at least a week before the starting date of the class but because of the anticipated popularity of this boating safety class, each class will be limited to the first 14 students who complete the registration forms. **Registration forms are available at the Cooper River Yacht Club or they can be mailed to applicants' homes.**

The classes will teach safety practices for using rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and sailboats. All students will have on-water instruction in all four types of boats.

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 will 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](http://www.CooperRiverYC.org) or arrange to visit us in person by calling our steward at **856-869-9145**.

Conveniently located on **South Park Drive**, in **Collingswood** along the **Cooper**

River Park, the **Cooper River Yacht Club (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.



In 2006, the club received a “**Best Of Philadelphia**” award from **Philadelphia Magazine** for their teen sailing classes.

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

The exciting world of sailing is as close as the easy to reach **Cooper River Yacht Club**, on the Collingswood side of **Cooper River Park**.

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