



Cooper River Yacht Club



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

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ANNUAL TWO DAY LABOR DAY WEEKEND REGATTA

SCHEDULED AT COOPER RIVER YACHT CLUB

Collingswood, New Jersey – Members of the **Cooper River Yacht Club** report that this summer has been another great one for sailing on the Cooper River. So conditions should be ideal for their upcoming annual **Ernest M. Ritchie Regatta**,

scheduled for **Labor Day weekend: Sunday September 2, at 1:00pm, and Monday September 3 at 11:00am.**

Mr. Ernest M. Ritchie was the head of the **Camden County Park Commission** in the 1940s. Mr. Ritchie was instrumental in arranging for the newly formed club to occupy the formerly abandoned tennis club building as a headquarters for the club, with the tennis courts used as a boat storage yard. Every year that he was involved with the Commission, now known as the **Camden County Parks Department**, Mr. Ritchie attended the club's awards ceremony on Labor Day. He also arranged for the Park commission's donation of funds used to purchase trophies for the Labor Day awards, so in honor of Mr. Ritchie's generous support of the club, the club's Labor Day regatta is now known as the "**Ernest M. Ritchie Regatta.**"

There will be **three sailing races each day**, open to **Blue Jay, GP14, Club FJ, Laser, and Sunfish** classes of sailboats, but most of the sailors will be in the most popular **GP14, Laser, and Sunfish** sailboats.

The public is invited to stop by to see the races. **Admission and parking is free**, and club officers will be on hand to answer questions on sailing, sailing lessons, and other upcoming club activities.

The club also schedules annual regattas on **Memorial Day** and the **4th of July**.

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.



This year, 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 club hosts races on Sundays at 1:00pm, from April through November, as well as a summer series of Thursday evening handicap races.

CRYC is part of an association of fourteen sailing clubs located from the New Jersey Shore throughout the Delaware Valley: the **Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (MAYRA)**. MAYRA schedules regattas at the various member clubs throughout the summer, including CRYC. For many sailing club members, MAYRA competitions are the highlight of their summer sailing experiences.

The CRYC also offers **Community Sailing**, which enables members to use any of the club’s fleet of the **five different classes of sail boats: Blue Jay, GP14, Club FJ, Laser, and Sunfish**. **Community Sailing** is an excellent way to

personally experience each of the different types of sailboats, helping members who may be considering the purchase of their own sailboats to make informed decisions based on hands-on experiences.

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**.

For more information, contact the club directly at **856 869-9145**, or visit www.CooperRiverYC.org or just stop by the club at your convenience!

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