

Junior Membership Program

How lucky are we....

To be able to
experience the
beauty of nature

anonymous

Mission Statement

The GHYC Junior Program will provide a safe, fun, and educational program for youth interested in boating.

Junior Program Goals

Instill a love of boating as a lifetime sport, while providing the fundamental skills necessary for participants to advance in the sports as far as their desire, skill, and hard work may take them.

Assist in creating skilled and confident youths who will respect others, care for their equipment and the marine environment, and be willing to help fellow boaters on and off the water.

Be budget neutral on a year over year basis.

Graduate GHYC Junior Program members with an enhanced sense of self-reliance, knowledge of seamanship, appreciation of teamwork, and solid foundation in boating.

Gig Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC)

“teach your children well”

Crosby ,
Stills, Nash
and Young



Junior Sailing Program

There is NOTHING-- absolutely nothing--half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. -

Kenneth
Grahame

A significant component to most Junior Programs is the Junior Sailing Program. This normally runs Learn to Sail Program, Junior Race Team, High School Sail Team and often Adult Learn to Sail Program as well. The learn to sail program runs during the summer months, charging \$200 or so per week, while the team oriented programs run year round and charge quarterly fees for the students. With this revenue, certified coaches are hired, insurance paid, and other expenses covered in a budget neutral manner not affecting annual dues.

Ideas? Contact anyone on the back of this flyer, any officer, or email Juniors@gigharboryc.com





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Junior Sailing Program:

Learn to Sail: This is an introductory class for youth aged 8 years and up and teaches them the basics of small boat sailing. Classes run from mid June to end of August. Typically each class is 4 hours, mornings and afternoon. An ideal boat might be the Open Bics for beginners, FJ's, 420's and Lasers for advanced sailors. Instructors would be US Sailing certified.

Junior Race Team: Many sailors will graduate from the Learn to Sail class with a desire to race. The Junior Race Team will have a High School and Collegiate level component. Many racers will compete on the Northwest Youth Racing Circuit. These programs are offered on a quarterly basis and run year round. Again these coaches, are US Sailing certified.

Adult Learn to Sail: Another great revenue source is the keel boat program. Often a boat is donated to the club, maintained by the Junior Sailing Program and Adult volunteers. This provides members and non members an opportunity to learn to sail and race. A Thunderbird might be a great option for us.

Getting started: GHYC needs to acquire boats eg Open Bics, FJ's, 420's, coach boats, etc. Once these are acquired, the program pays for itself with the revenue from lessons and race team.



How can I help?

Could you volunteer your time? ..help select which boats to buy, how to market the classes to community, teach seminars, where do we launch boats, etc

Could you assist in raising the money necessary to launch this program? Do you have experience raising funds? Can you personally contribute?

Talk with everyone at the club. This is a membership driven event, ***if it's to be, it's up to us!***
