



LAUNCH & RETRIEVAL PROCESS

SAILORS, PARENTS & COACHES

We will be launching and retrieving OPTIs from two areas within the club grounds. Area 1 is our Marine Activities Center located near the harbor entrance. Boats located here will be stored without dollies and launched from the floating docks where they are stored. Launch/Retrieval Team volunteers will be on hand to assist with all aspects of launch and retrieval. Area 2 is located at the western end of the harbor. Here we will have 3 ramps resting on floating dock pads and a 4th non-ramp launch area. Boats will be rigged with mast and sails before approaching the launch area queues. Volunteers will assist the sailors bring the boats and dollies down the ramp, they will then lift the boat into the water assist the sailor in boarding and attaching the rudder and centerboard, while another Volunteer removes the dolly to the Dolly Storage Area. Once ready, the sailor will proceed through the harbor and out the entrance.

The retrieval process is much the same in reverse. Area 1 retrieval - boats will approach the Sail Center docks in turn, where they will remove rudders and centerboards, disembark the sailor and lift the boat on to the floating dock and move it to its storage area. Area 2 retrieval - as the boats approach the launch/retrieval area, volunteers will note the boat ID number on the bow and select the matching dolly (every effort will be made to match the boat with its dolly). As the boat docks, volunteers will assist with rudder and centerboard removal, disembark the sailor and lift the boat out of the water onto the waiting dolly. The sailor will then be assisted up the ramp and dismissed to the boat storage area for derigging.

Parents and Coaches are welcome to assist in the Launch & Retrieval Process, along with the Volunteer Team.

PRIOR TO LAUNCHING

1. As they approach the launch area, sailors must attach their Safety ID Bracelet to the Sailing Board. At the end of the day the Safety ID Bracelets are retrieved from the Board by the returning sailor. Any remaining Bracelets indicate sailors still out on the water. If at any time your Safety ID Bracelet is lost, immediately find an Event Volunteer for a replacement.
2. After the morning Competitor, Coach and Parent meeting, proceed to your previously rigged OPTI & dolly and proceed to the Launching Queues.



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1. Marine Activities Center - boats are launched from the floating island.

Western Launch Area - From the Launch Queue, Volunteers will direct sailors into one of 4 Launch Ramp Queues. Once on the ramp Volunteers will assist the sailor down the ramp, lift the boat into the water, help the sailor board the boat, install rudder and centerboard and cast off when ready. Meanwhile, the dolly is removed to the Dolly Storage Area by another Volunteer.

RETRIEVING

1. Marine Activities Center - boats will approach the Sail Center docks in turn. Volunteers will assist in the removal of rudders and centerboards, disembark the sailor and lift the boat on to the floating dock and move it to its storage area. Once the boat is stored the sailor will retrieve his/her Safety ID Bracelet from the Sailing Board.
2. Western Launch Area - as the boats approach the launch/retrieval area, volunteers will note the boat ID number on the bow and call out to other volunteers to select the matching dolly (every effort will be made to match the boat with its dolly). Volunteers at each ramp will call out the boat ID number that is at the dock. As the boat docks, volunteers will assist with rudder and centerboard removal, disembark the sailor and lift the boat out of the water onto the waiting dolly. The sailor will then be assisted up the ramp and dismissed to the boat storage area for derigging. Once the boat is in its storage spot the sailor will retrieve his/her Safety ID Bracelet from the Sailing Board.