Piers Park Sailing Center
EAST BOSTON

# 2027 **Summer Program Guide**

Piers Park Sailing Center offers four summer programs:




**Harbor Explorers**, ages 6 - 9

9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. One week sessions.

Students learn to kayak, sail, fish and crab. They play group games in Piers Park, complete marine science lessons, and build strong social bonds. Lunch is provided every day.




**Science of Sailing**, ages 10 - 13

9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Two week sessions.

Students build more advanced sailing skills, completing Piers Park's three level sailing curriculum. On Fridays they navigate to and explore one of the Boston Harbor Islands. Lunch is provided every day.




**Climate Crew**, ages 10 - 14

9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. One week sessions.

Students explore Boston Harbor through sailing, kayaking, and field trip experiences. They complete climate lab projects over the course of the week and present them to their peers. Lunch is provided every day.




**Teen Training Program**, ages 14 - 18

8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Full summer commitment.

Students are paid to become instructional staff. They are provided with approximately 200 hours of hands-on experience at $15/hr. Shifts may vary and are often in half day increments, 25 hours per week. Apply on the Teen Training page, not through Campsite.

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## How do I enroll?

- **Returning families** can click here to log in and enroll.
- **New families** participating for the first time can set up a family profile and enroll here.
- **Teenagers** applying for the Teen Training Program should use this page to fill out an interest form.

## When can I enroll?

- **January 15:** Returning students, Boston resident students, and students with physical disabilities
- **February 1:** Logan-impacted resident students (Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop)
- **February 15:** Open enrollment to all Massachusetts resident students

If you enroll before your designated time, we will process the enrollment on the proper date. If the program slots fill with other students in a priority group before your designated time, we will not be able to enroll your student in that session.

## Does my child need to know how to swim?

Yes. You must have a lifeguard complete the swim certification, or self attest with the parent swim attestation form. We are more flexible with first year Harbor Explorer students that are still working on their swimming skills, but parents are required to complete the attestation for students to enroll. Students wear life jackets at all times on the dock and on the boats.

## How much does the program cost?

$499 per week, per child. There is sliding scale financial aid for families in need. Students with physical disabilities may be eligible for free or discounted enrollment because of support from The Peabody Foundation. See the table on the next page for more information on need based discounts.

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## Financial assistance

- Sliding scale (maximum cost $499 / week) based on family income
- East Boston resident families save 10% thanks to Massport and East Boston Foundation
- Students with physical disabilities get free or discounted enrollment thanks to Peabody Foundation
- Summer extended day (8:30 am – 5:30 pm) available for $100 per week

## Income based enrollment assistance

| Annual household income (most recent 1040) | Less than $50,000 | $50,000-$69,999 | $70,000-$99,000 | $100,000-$139,999 | $140,000-$179,999 | $180,000+ |
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| Percent discount for financial aid | 99% | 95% | 75% | 45% | 15% | 0% |

To apply for financial aid, complete the online enrollment in CampSite until you get to the payment page. Then email info@piersparksailing.org a copy of your most recent 1040 tax filing. You will receive an email with a code to enter on the CampSite payment page, discounting your enrollment cost. The code is only for you, do not share the code with anyone else. Sharing your need-based financial aid code with others will result in expulsion from the program.

Financial aid is generously provided by support from private foundations, individual and corporate donors, the City of Boston, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## How many weeks can I do?

Maximum six weeks (financial aid is only available for the first two weeks enrolled).

The CampSite system will allow you to sign up for two weeks (one week for Climate Crew). If you'd like additional weeks, email Alex adefronzo@piersparksailing.org with which sessions you'd like to add.

**Session dates are available on the next page.**

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## 2027 Session Dates

| **Harbor Explorers** (age 6-9 years old)<br>Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 4 PM | |
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| Harbor Explorers Session 1 | July 5 - July 9 (we are open July 5) |
| Harbor Explorers Session 2 | July 12 - July 16 |
| Harbor Explorers Session 3 | July 19 - July 23 |
| Harbor Explorers Session 4 | July 26 - July 30 |
| Harbor Explorers Session 5 | August 2 - August 6 |
| Harbor Explorers Session 6 | August 9 - August 13 |
| Harbor Explorers Session 7 | August 16 – August 20 |
| Harbor Explorers Session 8 | August 23 – August 27 |

| **Science of Sailing** (age 10-13 years old)<br>Monday through Friday 9 AM – 4 PM | |
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| Science of Sailing Session 1 | July 5 - July 16 (we are open July 5) |
| Science of Sailing Session 2 | July 19 - July 30 |
| Science of Sailing Session 3 | August 2 - August 13 |
| Science of Sailing Session 4 | August 16 – August 27 |

| **Climate Crew** (age 10-14 years old)<br>Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 4 PM | |
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| Climate Crew Session 1 | July 5 - July 9 (we are open July 5) |
| Climate Crew Session 2 | July 12 - July 16 |
| Climate Crew Session 3 | July 19 - July 23 |
| Climate Crew Session 4 | July 26 - July 30 |
| Climate Crew Session 5 | August 2 - August 6 |
| Climate Crew Session 6 | August 9 - August 13 |
| Climate Crew Session 7 | August 16 – August 20 |
| Climate Crew Session 8 | August 23 – August 27 |

Can a student do both Science of Sailing and Climate Crew?

**Yes**, you are welcome to enroll in either or both. Both works well for 3 or 5 week enrollments.