

# Harraseeket YC



## First Session Recruits

The recruits had a great first session sailing the optimists. Max Jennings, Katie Drake, and Allyson Feuer worked with this group of young sailors and really enjoyed teaching the class. The recruits learned how to rig and derig an opti, working together to get the boats on and off the racks each day. The sailors learned several important knots including bowlines, figure eights, square knots, and a cleat hitch knot. The recruits developed some solid boat handling and sail trim over the first four weeks. The recruits also had lots of fun days with distance sails to Bustins Island and had several theme days including a Pirate Day.



## First Session Mates

The Mates had a great first session sailing 420s with the RAD sails. The 420s with the smaller RAD sails are a perfect transition to the racing 420s. The Mates, led by Kim Dempsey (the head Mates instructor) spent a great deal of time working on their boat handling and sail trim. By the end of the session, the Mates were roll tacking and were using their weight to steer the boats. The Mates competed against the Skippers and Race Class during the Friday Race Days and often beat some of the racers so there are several promising future racers in the Mates class.



## First Session Skippers and 420 Race Team

The Skippers and 420 Race Class has been very busy the past few weeks. The team participated in the **Junior Olympics** hosted by Sail Maine on July 13-14<sup>th</sup> out of East End Beach in Portland. We had great racing conditions on the first day of the regatta and the 420 Green Fleet completed four races and the 420 Championship Fleet completed five races in a 8-12 knot southerly. The breeze did not cooperate on the second day so no races took place. Results from the event can be found [here](#). Photos and videos from the event can be found [here](#). Tucker Grout was also featured in the *Portland Press Herald* where he shares his thoughts on the event. A link to the article is [here](#).

After the Junior Olympics concluded, the team loaded up 7 boats and headed down to Hingham for the **Hingham Bay Jr. Regatta**. The 420 team performed very well, highlighted by Kevin Schwarm and Lindsay Burroughs finishing 4<sup>th</sup>, Ellis Price and Emily Jennings finishing 12<sup>th</sup>, Patrick Robinson and Gram Allen finishing 15<sup>th</sup>, Tim Morse and Sophie Soloman finishing 18<sup>th</sup>, and Graham Roeber and Tucker Grout finishing 20<sup>th</sup> in the championship fleet. Ethan Merrill and Danny Morse finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the Green Fleet while Logan Parker and Aaron Gallant finished in 20<sup>th</sup>. A link to the complete results is [here](#).



