

# SIYC MERCURY SAILING PROGRAM

The Mercury Sailing Program allows eligible teens and adult members of the SIYC the use of the club's Mercury fleet.

With a membership at the DOLPHIN LEVEL (\$500 or more) and successful completion of a Qualification Test, this program will qualify skippers to reserve and take any of our three Mercury 18-foot keelboats for a sail around Burnt Coat Harbor. **A Waiver and Release of Liability form must be signed prior to participating in this program.**

## Qualification Tests

Skipper candidates will be given a written Sailing Competency Test. These tests will be administered on Sunday mornings at 10 am or by appointment. Email [swanssailors@gmail.com](mailto:swanssailors@gmail.com) if you intend to test on a particular Sunday. Immediately following the written test, a practical on water sailing test will be given. **A release of liability form must be signed prior to the water test.**

## Access to SIYC Mercurys

The Mercury sailboats will be available to qualified skippers for three-hour sessions on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 – 5:00 pm and on Sundays 11:30 am – 2:30 pm and 2:30 – 5:30 pm or by appointment.

Skippers should make reservations for use of the Mercurys by emailing [swanssailors@gmail.com](mailto:swanssailors@gmail.com) at least 24 hours and up to a week in advance. Reservations may also be made during the appointed hours with a request at the wharf to the Dockmaster or the SIYC volunteer supervising the Mercury Program. Our Dockmaster or other SIYC volunteer will be on the float at Trafton's Wharf during the hours listed above and will ferry skippers and crew to the boats, a rowing dinghy will also be available. **All skippers and crew must sign a new Waiver and release of Liability form annually to participate in this program.**

Skippers and crew are expected to leave the boat clean with bilge pumped dry, sails furled or folded and tiller lashed, lines coiled, sail cover neatly in place, and mooring line double checked for security.

## Sailing Boundaries for the Mercury Program

Skippers must make certain to know the day's high and low tides and that a chart of Burnt Coat Harbor is on board. All of Burnt Coat Harbor is open to sailboats **but be aware of the depths on the chart (Mean Low Tide) and the tide state.**

**Boats must not leave Burnt Coat Harbor**, the bounds being the WESTERN WAY (a line between the lighthouse and green bell buoy 5 (GB5)) and the EASTERN WAY (green can 5 (GC5)).

## Parking

Parking at the wharf is very limited and **parking on the left side of the road is PROHIBITED**. You must also park in a manner that allows clear mail delivery on the right side of the road. If there is space to park in the lot above the wharf, pull as far forward as possible and **leave your keys in your car** in case it needs to be moved to allow others to pass. **NEVER** park down the hill at the wharf.

It is **strongly recommended** that you park in the Boneyard near the town dock (a little farther down the road from Trafton's Wharf) where all the boats are on the hard. You may drop your passengers off at the wharf before proceeding to the Boneyard, a very short walk back to the wharf.