



77 Bluff Avenue
Rowayton, Connecticut 06853



April 22, 2019

Dear RYC and NYC Members,

Summer is quickly approaching and so is the 2019 Salty Dog Camp at Rowayton Yacht Club. Each year we learn to enjoy Long Island Sound through kayaking, fishing, launch driving, critter catching and water safety activities. Our goal is to educate children about the history of our wonderful town and Long Island Sound through interactive and exploratory adventures and lessons. This year, due to tides and the timing of various popular local summer programs, we have decided to switch things up and move the program to the afternoon. We have exciting plans for your kids!

Dates: Monday, June 17th - Friday, June 21st

Times: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Please arrive and pick up on time.

Cost: □\$150 per child

Ages: Salty Dog is for 6-8 years olds (6 year olds must have completed kindergarten),

Saltier Dog is for 9-12 years olds,

CIT (counselor in training) is for 6th-8th graders.

Sign up: Return the enclosed forms via mail to

Salty Dog Camp

c/o Liette Bechervaise, 363 Rowayton Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06853

Paperwork/Payment Deadline: Friday, May 17th

Salty Dog Camp is available to children of Rowayton Yacht Club and Norwalk Yacht Club members. All paperwork and payment **must** be received no later than **Friday, May 17th**. We will make every effort to accommodate as many campers as possible while maintaining a safe adult to camper/CIT ratio, as **safety is always our top concern**. **Counselors In Training** will be required to complete one hour of training prior to the beginning of Salty Dog Camp (date/time TBD). CITs will also be required to arrive at 12:30pm each day of camp in order to set up and review the day's plans and duties.

We look forward to continuing the established Salty Dog Camp that provides an opportunity for our campers to explore Farm Creek and the Long Island Sound. Please remember that Salty Dog is run on an **all volunteer** basis. If you are a RYC or NYC member and would like to volunteer any of your time and/or expertise, please let us know. Also, motor boats and captains are needed for our trip to Sheffield Island on Friday. Be warned...the staff has as much fun as the kids!

If you have any questions, please email us at rycsaltydog@gmail.com.



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Sincerely,

The 2019 Salty Dog Committee

Salty Dog Camp Registration Form June 17th-21st, 2019

Parent/Guardian name:

Today's date:

Child Name(s)

Birthdate and last grade completed:

Shirt size:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

4: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

We are members of RYC (circle): **yes / no**

We are members of NYC (circle): **yes / no**

This camp is run by volunteers. Any time or effort that you can offer would be appreciated:

I am able to volunteer during the week of Salty Dog Camp (circle): **yes / no**

If yes, I would like to help with:

____ kayaking/paddle board

____ snack

____ lunch on Friday

____ trip to Sheffield Island

____ afternoon clean up

____ shuttle kids on your motor boat to Sheffield, Fri

____ fishing

____ other



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Please mail completed forms with a check for \$150 made out to Rowayton Yacht Club to Liette Bechervaise at 363 Rowayton Avenue, Rowayton CT 06853. Please email us at rycsaltydog@gmail.com or call 203.858.3544 with questions.

SALTY DOG PROGRAM RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. All minors will be required to wear a PFD, (life jacket), whenever they are on a dock, on the beach, in a boat or in the water.
2. Parents or guardian must provide an appropriate sized PFD for their child. Children without PFDs will not be allowed to attend the program that day and no prorated refund will be issued.
3. You must sign your child in and out with their designated counselors each day. The program runs from 1:00pm - 5:00pm, rain or shine.
4. Salty Dogs will provide a small snack every day but feel free to have your child bring their own. Each child should bring a personal water bottle with his/her name clearly marked. If your child has any food allergies, please provide a suitable snack for him/her. Refrigerated space will be available for those children only.
5. All participants should wear a bathing suit under their clothes, and arrive with sun block already applied, as well as a hat. Wear shoes that are sturdy and can get wet. **Flip flops are not allowed.** Teva type sandals, old sneakers and Crocs are safest.
6. We do not have lifeguards, so swimming in water above the chest will not be allowed until the child's parents or appointed adult arrives **and signs the child out for the day.** If a child is to be signed out by someone other than the child's parent or legal guardian, permission to do so must be received by the Salty Dog staff **in writing** no later than 1:00pm that afternoon.
7. The medical and liability release form **must** be signed and returned by **Friday, May 17th.**
8. In the event that a member of the Salty Dog Staff feels that any child's or CIT's behavior is unsafe or disruptive, or that the child's or CIT's continued participation will be detrimental or disruptive, the staff member and those person(s) in charge of the program may, at his or her discretion, terminate the child's or CIT's participation in the program.



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- 9. The program fee is \$150 **for the week**. Submitting a completed form and check does not guarantee enrollment as space is limited and tied to the number of staff members as well as RYC grounds/space regulations. Your child's spot in the program will be confirmed by the Salty Dog program as soon as possible.

MEDICAL AND LIABILITY RELEASE 2019 SALTY DOG PROGRAM

To the best of my knowledge, my child:

_____ is physically and psychologically capable of participating in the activities of the Salty Dog Program. I have read and understand the Salty Dog Program Rules and Requirements and agree to adhere to them. I understand that boating and other nautical activities of the sort engaged in during the program are inherently dangerous and I assume all risk and hazards incidental to such activities on behalf of my child.

I further understand that none of the individuals conducting the program necessarily hold any professional training or certification relevant to education, childcare or medical care.

I hereby release, and hold harmless, Rowayton Yacht Club at Hickory Bluff, its Board of Directors, officers, employees, junior committee, Salty Dogs staff (including parent volunteers, counselors and CITs) and the owners of any vessels used in the program from any and all liability and claims for any personal injury suffered by my child, myself or any other participant in the program.

I further give Rowayton Yacht Club and its employees authority for the administration of such first aid or other medical treatment as their reasonable judgment dictates. In the event of a medical emergency, and in the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission for my child to be treated at a local hospital emergency room or by other qualified medical personnel.

Permission is also granted to the Rowayton Yacht Club to use images and/or video of my child on their website and in their marketing materials relevant to the Salty Dogs Program and RYC.

In conjunction with the above, I note below any **special information** that should be known in the event medical treatment is required (drug intolerance, allergies etc.). Please be specific about food allergies.

Any known allergies or *special medical information*:

Child's Physician and phone number:

Emergency contact and phone number of another adult:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:



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_____ **Date:** _____

I give permission to the Salty Dog Program staff to reapply sunscreen, which I will supply, to my child if that staff member deems it necessary.

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____