

SUMMER 2026 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2026?

- Summer program extended by 1 HOUR daily (8:30 AM - 2:30 PM)
- NEW Jr. Instructor Training program for ages 15-18
- Professional guest presentations from Sheriff Marine Dept, FWC, Florida Fishing Products & others

PROGRAMS & PRICING

PROGRAM	AGES	PRICE
SUMMER PROGRAM 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Lunch included: Molly Goodheads	8-14	\$625/wk
ACADEMY 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM First Mate Certifications	8-18	\$275/wk
COMBO 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Summer Program + Academy Lunch included: Molly Goodheads	8-14	\$850/wk (\$50 combo discount)
JR. INSTRUCTOR TRAINING 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM + ACADEMY (optional) 3-5 PM, Lunch included: Molly Goodheads	15-18	\$185/wk

JR. INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The Jr. Instructor Trainee role will primarily consist of learning and assisting day to day summer program operations as well as how to instruct program students ages 8-14. Trainees will not participate as daily boat passengers basis, with the exception of when a Captain or Senior First Mate Instructor requests additional on-the-water assistance. Jr. Instructors will primarily remain at the marina assisting with and leading dry land activities under the direction of Captain Andy Benedict and other Senior Instructors. Dry land activities/duties will consist of knot tying, rod casting, cast netting, mooring and other organizational needs.

2026 SUMMER PROGRAM THEMES & ACADEMY WEEKS

(ACADEMY programming is not themed by species)

June 1-5	REDFISH WEEK 1	July 6-10	SHARK WEEK
June 8-12	REDFISH WEEK 2	July 13-17	SNOOK WEEK 1
June 15-19	TARPON WEEK 1	July 20-24	SNOOK WEEK 2
June 22-26	TARPON WEEK 2	July 27-31	INSHORE SLAM WEEK

PROGRAM LOCATION Speckled Trout Marina 370 Bayshore Drive Palm Harbor, FL 34683 (Ozona)	PROGRAM DIRECTOR Captain Andy Benedict Founder Ahoy@FirstMateAcademy.com (727) 338-4857	PROUDLY PARTNERED WITH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speckled Trout Marina• Palm Harbor Parks & Recreation• Step Up For Students
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*Once registration is received, we'll email an invoice. *Your payment/invoice receipt secures enrollment!*