FILL THE PACK! Little Bay Day



Please help us to "Fill the Pack". As part of the Little Bay Day Regatta this year we are initiating a service project that aims to provide homeless children or children living in shelters who need school supplies with a backpack. The backpack will be filled with grade specific supplies for the first day of school. There are countless families throughout Ocean County that struggle to provide children with basic school supplies and the pandemic has only made this struggle worse. A backpack does so much more than simply carry school supplies; it allows a child to enter the classroom feeling ready for the school year and feeling more like their classmates and less like a child in need.

The "Little Bay Day" Regatta encourages all participating sailors (and clubs) to bring school supplies which will be donated to Kindergarten, First, Second and Third graders to one of Ocean County's struggling schools. This is a terrific opportunity to teach the children how important philanthropy and community involvement is in our society.

We are accepting donated backpacks, loose leaf paper, drawing paper, notebooks, folders, pencils, pencil cases, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, paint, glue sticks, safety scissors, post it notes, and any similar school items. Please help us to meet the school supply needs of Ocean County's most vulnerable students. Help us restore some sense of normalcy for these children and send the message that they are important—and so is their education.

There will be a box on SPYC's Front porch for all donations. Any questions please contact Jacqueline Wilhelm at <u>jacquewilhelm@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you! SPYC Juniors