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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This has been an amazing year for getting our house in order while still managing to increase participation. We completed our Strategic Plan, developed a values statement and reviewed our mission. With the completed and approved Strategic Plan we have developed a comprehensive path for moving forward over the next five years. Our new mission statement and values statement help guide us each step of the way. The organization established a new budgeting system creating more clarity. Within the office we have restructured our organizational chart to clarify each position's roles and responsibilities.

Our youth participation exceeded all expectations with 2,259 youth on the water through SSP programming. We doubled the number of adult classes and participation was up 36%. With the addition of our new Adult Program Director we anticipate an increase again in 2017.

One of our biggest challenges this year was learning the extent of existing lead paint in the boathouse. After pro bono work being done by Reid Middleton, Pacific Pile and Hikari Consulting the decision was made to have the lead paint tested by Rose Environmental. The results showed that the levels of lead were above the EPA standard. The board voted to take out a loan from Homestreet Bank to abate the lead paint in the north part of the boat house. This area is used by our instructors and students daily. The lead paint and an asbestos floor were removed by Grayhawk Construction. The remainder of the work to be done on the boathouse will be addressed in 2017.

Lease negotiations began with the Park Department this past March. While those talks are ongoing we have made significant progress. We are currently waiting for a response from Parks to our most recent offer. Our staff brought unparalleled commitment to creating the best possible environment for fun and learning.

Our volunteers gave thousands of hours in support of our programming and are a vital part of Sail Sand Point. Thanks to them for making all things possible. We are entering the year with renewed excitement and enthusiasm.

Fair Winds,
Mary Anne Ward

SUMMER CAMPS

Sail Sand Point hosted 127 camps in our 4 locations, serving 1092 kids. This number is up from 2015 when we hosted 122 camps with 903 kids. We anticipate similar growth in 2017 camps as we have new offerings. Most of our camps were sold out and those that were not were re-arranged so that we could accommodate more students.



YOUTH RACING

Sail Sand Point is proud to play an instrumental part in supporting High School and College Sailing in and around Seattle and the Northwest by providing a central regatta or clinic venue with high quality boats, facilities, staff, and race management. We had 57 high school students racing this year, which is up from 34 in 2015. Many of our High School racers became certified instructors this year, worked with us all summer, and have now moved on to college sailing. Kids from 15 different high schools were coached in 40 after-school sessions and attended 10 regattas.



We hosted the Leiter Cup (the US Youth Women’s Single-handed National Championship), and the USODA NW Regional Opti Championship. The Leiter Cup in particular was a challenge. Every girl had to be transported, housed, feed, coached, and entertained on the town one night. The event consisted of two days of coaching/practice and 3 days of racing. This event was held the last week of July when we had every camp, class and outreach group here as well as full time Open Boating. Prior to this we thought holding even a small event that time of year was crazy but we found we were up to the challenge and hosted a very successful event.

SHIPMATES

Seeing our outreach and scholarships programs grow year over year has been crucial to the mission of SSP and ensures that we continue to build a diverse community of sailors from all backgrounds, who share a passion for the water. Our Shipmates and Scholarship programs create accessible avenues for children to foster an appreciation for the marine environment, while making new friends and bolstering their self- confidence through learning a new skill. This year Sail Sand Point hosted 1,167 youth through our Shipmates program with 85% of the groups receiving some scholarship money.



“ It’s great to be able to take young people who don’t traditionally have the funding out on the water and experience something new. And it always helps when it’s something fun that we all can enjoy. ”

-Paula Carvalho

Manager of Youth Programs at The Mockingbird Society

Our partners in this program include:

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| Northshore YMCA | Outdoors for All | Meadowbrook Teen Center |
| Mockingbird Society | Dale Turner Family YMCA | Van Asselt Community Center |
| Mountaineers | Lifelong Recreation | Magnuson Community Center |
| Autism Parents Group | Girl Scouts | North Seattle Boys and Girls Club |
| Ballard Boys and Girls Club | Camp Trinity | |
| University YMCA | | |



This was our second summer of incorporating STEM into our camps and classes as well as Shipmates days. We became a US Sailing Certified STEM Education Center and offered our first STEM camp. We will offer 3 STEM camps in 2017. A STEM committee was formed to examine opportunities for SSP to teach STEM in coordination with our partners during the shoulder and off-season. We begin our first shoulder season session with the Magnuson Park Community Center on April 25. The committee will also be examining ways to improve our existing programs.

“ I have never seen my kids as engaged in an activity as they were while doing the STEM module. ”

– Molly Harrigan, program manager at Outdoors for All.

ADULT SAILING

You can become a sailor at any age! Sail Sand Point offers classes for beginning through advance adult sailors. Classes are taught by US Sailing Level 1 certified instructors, and they cover the skills needed to rig and sail various types of boats, as well as practicing boating safety skills and becoming familiar with boating terminology. Classes include a variety of on-the-water and on-shore activities to learn, develop, and hone safe and fun sailing and boating skills! Our adult classes saw a 36% increase in participation after we doubled the number of classes in 2016.

Sail Sand Point is dedicated to making sailing accessible and affordable to everyone. Consider applying if you are hesitant about the cost of classes, would like to attend several classes, are a student, or if a scholarship would generally help you attend classes.



ADAPTIVE SAILING

For many individuals with paralysis, their disabilities came to them later on in life, which significantly alters their sense of self-identity and changes the activities they choose to pursue. For some, the barriers they encounter in the community discourage them from actively pursuing a community to engage with. SSP's adaptive sailing program aims to ensure that those living with paralysis do not find significant barriers to their participation in the sailing community.



SSP's Adaptive Committee has formed a relationship with Seattle Children's to work with not only their patients - youth with cancer, autism, rheumatoid arthritis, and depression- but also with the families who are staying in the Ronald MacDonald house. Our partnership will work in coordination with Children's staff to accommodate the needs of the participants.

We continued our partnership with Outdoors for All and parents of kids with autism. We were granted a \$3,500 grant from University Rotary to adapt boats and advance access. A second 2.4 meter boat was repaired for use over the summer so that we now have 2 on the floating dock.

“ I have always dreamt of a place where I could go to rent a boat on a random Tuesday afternoon and sail at my leisure. ”

-Bob Ewing

Founder of Footloose Sailing

OPEN BOATING

Sail Sand Point is pleased to open our facility to qualified sailors and paddlers through our Open Boating Program. The goal of Open Boating is to introduce people to Sail Sand Point, allow anyone to get on the water in an easily accessible and affordable way. Our hope is that Open Boaters will become part of our growing community, helping us realize our mission of providing water access to all. Boaters can purchase Annual Passes or rent hourly. We have passes for Adults, Families and Youth. Discounts are available for students, military, seniors and those with disabilities. Boat rentals open April 15 and run through the 30th of October. Last year we had ~12,000 uses of our boats, creating public benefit for everyone.

Sail Sand Point manages a boat storage yard for actively used non-motorized, hand-launchable boats. This includes kayaks/canoes, rowing dinghies, small hand-launchable sailboats, and anything else you can come up with! We welcome wind and human-powered watercraft of all kinds and have had our fair share of unusual boats. The 272 boat owners who store with us are an active and vibrant part of our community. Store your boat with us and be on the water in minutes!

OUR COMMUNITY

Sail Sand Point has a strong community that has demonstrated over the years its dedication to the organization and our mission. SSP would not be the same without our many volunteers and their generosity of time and spirit. This year we hosted several events to help our community unite and strengthen through camaraderie and fun. Our once-a-month potlucks are always open to public and include rides on a variety of our boats, thus encouraging participation by those who do not yet know how to sail. At the last Full Moon Sail of the season we had 40 guests come for boat rides and the dessert potluck.



HOSTED EVENTS

The following list is a sampling of events created by us, and events that we hosted this past year, to give a more complete overview of the breadth of programming and offerings at Sail Sand Point:

Spring US Sailing Level 1 course
US Sailing STEM Educator Class
US Sailing Adaptive Sailing Instructor Course
Hosted 15 regattas/clinics
Leiter Cup
USODA NW Opti Regional Championship
Octoberfest Regatta (summer youth circuit event)
Milfoil Dodger Regatta (youth green fleet event)
McCurdy Cup (team racing event)
Laser Frostbite Race Series
High School Sailing - 40 practices
U Washington Sailing Team

Summer Team practices (SPOT and SPYS)
Weeknight Racing - Mondays throughout the summer
Friday Night Fun Sails - on the E Scow Boat Shows (January and September show)
Community Building Events - Full Moon Sail, Sailstice, Family Sails, and Speaker Series
Open Boating April 15-Oct 31
Adult Classes
Youth Classes
Private Lessons
Outreach (58 days)

BY THE NUMBERS

Camps

Participants	1092
Magnuson	852
Kirkland	62
Mercer island	68
Corinthian	110
No. Of camps (all sites)	127
Avg. Students per class	8.5
Scholarships awarded	\$6,328.00

Adult Learn-to-Sail

Participants	319
No. of classes	29
Scholarships awarded	\$1,405.00

Outreach/Scholarships

Days of scheduled outreach groups	58
Total participants	1167
Scholarships awarded	\$6,700.00

Open Boating

Days of Open Boating	161
Pass Holders and hourly purchasers	2939
Sailboat uses	2499
Paddleboard/kayak uses	3983
Adaptive sailing hours	55

Youth Racing

Regattas/clinics hosted	15
High School/SPYS Team participants	57
Opti Team participants	17
Octoberfest participants	119

Community Programs

Number of volunteers	110
Volunteer hours logged	3,878/\$58,170
No. of community events (full moon, BBQ, speaker, etc.)	16
Monday Night Racing	22 nights, about 250 participants