

SAIL SAND POINT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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is Seattle's Community Boating Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to bringing the joy and life-enhancing benefits of sailing and small boats to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.



Sail Sand Point used its 21st year to improve immensely in accordance to our mission. With the support of spectacular volunteers, staff, and countless donors, Sail Sand Point was able to offer more programs to a wider range of groups than ever before. What began in 1998 with a group of six families trying to build a more accessible sailing community has grown into a nationally recognized nonprofit community boating center dedicated to removing barriers that have historically kept people off the water.

SAIL SAND POINT YOUTH RACING

Middle School, High School and Summer racing programs continue to flourish at Sail Sand Point as we remain a hub for competitive youth sailing in the Pacific Northwest. This year we hosted 11 regattas, including Octoberfest, the biggest youth sailing regatta in the region with 200 participants!

CAMPS & CLASSES

With a total of 907 youth participants, Sail Sand Point awarded 65 youth scholarships worth \$22,219 to sailors, ensuring no sailor is excluded due to cost. We expanded our adult programming to offer 91 classes this year, teaching 650 adult participants, and providing \$5,750 in scholarships to 44 sailors.

OPEN BOATING

Open Boating allows anyone to rent a sailboat, paddle board, kayak, or windsurfer from Sail Sand Point. Our helpful Open Boating staff gives sailing advice and safety reminders from our lakefront dockmaster desk! We saw 10,156 Open Boaters rent a boat or board from us and sold 589 annual passes!

\$361,578
IN TOTAL PUBLIC
BENEFIT*

*As assessed by Seattle Parks
& Rec. 2019 Public Benefit
Guidelines

16,358

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

5,735

VOLUNTEER HOURS

273

VOLUNTEERS

52

COMMUNITY EVENTS

1,126

HOURS OF ADAPTIVE SAILING

\$49,492

**AWARDED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS**

to ensure economic
accessibility for

121 PARTICIPANTS

CONNECTIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Collaborating with 36 ORGANIZATIONS	Bringing 552 Total PARTICIPANTS On the Lake	36 DAYS Of Fun & Learning	With SCHOLARSHIPS Covering 87% Of All Costs
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2019 SHIPMATES NUMBERS

SHIPMATES

Sail Sand Point's Shipmates, now called Leeway, collaborates with organizations, local and regional, to provide a fun, educational day on the lake to children in historically underserved communities. We offer scholarships to Leeway groups, helping to ensure no one is excluded from the water due to limited resources.

In addition to our regular Shipmates groups, this year Sail Sand Point expanded programming with partner organizations to offer more after school classes and more accessible sailing opportunities for community members with disabilities. Some programs include:

PARKS & REC. SPECIALIZED & TRANSITION PROGRAMS

This 9-week program introduced young adults (ages 19-25) with mental disabilities to sailing and paddling as a form of therapeutic recreation. With our success this year, we plan on hosting this program again in 2020.

ALYSSA BURNETT CENTER

A branch of the Seattle Children's Hospital, the Alyssa Burnett Center (ABC) fosters the lifelong learning of adults 18 and older with developmental disabilities. SSP was thrilled to host two 10-week sailing programs with ABC, in which we saw amazing improvements in not just sailing and paddling, but also teamwork, confidence, and decision-making.

OUTDOORS FOR ALL PARTNER EVENTS

Partnering with Outdoors for All, Sail Sand Point hosted an Inclusive Water Sports Clinic for people with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities, showcasing our resources for accessible sailing and paddling.

SCHOOL & AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

With University Family YMCA, Sail Sand Point hosted after school "Sailing Into STEM" classes in the Spring and Fall to teach students about simple machines, measuring wind, and the physics that keep boats sailing. SSP also partners with Seattle Waldorf Schools, and students were able to learn to sail and paddle for school P.E. credit.

"I truly enjoyed the F.J. and Laser sailing camp this summer. In addition to the boats being quite enjoyable in and of themselves, the instructors were friendly and helpful. Many of the skill-building activities we participated in were both instructional and fun. Thank you so much for providing me with the unique and amazing experience.

-Rose
(2019 SSP Summer Camp Participant)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This year, Sail Sand Point hosted over 50 free events for the public! Our Season Opener got everyone excited about summertime boating. Three Full Moon Sails were amazing bonding experiences. Free Refresher Lessons allowed more people to feel confident in a vessel. Community Barbecues helped locals and sailors to connect and share a laugh! Friday E-scow sailing was a great way to hone in your skills weekly. In addition to these events, our semi-annual Volunteer Work Parties are where you can find our devoted and caring SSP volunteers.

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Thank you for a fabulous year at Sail Sand Point! When I reflect on 2019 I am filled with appreciation for this place, this community and this mission. I knew when I accepted this position in February, that I was joining a vibrant, capable and ambitious team, and that come summer, our site would overflow with smiling, healthy, positive people celebrating a sport they love and a place they treasure. And I felt lucky to be included. But what I didn't know was the power that this place truly held to so many.

To some, like the wounded veteran citing the therapeutic value of sailing, this place is a sanctuary. To the high school racer kids arriving every afternoon, rain or shine, this is their second home. To new adult sailors taking introductory or more advanced classes, this is a place where they challenge themselves, learn new skills and dust off old ones. And to my eight year-old son sailing an Opti by himself across the lake, Sail Sand Point is the wild, wild west full of adventures, independence and accomplishments. A sanctuary, an adventure, a venue for self-improvement, a home away from home, and a welcoming community for all. What a place!

The years ahead are filled with exciting growth, improvement and opportunity. It is an honor to be a part of this community sharing the joy and life enhancing benefits of sailing and small boating with all of you, and anyone else who wants to get involved.

Sincerely,

Seth Muir

Executive Director, Sail Sand Point

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