

Summer Sailing Classes

We had another good summer of sailing classes for youth and adults in 2013. An ongoing collaboration with San Juan Island Parks & Rec allowed 72 students enrolled in 9 classes to receive introductory and intermediate sailing instruction. We provide sailboats, equipment, floating dock and Parks & Rec provides instructors, insurance and administration.



Classes included Intro to Sailing, Basic Sailing and Intermediate Sailing which is required for the High School sailing team. Classes were run by Joel Wenger & Mars Le Baron.



These classes allow young and old to develop useful sailing skills. This also helps feed our high school sailing team with new sailors. Open sail & picnic events on Friday's after classes were great fun and allowed parents to get out and sail as well.

Peter Risser
SJI Sailing Foundation
Board member



A Change of Course

December 2013

As we close out a challenging but successful 2013, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Sailing Foundation. Without your support we would not be able to keep these great programs going for the high school team and aspiring youth sailors.

We navigated through some management changes in 2013. Primarily driven by Paul Le Baron and Wendy Wood, we have clarified and improved the relationship between coaches, team, management and parents. We also aim to keep improving this next year through better communication and integration with the schools. Thanks also to Peter and Susan Risser for organizing the summer classes which were well attended and the open evening/BBQ's where the students could take parents or friends out on the pond were a great success. We will see a change at the team coach position and I would like to say a huge thank you to Dez Bridgmon who has coached the team for the last few years. We really appreciate everything she has done.

TODD ROBERTS



For 2014, Todd Roberts will be coaching the team. Todd has spent most of his life in the Seattle area, sailing for, then coaching the UW Sailing team, coached a little on the island here and raced everything from International 14's to Star's and keel boats. I hope you will join me in welcoming Todd to the organization.

As ever, keeping these programs running well takes a huge amount of time and money. I would like to thank everyone who has used their precious time to help organize and raise funds. If you are interested in helping the foundation's programs, please get in touch and as ever if you are able to financially support the High School sailing team we are grateful for any donations. You can use the link below or checks can be sent to the PO Box.

Nigel Oswald, SJI Sailing Foundation Board Pres.

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Sailing Team Update from Paul Le Baron (Team Manager & board member)

We had a great spring FH High School sailing team last school year consisting of 14 kids. Three seniors graduated so we still have a great base for this school year. For the first time SJI Sailing Foundation purchased wetsuits so our kids could stay warm in blustery conditions. A wonderful donor gifted us a 2nd safety boat. We now have two motor safety boats on the water for all practice sessions. We went to 6 regattas in Seattle, Bellingham, Bainbridge and Silverdale. It was our year to hold the District Island Cup at Roche Harbor. We had 10 teams participate with about 130 kids sailing.

Three High School sailors went to WIND this year: Echo Wood, Sophie Marinkovich and Mars Le Baron. WIND Youth Clinic is a comprehensive training clinic for young sailors, ages 13-18, interested in developing the skills to compete at a high level. Participation is open to Laser, Laser Radial, and Laser 4.7 sailors. The clinic was run by Javier "Rulo" Borjovich who is one of the world's most sought after coaches in the Laser and Optimist classes. This immersion program focused on performance sail trim, tactics and boat-handling in classroom and on-the-water sessions. Coaches also familiarized sailors with the ins and outs of pursuing a National or Olympic campaign, including time and money management, travel and personal commitment.

Advanced Laser Class started the week after WIND and was taught by Mars who is a certified instructor with the US Sailing Foundation. Seven kids signed up and it ran for 5 weeks. This class was very beneficial for high school sailors who had done team racing in Vanguards to hone their skills for Laser sailing.

SELF-RESCUE PRACTICE



DISTRICT ISLAND CUP AT ROCHE HARBOR



CARRY-ON LUGGAGE



ECHO WOOD (GOING FULL TILT)

