

**ANNUAL REPORT - 2020** 

## **SAIL SAND POINT**

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



Sail Sand Point's 22nd year of operation was unlike anything we could have imagined as we navigated through the largest public health crisis of our lifetimes. Through the roller coaster that was 2020, and with the loyal support of our community, donors, volunteers and staff, we were able to safely provide a bright spot for those who participated in our programs, even as we operated in a reduced capacity. It gave us great joy to see friends, families and sailors "leave their troubles ashore" and enjoy Sail Sand Point and the waters of Lake Washington.

**CAMPS & CLASSES** 

Our Summer camps and classes in Magnuson Park looked very different in 2020 as we were only able to offer programs to individual students, siblings, families, and eventually "quaranteams." The days of 900 campers playing games and sharing gear were temporarily on hold, but we still managed to share our love of sailing with 125 youth and adults who gained new skills and enjoyed the beauty of the lake through 48 classes.

#### **OPEN BOATING**

Open Boating allows anyone to rent a sailboat, stand up paddle board, kayak, or windsurfer from Sail Sand Point. This year we were able to offer Open Bating through a no-contact reservation system. Between April and October, we offered 112 days of access, and hosted a total of 756 rentals. Many families shared sailing days together some parents remarking that this time with their kids was the "silver lining" to an otherwise challenging year.

### SAIL SAND POINT RACING

Middle School, High School and Summer racing programs were the highlight of 2020. In small groups, 65 sailors sailed with us in the summer and fall. Many more participated in our online lectures in the spring to improve their sailing theory. Although there were no youth regattas this year, many of our sailors demonstrated their skills in open events alongside experienced adults. Despite 2020's restrictions, these kids proved that they will do anything they can to stay on the water.

3395
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

888
hours given by
VOLUNTEERS

32
COMMUNITY EVENTS
Virtual and Live

\$10,295
awarded in
SCHOLARSHIPS
to ensure economic accessibility for
DADTICIDANTS





Group programs were postponed in 2020 but in 2019 we were delighted to...

Collaborate with 35 ORGANIZATIONS

1051
Total
PARTICIPANTS
On the Lake

66 DAYS Of Fun & Learning SCHOLARSHIPS Covering 770/0 Of All Costs

We are eager to relaunch all Group and Leeway Programs as soon as we can.

Our teens appreciated the chance to learn about connecting with the community, teamwork, boating safety, and fundamentals. This has made a tremendous impact on their lives, and they may not have had the opportunity without your program. The teens have stated that 'this class has changed their lives forever.'

- Quote from Leeway Group Leader

### SIEBEL SAILORS PROGRAM

Primary Center for the Pacific Northwest region of US Sailing's Siebel Sailors Program.

The resources and structure provided by US Sailing fit perfectly between SSPs existing introductory one-day, "fun on the water"

Leeway Program, and our longer engagement more skills-focused summer camp and racing programs. Through participation in the Siebel Sailors Program, Sail Sand Point will be able to enhance and further our mission by provide more pathways into the sport for our community.





# A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What can I possibly say about 2020? As all of us struggled to find our new socially distant and fully masked-up normal, we endured a once in a lifetime pandemic, historic social upheaval, violent protests, a deeply divided nation and record turnout at the polls. As we move into a new year, we are sending all of you best wishes for a safe, happy, and healthy 2021.

For many, myself included, Sail Sand Point was a harbor from the storm this year. Through all the mayhem, this was a place where people came to enjoy the lake, to recreate with their families, to try new things, to sail and to escape the news. What began in 1998 with a group of six families trying to build a more accessible sailing community will continue to evolve and thrive as we come through these challenging times together, connected by the water and the sport we love. We cannot wait to be together again on the water!

Sincerely,

- Seth Muir

**Executive Director, Sail Sand Point** 

