

SAIL SAND POINT

2025 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.



CELEBRATING 27 YEARS OF ADVANCING ACCESS ON THE WATER

In its 27th year, Sail Sand Point balanced a full season of vibrant programming with an additional focus on what comes next. SSP offered an exciting camp, class, and group lineup while reaching new audiences through free community events and group programming. Hundreds of dedicated staff, volunteers, and frequent community members continued making SSP the best place to spend the season while inviting new folks to join the fun--we reached a new record for the number of folks on boats! This year also marked forward movement all facilities. The opening of the Bill's Shop, the advancement of office and Open Boating renovation plans, and continued progress on the boathouse project all represent important investments in Sail Sand Point's future.

Founded in 1998 by six families committed to making sailing more accessible, Sail Sand Point has grown into a nationally recognized nonprofit community boating center. While our programs and facilities continue to evolve, our dedication to removing barriers that have historically kept people off the water remains the same.



GROUP PROGRAMS

Sail Sand Point's groups program collaborates with organizations, local and regional, to provide a fun, educational day on the lake to children and adults in historically underserved communities, with many receiving full scholarships. This year we hosted over 1,350 group participants and offered over \$17,000 in scholarships.

OPEN BOATING

Open Boating allows anyone to rent a sailboat, paddle board, kayak, or windsurfer. Our helpful Open Boating staff gives sailing advice and safety reminders from our lakefront dockmaster desk! We saw 11,000 Open Boaters rent a boat or board from us and sold nearly 600 annual passes!

CAMPS & CLASSES

With a total of 507 youth participants and 566 adult learners, Sail Sand Point awarded scholarships worth \$24,000 to sailors, ensuring no one was excluded due to cost. Between the 80 adults classes and 56 youth camps offered, we saw sailors ranging in ages 5 to 77!

SAIL SAND POINT 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 7 regattas including Octoberfest and Cascadia Cup, with hundreds of sailors coming to participate.



2025 BY THE *NUMBERS*

62 VOLUNTEERS
LOGGED OVER
2100 HOURS

\$50,090
IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

"I have been coming to Sail Sand Point for 4 years and I have had wonderful time every single summer. This camp is what I look forward to every year more than anything else. I'm so excited to be part of this community and am looking forward to getting to volunteer and become SSP staff, something I did not every dream was possible. This amazing activity would not be possible without the scholarship program." -M.H.

81 PARTNER AND
COMMUNITY GROUPS
EXPERIENCING FUN
ON THE WATER

32 FREE COMMUNITY
EVENTS WITH OVER
600 ATTENDEES

11,000 PEOPLE ON
BOATS

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS:
15,000



A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2025 sailing season was a wonderful and challenging run—like trying to gybe a dinghy for the first time in gusty conditions, but with more smiles and fewer capsizes.

While there were too many memories to recount here, a few highlights stand out. In May, we cut the ribbon on our new workshop, named after Bill Buchan and made possible in part by his family's generosity. Years in the making and countless meetings later, this facility will transform our operations for decades to come. We've now secured permits for a major office renovation this winter that'll add classroom spaces, increase safety and accessibility, and fix what can only be described as "creative" facility design choices from decades past.

This summer we welcomed more partner groups for free programs than we have since COVID and added two fascinating new board members who love our mission and bring wonderful experience and perspectives to our team. When we lost a key staffer at the start of the season, the team rallied like a well-drilled crew in heavy weather and delivered our summer youth camps, coached racing teams, and taught adult classes like seasoned veterans. Our Open Boating rental program hit record attendance—the people have spoken, and they want more boats! One romantic captain even popped the big question in an FJ, and the delighted crew said yes!

And the boathouse project that has loomed like a storm cloud on the horizon for decades has finally started to gain momentum. Through the King County Parks levy we secured \$5M, finished conceptual drawings for an exciting solution, and are now gathering feedback from regulatory agencies and stakeholders.

But most importantly and memorably: our community showed up and shared the joy of sailing with us—teaching, fixing things, fundraising, moving equipment, and generally making us the kind of welcoming and exciting place we love to be. A nonprofit boating center is only as dynamic as its community, and we are so grateful for what you've helped us build and maintain here on the lake.

Thanks for being part of it. We'll see you on the water in 2026!



Seth Muir

Executive Director, Sail Sand Point



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