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Sailing Close Hauled

"A sailing program serving Pittsburgh area high school students and others"

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While all holidays include a spirit of thanks, no other holiday says it more clearly than Thanksgiving. Throughout the year, we've thanked those whose efforts made our first year of high school sailing possible -- from contributors to contractors, board members, volunteers and instructors. It truly takes a team to make a sailing program work. Below, we've highlighted four more examples of efforts this past year that deserve recognition. We hope that you will be part of our team for the 2022 sailing season. We encourage everyone who receives this newsletter to consider reaching out to a Pittsburgh area high school student you know who just might be interested in becoming a sailor.



There's always something that needs to be repaired in a sailing program. Sometimes it's both costly and time-consuming waiting for the work to be done. Repairing a torn boat cover was our most recent challenge. One of our instructors, Jeff Young, reached out to a friend to see if she could help out. Janeice Calfe did a great job! All she asked for was a thank you. Thank you, Janeice!



Former Allegheny County Chief Executive, businessman, community leader and lifelong sailor, Jim Roddey has been a long-term supporter of PPSL. His words of encouragement and network of contacts has helped us immensely. Jim's relationship to our Pittsburgh sailing program began in 2004 when he was the announcer for the first official sailing regatta at the Point in Pittsburgh. The sailing regatta was held as a part of the Three Rivers Regatta. Thank you, Jim!



Numerous folks stopped by this year to say hi. Some even took a brochure from our display. There were those from out of town who were surprised to see sailing in Pittsburgh. Local families stopped by with young children who, looking at our boats, seemed to be thinking about sailing in their future. Bicyclers on the Northshore bike trail also stopped to check us out, some asking about adult sailing lessons. The offers of encouragement and interest are appreciated! We thank everyone who stopped by!



We simply could not have a sailing program without our student sailors and parents. Almost all of our students signed up with no background or knowledge of sailing. Trying out something completely new, as well as new location in Pittsburgh, takes both courage and commitment. The support of their parents was also deeply appreciated. Thank you, students and parents!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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