



POINT OF PITTSBURGH SAILING LEAGUE

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“A sailing program serving Pittsburgh area high school students and others”

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We continue to proceed on a variety of fronts including: conducting sailing events; installation of a connection for the sailing platform to an amphitheater located near the Carnegie Science Center; and pursuing actions to prepare us for a full program rollout in 2021. An important step in preparing for next year has been registering as an Out of School Time (OST) provider with the Pittsburgh Public School District.



Pitt Sailing help – We continue to appreciate the participation of the Sailing Club at Pitt in our efforts to test our RS Quest sailboats and improve our safety procedures and Covid-19 protocol. Their support and patience have been invaluable in preparing for a full program roll-out in 2021. The partnership with Pitt sailing will be an important part of PPSL for years to come. A special thanks is offered to PPSL board member and Pitt sailing commodore McKenzie Brown for her leadership on this.



Sports and Exhibition Authority (SEA) –We extend our appreciation to the SEA for agreeing to a license agreement that provides access to an SEA-owned amphitheater located on the Ohio River between Heinz Field and the Carnegie Science Center, as well as the opportunity to use the North Shore river wall for sailing events. A special thanks is offered to Rifat Qureshi of the SEA for his help and guidance. Starting in the 2021 sailing season, we anticipate that the amphitheater will be our seasonal home.



PPSL Scholarship Fund – While Covid-19 issues have delayed rolling out our high school learn-to-sail and racing until spring of 2021, contributors have already begun to line up for our scholarship program. PPSL Board member LaVette Smith and Observatory Hill Deli owner Tony Payne have each pledged to sponsor a sailor next year. We really appreciate their help to ensure broader access to sailing. More on this in the months to come.



PPSL is now a Pgh. Public School Out of School Time (OST) provider
We are pleased that PPSL board member LaVette Smith volunteered to be our liaison with the Pittsburgh Public School District of our OST partnership with Pgh. Public Schools. LaVette participated in a recent Zoom meeting on the school district’s after-school provider program. We look for great things on this in the future.

Recruiting for the Fall Skippers Program

We continue to seek recruits for our Fall Skippers program. This free program is open to high school students with prior sailing experience. If the email for this newsletter did not include an application, please email sailpittsburgh@gmail.com with “Skippers Program” in the subject.

We invite you to visit our website and consider making a donation to this new and exciting sailing program with a key goal to promote youth sailing in Pittsburgh.
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