



POINT OF PITTSBURGH SAILING LEAGUE

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

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Sailing underway at the Point

We're pleased to announce that there was major progress in late July and in August for our Pittsburgh-based sailing program. Sailing has been initiated at the Point with the help of the PITT Sailing Club. In addition, outreach has been initiated to recruit experienced high school sailors for a free Fall Skippers class. More on the Skippers class below.



Pictures include the July 29th test on the Allegheny River near the Point, an August 12 sail on the Ohio River (back channel on the city end of Bruno's Island), a thumbs up by Steve Turocy of Pitt Sailing Club for the RS Quest sailboat and pictures of our mobile sailing platform.



Part of our sailing tests with the PITT sailors have involved reviewing our channel clearance safety protocol and Covid-19 plan. It's masks up on shore, hands sanitized and one person per boat. Channel clearance procedures also worked well for the July 29th sailing test on the Allegheny River, including passage of a Gateway Clipper boat. Here's what Mike Graham, Director, Marine & Maintenance, Gateway Clipper said in a July 31st email to us, "I talked to the Captain and crew and they said it was all good. No issues and the crowd on board definitely noticed the sailboats. Here's to a safe and successful season!"

Skippers class

Our next step is initiating a Skippers class in early September for experienced high school sailors. This free and co-educational sailing class will run once or twice a week on weekdays after school until mid-October (weather permitting). Please see the Skippers class application included in this email. A high school student learn-to-sail and racing program is slated to begin in 2021.



Sailing platform

Our sailing platform has performed well including moving the platform with our safety boat. We developed a portable sailing



platform to move, launch and recover our sailboats. The platform will soon have metal bar shore extensions and an access ramp for connecting it to an amphitheater located near Carnegie Science Center. The amphitheater has been leased by PPSL from the Sports and Exhibition Authority. For this year, the platform will be moved to a marina on the Ohio River between sailing sessions.

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. www.pittsburghsailing.com