



# POINT OF PITTSBURGH SAILING LEAGUE

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## *Close Hauled*

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

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This will be our last newsletter of 2020. In closing out the sailing season, we offer a hearty thanks to the Sailing Club at Pitt for all their help including putting our fleet of RS Quest sailboats away for the winter. There will be much to do in the off-season, including fundraising for next year. We look forward to the 2021 sailing season at an amphitheater near the Carnegie Science Center and implementing our sailing program to serve Pittsburgh area high school students. **You can help support Point of Pittsburgh Sailing League by making a contribution through the donation buttons on our website, see the website link at the bottom of the newsletter.**



Despite all the challenges of this year, 2020 turned out to be a great year for sailing. It's always hard to say goodbye to the sailing season and to put the boats away for the winter. The first step was to move the sailing platform to a safe shore location. Captain Wayne Jones, owner at Branchport Marina, with his heavy-duty workboat got the job done. Then the boats had to be de-rigged. Sails had to be bagged, booms removed, the masts taken down and everything moved to racks for storage. We are thankful that the Sailing Club at Pitt stepped up again!



Putting our fleet of sailboats away for the winter was led by Pitt Sailing Club commodore PPSL board member McKenzie Brown and board member Geoff Wells. McKenzie also recruited Pitt sailors Stanley Galloway, Bryce Merrill and Steve Turocy. Not only did they provide the muscle to get the job done, they also helped to solve numerous challenges in doing this for the first time. Once again, their background with sailing summer camp was very helpful.

Our success in getting our sailboat fleet ready for sailing this year, conducting almost a dozen sailing demonstrations and then putting them away for the winter would not have been possible without our partnership with the Sailing Club at Pitt. We will always be indebted to their steadfast support this year!



We look forward to the 2021 sailing season and the new home for our sailing program at an amphitheater on the Ohio River near the Carnegie Science Center. Just imagine seeing our sailing platform with our fleet of RS Quest sailboats docked at the water's edge. Next year we will embark on our high school sailing program that will focus on introducing the sport of sailing to young men and women, no matter their sailing experience. With the help of contributors and sponsors supporting our scholarship fund, we hope to ensure that any student with an interest in sailing can participate.

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