



POINT OF PITTSBURGH SAILING LEAGUE

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

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Looking back over this past season it's hard to remember that it was just June 4th when our fleet of four RS Quest sailboats were delivered. With the help of the Sailing Club at PITT, almost a dozen sailing events were held over the summer and Fall including numerous sails at our prime sailing area on the Allegheny River near the Point of Pittsburgh. We learned a lot from these sailing events that will help us prepare for a full roll out of our high school sailing program in Spring 2021.



It was on a blustery June 1st day that our fleet of four RS Quest sailboats were delivered to Millvale Riverfront Park by Ready About Sailing of New York. The boats were then moved to be temporarily stored and then assembled at PPSL board member Captain Evan Clark's dock. Board members Geoff Smith, John Boyer and Evan Clark unloaded and moved the boats to Evan's dock. June 1st was truly the beginning of great things to come!



Despite light winds, October 14th was another great day of sailing. We were pleased that several new sailors from the Sailing Club at PITT joined in the effort. One PITT sailor even had high school sailboat racing experience. It's a real tribute to the PITT sailing program that they attract such highly experienced sailors.



Our October 14th sailing event resulted in a unique opportunity to feature sailing in Pittsburgh. If you look closely over the right shoulder of Mayor Peduto, you'll see that our sailboats photo-bombed a WTAE photo of a swearing in ceremony for new City of Pittsburgh EMS paramedics. You just never know where the PPSL sailing program will show up next.



Work continues on a recruitment video for next year's high school sailing program. Bronson Lockwood, owner of Blawesome Studio LLC, is seen here interviewing PITT sailing commodore and PPSL board member McKenzie Brown for the video. PITT sailor Bryce Merrill was also interviewed. The three-to-four-minute video is expected to be completed by the end of November. The video will include action shots of sailing and drone video. It will be great to have a video featuring sailing in Pittsburgh to recruit high school students, especially those who never have had the opportunity to experience the thrill of sailing.

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