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Sailing Close Hauled

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

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High school student sailing underway and other news

We are pleased to announce that the first PPSL high school sailing class is underway. A small but highly motivated group of students from Pittsburgh Public and suburban schools are learning the fundamentals of sailing. Marketing continues with banner messages installed on our portable sailing platform. Walking and bike traffic on the Northshore trail, which passes by our facility, continues to generate interest. Many who stop ask about our sailboats and the possibility of PPSL offering an adult learn-to-sail program.



Students from Pittsburgh Public Schools and suburban school districts use paper sailboats to practice maneuvering a sailboat including tacking and changing course. The paper boat lessons were part of pre-season on-shore sailing instruction that also helped students understand how sails work with the wind to power a sailboat. Among our instructors were, Deep Creek sailor Mark Schaefer and PPSL Board member McKenzie Brown.



June 16th marked the beginning of on-water high school sailing instruction. Even with gusty and shifty winds, sailing instructor Rob Martin helped students apply their on-shore instruction. The mainsail reefing system of the RS Quest added an additional level of safety. Rob’s daughter Eleanor, also a sailing instructor, worked with students on shore.



Though barely visible, the small white line on the screen shot of a WTEA weather report (look at the edge of the river below Heinz Field) is the PPSL portable sailing platform. It’s really neat to see our sailing platform show up on weather reports of WTAE and KDKA. Of course, the image is a lot clearer on a large screen TV.



The PPSL portable sailing platform now has banners on either end. The banner in foreground includes our logo and name. The banner at the far end features the phrase “Help support high school sailing”. The banners, emailing of our newsletter, and our social media posts on Facebook and Instagram are boosting the profile of our new sailing program.

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