



Press Release: **Youth Sailing Open House of Puget Sound**

Learn about all the ways to get your kids out on the water this summer!

Seattle, February 5, 2015—Rat from the Wind in the Willows was right. “There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.” Fortunately for Puget Sound area residents, we live in a boating paradise with an abundance of programs and opportunities for kids to learn how to mess about in sailboats. From local after-school programs to day camps to multi-week voyages to Desolation Sound, on boats as small as eight feet and as large as 133 feet, the options are endless. Windsurfing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and rowing are also offered by some groups.

To help parents and kids learn about the variety of options available, a group of 18 of Puget Sound’s leading sailing organizations have teamed up and are holding a Youth Sailing Open House. Parents and kids will be able to talk with camp and club organizers and instructors and choose the best programs that suit their family, budget and calendars. Programs are available for children as young as four years old all the way through high school.

**Youth Sailing
Open House**
of Puget Sound

With 18 Organizations

March 28th, 2015



The half-day event is free and will also include fun land activities (knot tying, sailboat origami, face painting, burgee decorating and a spin-to win board) and on-water activities (sailing demos and free sailboat rides) and a free BBQ lunch.

Sailing is a sport that kids can enjoy at a very young age and for the rest of their lives. It builds self-reliance. It teaches teamwork and leadership. It's social. And it's just plain fun and makes for the BEST summer activity out there!

What: Youth Sailing Open House, Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center

<http://www.nwyouthsailing.org/youth-sailing-open-house.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/YouthSailingOpenHouse>



Mount Baker Rowing & Sailing Center

Who: Participating programs include:

Beach Camp at Sunset Bay: <http://www.sunsetbaywharf.com/Pages/beachcamp.aspx>

Center for Wooden Boats: <http://cwb.org>

Corinthian Yacht Club: <http://www.cycseattle.org>

Green Lake Small Craft Center: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/boats/grnlake.htm>

Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club: <http://www.mbycwa.org>

Mt Baker Rowing and Sailing: <http://mbrsc.com>

Port Madison Yacht Club: <http://www.portmadisonyc.org>

Queen City Yacht Club: <http://www.queencity.org>

Renton Sailing Club: <http://www.rentonsailing.org>

Sail Sand Point: www.sailsandpoint.org

Schooner Zodiac: <http://www.schoonerzodiac.com/>

Sea Scouts - Puget Sound: <http://www.seattlebsa.org/Main-Website-Content/Sea-Scouts>

Sound Experience/Adventuress: <http://www.soundexp.org>

South Whidbey Yacht Club: <http://swyachtclub.org/>

The Sailing Foundation: <http://www.thesailingfoundation.org/>

SSS Yankee Clipper : <http://yankeeclipperseascouts.wordpress.com/>

Tacoma Yacht Club: <http://www.tacomayachtclub.org/>

YMCA Camp Orkila: <http://www.seattlemca.org/Locations/Orkila/Pages/Home.aspx>



When: Saturday, March 28, 2015. Rain or shine.

Hours: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost: Free

Where: **Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center**, 3800 Lake Washington Boulevard, Seattle 98118
Located on Lake Washington Boulevard at Stan Sayres Park, mid-way between Seward Park and the I-90 floating bridge.

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