

**MEDIA ALERT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Youth Sailing Open House —Find out how kids can sail this summer, and
for a lifetime!**

**Learn about a variety of programs from more than a dozen youth sailing
organizations**

Sail Sand Point, Magnuson Park, Saturday, April 19, 2014

Seattle, March 20, 2014— 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 in boating paradise with what is arguably the largest variety of boating in the world at our back door and 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. More than a dozen organizations have teamed up and are holding a Youth Sailing Open House so that parents and kids can come learn about the variety of options available. Programs are available for children as young as five years old all the way through high school. The all-day event is free and will include land and on-water activities.

What: **Youth Sailing Open House, Sail Sand Point at Magnuson Park:**

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

Land activities include knot tying, rigging, burgee making, and relay races.

Sailing instructors will be on the water doing tacks and gybes to show kids what sailing in boats these sizes looks like.

Free sailboat rides will also be available. (Weather dependent)

Who: Participating programs include:

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>

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

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

Sail Sand Point: www.sailsandpoint.org

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

Sea Scouts - Puget Sound

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

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

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

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

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

When: Saturday, April 19, 2014. Rain or shine.

Hours: Saturday, 11am – 3pm

Cost: Free

Where: Sail Sand Point –Magnuson Park

Sail Sand Point is located about five miles north of the University of Washington on the western shore of Lake Washington. The entrance to SSP is off of Sand Point Way NE at NE 74th Street. <http://www.sailsandpoint.org/directions/>

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