

Key West Community Sailing Center



Summer Sailing Camps 2015

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to advance sailing education and encourage the public and sailors of all ages to experience the joy of sailing in a safe and fun environment.

To establish and sustain ongoing programs for sailing, education and community involvement in the city of Key West and surrounding areas.

To provide safe and fun environment for youth interested in sailing and boating. Learning to handle small craft teaches young students seamanship, safety, self-reliance, planning, thoughtful decision making, communication, team building and confidence. We will strive to encourage these skills through our educational programs.

To impart a love of sailing as a life sport, while providing the fundamental skills necessary for participants to advance in the sport as far as their desire, skill and hard work may take them.

KWCSC 2015 Summer Youth Program

This summer, 2015, the KWCSC offered a ten-week sailing program. The summer camp was very successful; over 100 individuals, including 22 on scholarships, participated in the program. The camp was broken up by week and consisted of three different skill levels. We offered one young beginner course, five beginner courses, three intermediate courses and one racing course. The goal of the entire program was to get kids interested in the sport of sailing and to allow them to further their ability and confidence on sailboats. Each skill level had a different focus and taught kids different abilities to better their sailing. The four levels are designed to be completed systematically; the student must complete each course in order to advance to the next.

The young beginner class was designed for younger kids between the ages of 7-10, to have fun and realize that although challenging sailing is very enjoyable. We did not pressure these younger students to completely learn how to sail but encouraged them to have fun and begin to understand the basics.

The beginner course was our most popular course. In this course the students would encouraged to focus on both the logic and actions of sailing. The goal of this course was for all willing students to be confident in sailing dinghies and be able to sail their boat by themselves. In this course we focused on wind sensing, boat control and the logic of sailing in any direction desired.

Our second most popular course, the intermediate course, focuses on confidence in ability and control of the sailboat. In this course we take beginner sailors and teach them more advanced logic and abilities that prepare them for racing. This course is where we saw the most improvement in the students as they became confident in their skill and began to fully enjoy the sport.

The final course of the summer was the racing course. This course was for advanced and experienced sailors who wanted to really get into the sport. In this camp we took confident sailors and showed them the excitement of racing. We talked about and practiced advanced boat handling and racing strategy. This class was a lot of fun and opened the students eyes to the sport of sailing outside our sailing club.

U.S. Sailing Certified Instructors

Graham Shivers

Graham began sailing as a young child on his fathers 25 ft. O'day. At the age of 9 in Kilmarnock Virginia he took his first formal sailing camp at Indian Creek Yacht Club. He went through the three levels there from Beginner to Racing. At the age of 13 his family moved to New Zealand where he joined the Timaru Boy High Sailing Team, a nationally competing team at the time. After returning to Virginia from New Zealand he went back to Indian Creek Yacht Club as a junior instructor for the summer seasons. During the school year he sailed for the Christchurch School varsity sailing team two seasons a year for all four years of high school. Each of those years Christchurch competed at the national level ranked in the top 20 all four years. During the summer he worked from a junior instructor up to the head instructor at ICYC, until he moved to Key West for college, pursuing a degree in Marine Biology. He now has completed two sailing programs at Key West Community Sailing Center, the spring homeschooler program and the summer youth camps.

Heidi Ruse

Heidi grew up in Deltaville Virginia, where her family owns a successful boatyard and marina, Deltaville Marina. She spent much of her childhood working and playing on the boats there. She also attended Christchurch School and participated on the Varsity Sailing Team becoming the team Captain Senior Year. During her summers she worked for the boatyard and marina, volunteered at Fishing Bay yacht club teaching young children how to sail optis, and 420's, and started her own rental business. She has lived on her 28 ft. Pearson sailboat since graduating high school in 2014 and has various cruising experiences. She now keeps her boat on a mooring ball here in Key West where she and Graham live. Heidi just had a successful summer at Key West Community Sailing Center coaching along side Graham. The two had over five beginner weeks, intermediate and advanced racing weeks, reaching our goal of teaching over 100 children to sail.



June 8 – 12 Beginner Class



June 15 – 19 Intermediate Class



June 22 - 26 Beginner Class



June 29 - July 3 Young Beginner Class



July 6 – 10 Beginner Class



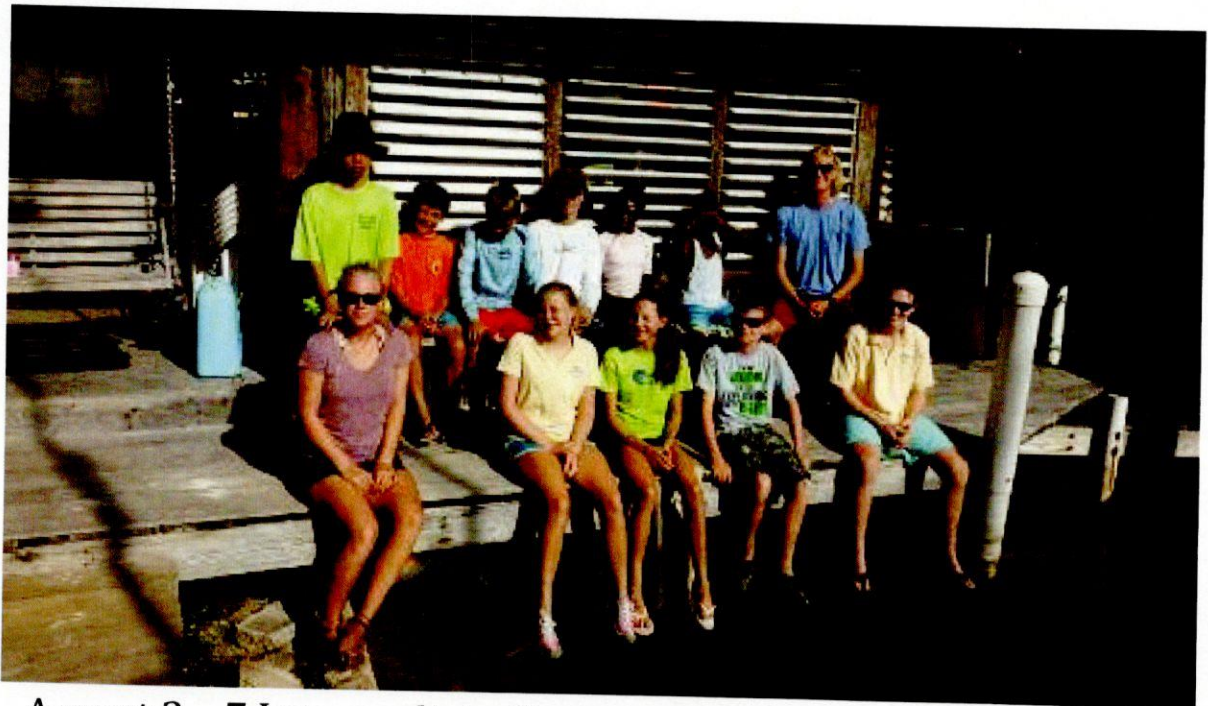
July 13 – 17 Intermediate Class



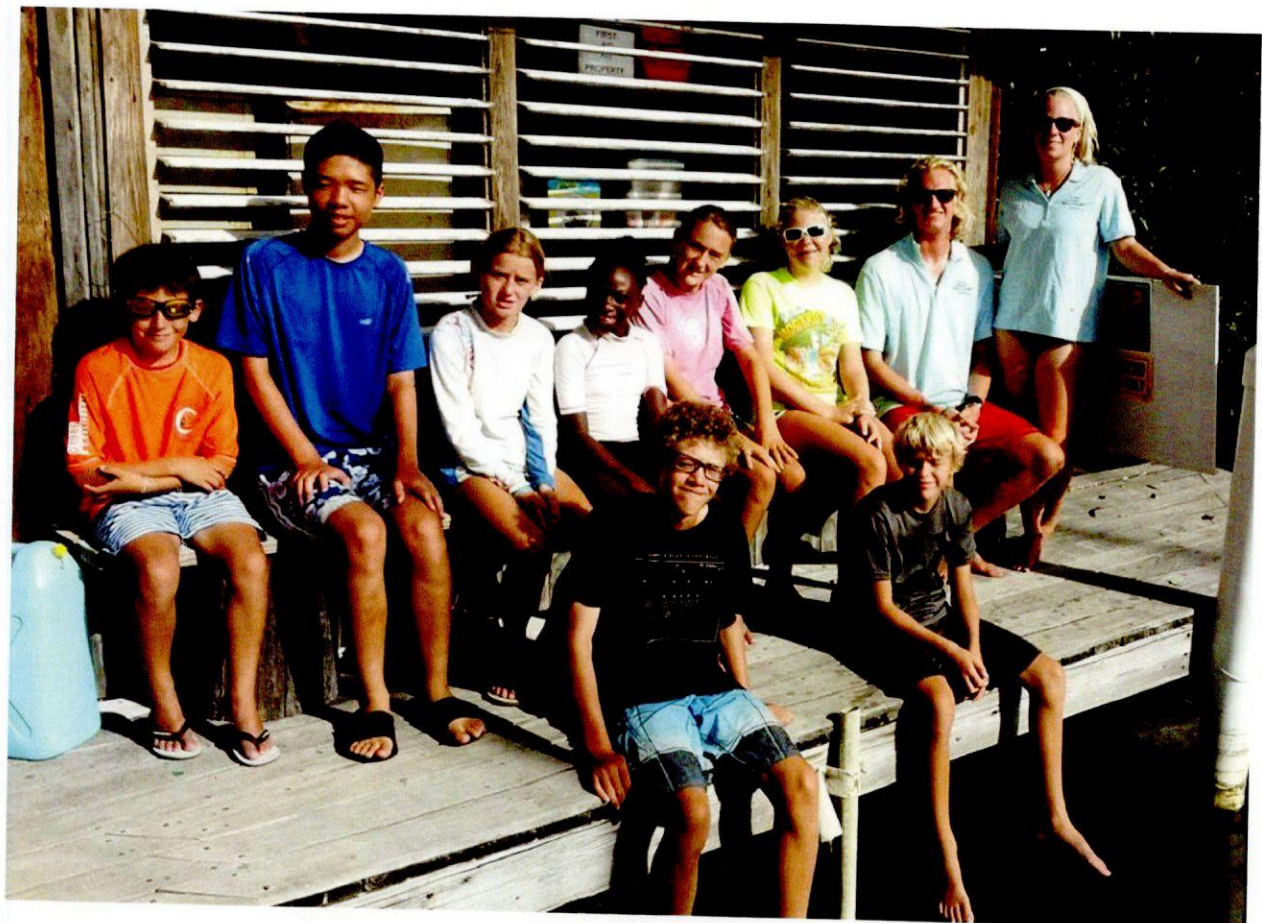
July 20 - 24 Beginner Class



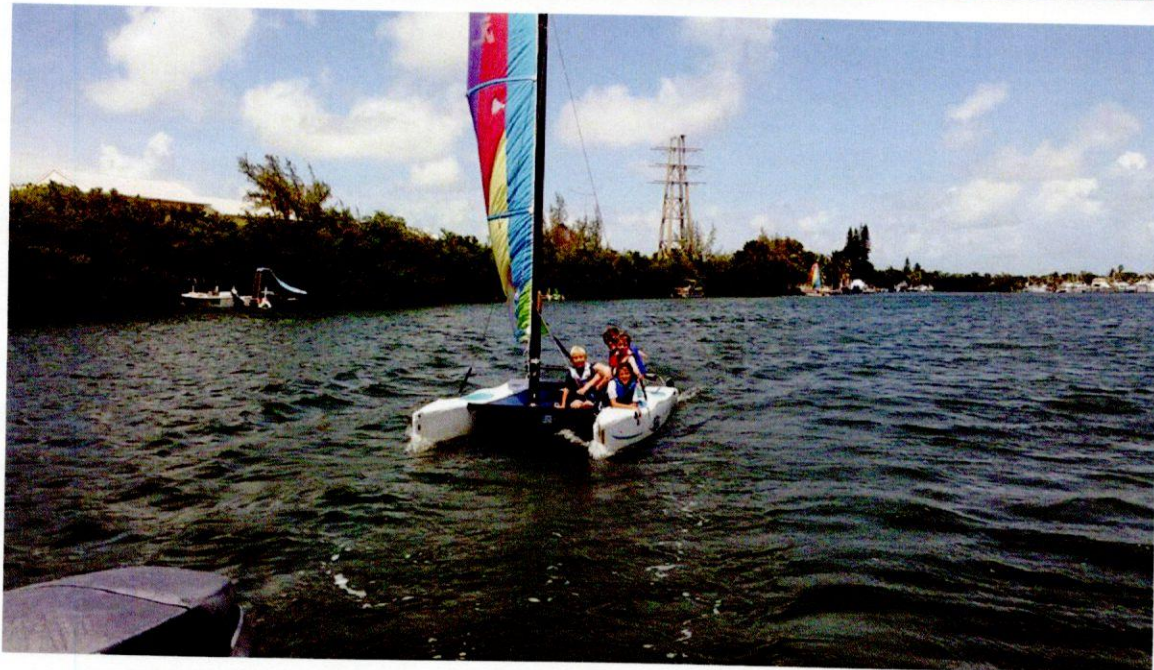
July 27 - 31 Beginner Class

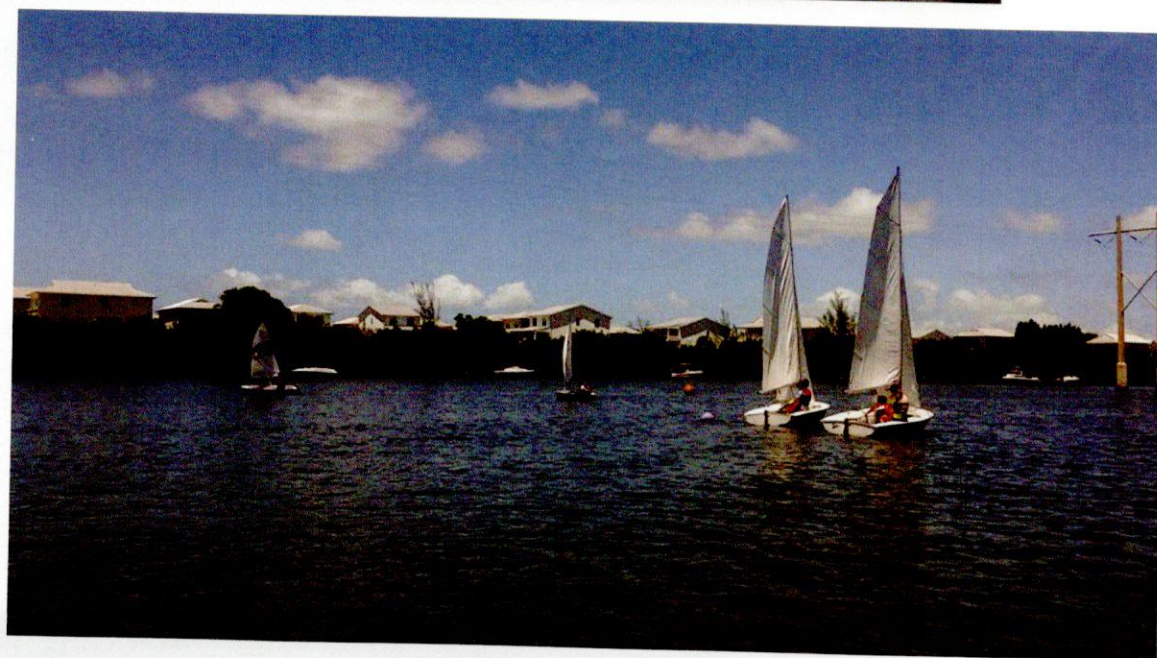


August 3 – 7 Intermediate Class



August 10 – 14 Racing Class









August 25th, 2015

Dear Key West Community Sailing,

I just wanted to drop you a note to thank you for your generous full tuition sponsorships for 12 of our kids through Just4Kids Summer Camp.

Sailing Camp 2015 was such an amazing experience for our kids, who without your generosity, would never have had this fun and educational week. From your education coordinator Barbara, to Page, to your education staff and your tuition donors, we thank you more than we can express. The kids will have an amazing story to tell, thanks to you. Your Sailing Center offers not only a super fun week of sailing, but teaches the importance of boating safety, which is imperative in Key West.

It has been such a pleasure to work with Page & Barbara, as they made it so easy to coordinate our kids. Again, we thank you so much. You do great work in our community. The Key West Sailing Center is such an asset all year round. I look forward to working closely with you on cooperative programs with Just 4 Kids & The Art Center.

All the best! Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Parmley (sending via email)

Just 4 Kids, Inc. C/O Mary Parmley, Director 101 Petronia Street Key West, FL 33040



August 3, 2015

Dear Key West Sailing Center, especially Barbara Blackmore, Bill Archer, Graham Shivers, and Heidi,

The eight Boys & Girls Club members who received scholarships from the Sailing Center had a great time participating in your summer program this year. They learned a lot and had fun doing it. These eight children would not have been able to do this without the scholarships. It is so great that the Sailing Center offers these scholarships and that businesses and members of our Key West Community are so generous. Your staff, Graham and Heidi were great with the kids!!

You have a fine program and we feel very privileged to have had so many children be a part of it this summer!

Thank you all for these opportunities.

Sincerely,

Susan

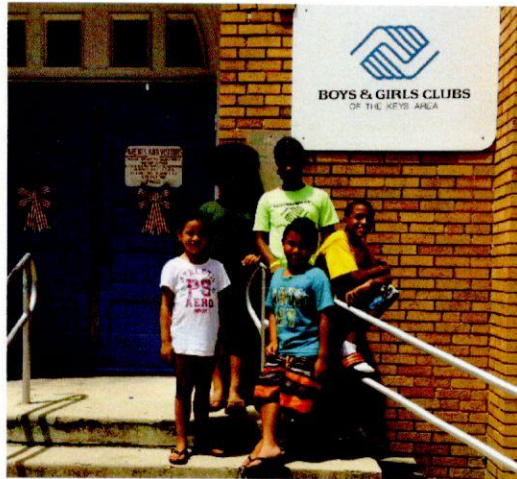
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OF THE KEYS AREA, INC.**

***PRESENTED TO
THE KEY WEST SAILING CENTER,
ESPECIALLY, BILL, BARBARA, GRAHAM, AND
HEIDI!***



***THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION OF 8 SUMMER
SAILING CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS,
FROM CHARDAZER, CHRISTOPHER, ELIJAH, GENTORRIOUS,
JOHANNA, KEVIN, MARIO, AND MARISOL
AND THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE KEYS AREA, INC.
WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR US AND ALL WE
HAVE LEARNED!***

AUGUST 7, 2015



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August 26, 2015

RE: Key West Sailing Club
Summer Sailing Program

Attn:
Jane Rohrschneider, Commodore

Greetings!

I wanted to take a moment and express to your organization and all involved participants gratitude for offering a scholarship to one of the children I work with. He had a tremendously positive experience with the Sailing Camp. Without the kindness of your donors he would not have been able to participate in this camp. This student rose to the occasion, and at the end of the week, with no prior experience, was able to win the Regata. This was a positive experience socially, skillfully, and was offered during a time in his life where the difficult situation often offers no positives. I can tell you this was a very positive experience not only for the child but for all who participated. We were hopeful he could attend the Racing Camp but the scheduling of the camp did not allow for him to participate. We anticipate the opportunity for others to participate in this Camp next year if you are still able to offer it. Again, many thanks to all of you involved for remembering these children.

Sincerely,

Andrea King
Wesley House Family Services



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