

Raise the Sails! Youth Sailing is Back

Southern Idaho Sailing Outreach (SISO) is excited to announce youth sailing camps are scheduled for summer 2021. We are thrilled to once again provide an opportunity for kids to learn how to sail.

As many as 70 kids will have the opportunity to learn how to sail this summer. 2021 sailing camps will consist of five basic learn to sail camps, one all girls camp and one intermediate sailing camp. Each camp is capped at 10 students, ages 12-17. Summer registration for Boise City residents opens April 19th. The sailing camps will be listed in the Boise Parks and Rec Activity Guide.

Steve Christiansen, lead sailing instructor reports “We are ready and can’t wait to get kids back on the water. **It’s extremely rewarding for all of us to see the progression of kids from never being on a sailboat to take the helm and sail a small boat with confidence all by themselves.** Sailing is that life-long sport that is full of adventure, imagination and everyday skills.”

Just like many activities that were put on hold during the pandemic, sailing camps were dry docked. Peter Palmer, SISO Co-Chairman, shares "Even though COVID-19 shut down our youth sailing classes during the summer of 2020, this did not stop SISO from moving forward with fundraising efforts and infrastructure improvement. We are extremely pleased to move forward with our sailing classes this summer, in cooperation with Boise City, Idaho Departments of Parks and Recreation and Ada County Waterways. **We are now in an even better position to offer a world-class youth sailing education program in the Treasure Valley.**”

Sailing camps are all about kids having fun, learning about water safety, sailing, the environment, physics, teamwork and much more. After a week of camp, kids will have learned basic sailing knowledge. From there, students can continue building their sailing skills by participating in an intermediate sailing camp or participate in Southern Idaho Sailing Association (SISA) events. SISO is planning an advanced sailing camp in 2022 for kids to further develop sailing skills through racing and sailing on higher performance boats.

