

2012

ANNUAL REPORT & APPEAL

TYING TOGETHER OUR COMMUNITY & LAKE CHAMPLAIN



community sailing center
lake champlain : burlington vermont



THIS WAS THE SUMMER TO FALL IN LOVE WITH LAKE CHAMPLAIN!

With over 80 days of 80-degree weather, playing and learning on the waterfront was a hallmark of the 2012 season. Thousands of youth and adults flocked to the shores of Lake Champlain and spent over **35,000 hours** on **95 boats**, dipping their toes in the water while watching in awe as their sails filled with warm breeze. Here are just some of the highlights from this exciting season.

“After the third year of having our son at the Sailing Center for multiple camps, we have watched his passion for being on the water and his confidence and skill grow. Nothing could have made us more proud of him and what a great decision it continues to be to have him at the center. He is already aspiring to become a sailing instructor himself.”

— Tom Currell, Camper Parent

2012 BY THE NUMBERS

5,721
OVERALL PARTICIPANTS

65 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

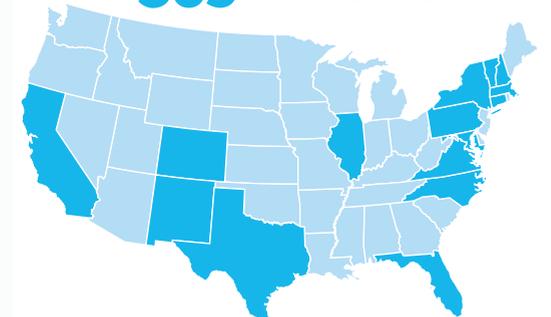
35,411 HOURS OF ON-WATER PROGRAMMING

WATER. ACCESS. VITALITY. EDUCATION. STEWARDSHIP. (WAVES INITIATIVE):

IN 2012, WE REACHED OUR GOAL OF HAVING **100%** OF SUMMER CAMPERS INVOLVED IN WAVES PROGRAMMING.

SHARING LAKE CHAMPLAIN BEYOND VERMONT:

569 YOUTH CAMPERS



FROM **72** CITIES IN **15** STATES

EDUCATION & TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS:



25 PARTNERS FROM **8** VERMONT CITIES

1,512 PARTICIPANTS

5,296 HOURS OF EDUCATION & TRAINING



EDUCATION

With Lake Champlain literally at our doorstep, we're able to orchestrate countless opportunities to spark "aha!" moments that are essential for young people to truly understand themselves and the world around them. **1,512 youth and adults** participated in our education and training programs this summer, for a total of 5,296 programming hours. That is **5,296 hours** spent rigging boats, working with a team, learning about how pollution affects watersheds, building confidence, and relishing experiences that highlight personal - and sometimes surprising - strengths, passions, and abilities inside each student.

Our education and training programs provide a unique approach to immersive education that uses the waters and shores of Lake Champlain and the sport of sailing to create strong ties between learning and the lake.



ACCESS

CSC McCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This special assistance program ensures financial support to all youth, adult, family, and local non-profit organizations that could otherwise not afford to participate in our programs.

1,350 PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE CSC McCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP DURING THE 2012 SAILING SEASON

ADAPTIVE WATERSPORTS PROGRAM

Few things in life compare to sailing for its therapeutic benefits, uplifting and rejuvenating the spirit. It builds confidence and self esteem, while challenging the whole person.

This summer the Adaptive Watersports Program, in partnership with Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports, created opportunities for over **400 students with disabilities** to use the Sailing Center as a gateway to the water...leaving their dependence on the dock.

CUSTOM PROGRAMS

This summer we offered customized programs for over **2,108 participants**, including a special day for seniors through a new partnership with AARP Vermont. We welcomed over **300 AARP members** to the waterfront for kayaking, paddleboarding clinics, keelboat rides, and much more. One 86-year-old woman who had lived in Chittenden County her whole life took her very first sailing trip during the AARP day on the lake!

"I really appreciate your dedication to accessibility for all. My 8-year-old son felt confident enough that he wanted to show me what he had learned the very day after camp ended - by taking me sailing. The whole experience was a highlight of our summer!"

- 2012 camp parent, scholarship recipient



RECREATION

NORTHERN VERMONT HIGH SCHOOL SAILING TEAM

The Northern Vermont High School Sailing Team (NVHSST) provides opportunity for high schoolers all over Chittenden and the surrounding counties to participate in a sport that promotes independent achievement, teamwork, and personal responsibility.

42 NVHSST SAILORS

20 NEW ENGLAND REGATTAS

2,808 HOURS ON THE WATER

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Kids can do amazing things when given the chance. Six-year-olds can sail a boat, teens can put down their phones and notice the way clouds change, and even the shyest children can find themselves giggling along with their new friends. That's what summer camps at the CSC are all about! This summer we introduced **569 new campers** to Lake Champlain and the wonders of sailing - that's a CSC record!

1,198 YOUTH SAILING PARTICIPANTS

35,114 HOURS ON THE WATER

PADDLEBOARDING

Endless sun and warm temperatures made it almost impossible to resist the lure of cool, fresh Lake Champlain water splashing invitingly on hot sandy beaches. Boasting **10 brand new SUP boards** available for rental, being the inaugural and most frequent host of the Wednesday Night SUP'er Club, and holding the **4th Annual Stand UP for The Lake Festival** - the CSC was the place to SUP this summer!

"Sharing the joy with the Burlington standup paddleboard community brought my love of the sport to an even deeper level."

- Roxanne Scully,
2012 Women's Stand UP for the Lake Champion

"All of our 4th and 5th graders learned about their local watershed, living and nonliving organisms, and how their daily lives affect the health of our lake through the Floating Classroom Program."

- Sarah Wolfr-Gordon,
The Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes

Floating Classroom turns the waterfront into a laboratory that brings textbook science curriculum to life

LeaderSHIP encourages new perspectives and nurtures leadership potential within at-risk youth

Women in Wind empowers women and girls to embrace scientific learning, leadership, and adventure

WAVES Initiative transforms all participants into advocates and stewards of the lake's fragile ecosystems

MAKING CONNECTIONS & GIVING THANKS

Dear friends,

We began our **18th season** with excitement and a renewed appreciation for Vermont's greatest natural resource. The endless sunny skies and warm breezes made this *the* summer to fall in love with Lake Champlain. During the **179 days** on the water, the CSC provided a safe, learning environment for tens of thousands of youth, families, and adults.

You – our community of volunteers, staff members, donors, supporters, parents, and campers – make everything we do possible! As a grassroots non-profit, the Community Sailing Center belongs to the people who use and support it. The level of dedication to the mission and love for sailing and all things Lake Champlain is truly inspiring.

With more excitement, community partners, and increased program demand comes more need for community support. Every donation makes a difference and allows the Community Sailing Center to continue to provide *Lake Access. Life Lessons. For all.*

Your support directly translates into on-water experiences for Vermont schoolchildren, and young people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the wonder of learning from Lake Champlain.

To continue to ensure our lake is a valuable part of our community and the most significant playground for this and future generations, we need your help more than ever; donors like you make everything we do possible.

On behalf of all people who love Lake Champlain, we thank you for your consideration and generosity, and for supporting the expansion of access to Vermont's greatest natural resource.

Warmly,



Kate Neubauer
Executive Director



Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your contribution today, or make a secure donation online at www.communitysailingcenter.org!

2012 DONORS & VOLUNTEERS

We extend our overwhelming gratitude and appreciation for the **134 volunteers** and **29 staff** members who went above and beyond for their community this season. We're also grateful for our generous donors, sponsors, and supporters who inspire us each day. Every investment, gift, and hour of time we received this year significantly increased our ability to connect our community with Lake Champlain.

“I like volunteering at the Sailing Center because there is a wonderful group of people. It gives me the opportunity to contribute in a multitude of ways and a chance to sail again.”

– Scott Surgner, Volunteer

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