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2017 was a year of firsts at the Community Sailing Center.

2017 BY THE NUMBERS

7,925 overall participants
▲ 26% increase from 2016

38,101 hours of programming
▲ 1,266 more than 2016

91 community partners
▲ 20 more than 2016

128 boats in the fleet
▲ five new Hartleys

\$54,485 awarded in scholarships
▲ 38% increase from 2016

There were first sails for neighbors aged 8 to 80. First views of Burlington from vantage point of the water. First days at camp for the tiniest sailors, first races for high schoolers, first teaching moments for new instructors, and first lessons of interest in ecology and engineering for countless students aboard our floating classrooms. As an organization, we spent our first days inside the brand new community waterfront center we're fortunate to call home, opening the doors to a whole host of firsts for the CSC – first indoor plumbing, first year-round classrooms, and most importantly, the first time in decades that we have the space and resources to expand opportunities for lake access, education, and recreation for members of our community! As we take our first steps into the next chapter, here's a look at some of the highlights from 2017.

We're almost there! Thanks to the continued support of our community, our final fundraising destination is within sight. To get there, we need just a little more help! To make a contribution, please use the envelope provided or visit communitysailingcenter.org/donate

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YOUR
LAKE**



EDUCATION



RECREATION



ACCESS



COMMUNITY

With Lake Champlain literally at our doorstep, we're able to create incredibly unique and impactful moments of discovery that are essential for people to truly understand themselves and the world around them.

Our signature programs provide a unique approach to immersive education that uses the shores, open water and the sport of sailing to create strong ties between learning and the lake.

In 2017, we partnered with **39 organizations** to provide **4,157 youth and adults with 9,600 hours of active, educational engagement** they won't soon forget.

Leader Ship developed the character skills necessary to thrive in school, at home, and as a part of their community in **362 local youth**.

Women in Wind built self-confidence, leadership skills, and strength in **167 women and girls**.

WAVES Initiative transformed all program participants into **advocates and stewards** of the lake's fragile ecosystems.

Floating Classroom turned the waterfront into a laboratory that brings textbook science curriculum to life for 945 students from 12 partner schools and organizations over the course of 4,015 hours.

Youth camps spent **14,353 hours on the water** showing **433 kids** that they 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!

Adult courses showed **170 grownups** that it's never too late to learn something new, fun is something worth scheduling, and the lake at their doorstep makes choosing to live here a really, really great idea.

First sails welcomed **64 people** - old, young, and in between - onto a sailboat for their inaugural boat ride. Many had lived within sight of the lake for decades and had never been on the water.

The Northern Vermont High School Sailing Team (NVHSST) provided an opportunity for **46 performance sailors** from **8 high schools** all over Chittenden and the surrounding counties to participate in a sport that promotes independent achievement, teamwork, and personal responsibility. Together they raced in **13 regattas** over three seasons, including one on their home turf at the CSC.

Paddling in canoes and kayaks and on stand-up paddleboard gave **896 visitors** a unique vantage point from which to explore the lake and shoreline via human-powered watercraft.

The Adaptive Watersports Program, in partnership with Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports and Special Olympics Vermont, created opportunities for over **667 people with diverse abilities** to use the Sailing Center as a gateway to the water...leaving their dependence on the dock.

Through a partnership with **AARP**, the CSC welcomed **141 senior sailors** to the waterfront for a day of sailing, sight-seeing, and new experiences.

The CSC McConnell Scholarship Fund is a special assistance program that ensures financial support to all youth, adult, family, and non-profit organizations that could otherwise not afford to participate in our programs. In 2017, **1,327 recipients** were awarded a total of **\$54,485 in scholarships**.

We extend our overwhelming gratitude and appreciation for the volunteers and 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.

111 people gave 592 hours of their time to help out at the CSC in 2017

In 2017, we partnered with a total of **91 community partners** to share programming and life-changing on-the-water experiences with an incredibly broad and inclusive audience. Partners included:

- Colleges & universities
- Sponsors
- Elementary, middle, and high schools
- Event co-hosts
- Program collaborators
- Community organizations



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