

LOVE YOUR LAKE

2016
ANNUAL REPORT



community sailing center
lake champlain : burlington vermont



LAKE CHAMPLAIN IS A POWERFUL PART OF ALL OF US.

Here in Burlington, it's the backdrop of our days, the front door to our community. At the Sailing Center, it also serves as a playground and a classroom where life lessons and priceless memories can be experienced by everyone. We've been providing access to one of our most valuable resources – the lake – for neighbors and visitors to love for 22 years. Here are some highlights from this year!

“My son had never sailed before and was SO excited to learn. He made new friends, he had terrific instructors, and learned so much. Attending the camp was wonderful for his confidence as well as his skill-building. He now wants to go on to learn everything he can about sailing, and become an instructor in the future.”

— Kelly C., camper parent

2016 BY THE NUMBERS

6,294
OVERALL PARTICIPANTS

71
COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS

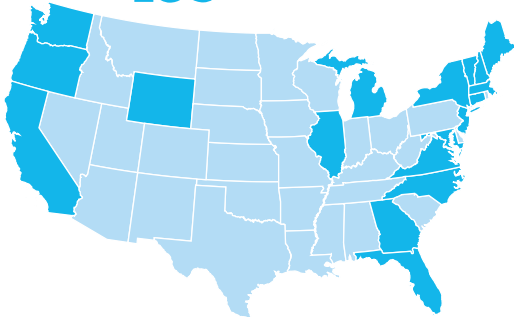
36,835 HOURS OF
PROGRAMMING

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

100% OF 2016 SUMMER CAMPERS TOOK
PART IN WAVES PROGRAMMING.

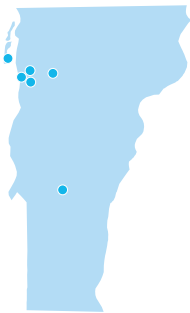
SHARING LAKE CHAMPLAIN BEYOND VERMONT:

459 YOUTH CAMPERS



FROM 89 CITIES IN 18 STATES

SIGNATURE PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS:



28 PARTNERS
FROM 6 VERMONT CITIES

1,845 PARTICIPANTS

8,987 HOURS OF
SIGNATURE PROGRAMMING



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. **1,845 youth and adults** participated in our signature programs this summer, for a total of 8,987 programming hours. That is **8,987 hours** spent rigging boats, working with a team, learning about how pollution affects ecosystems, building confidence, and relishing experiences that highlight personal – and sometimes surprising – strengths, passions, and abilities inside each student.

Our signature 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.

“It's hard to talk about concepts with only a book or an online resource, but when we're in a sailboat and we can observe the impact of humans on the environment, the lesson is more meaningful. I feel like I'm a better teacher when I have the opportunity to take them to places like this.”

— Joni Pecor, 5th grade teacher at J.J. Flynn Elementary School in Burlington

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 builds self-confidence, leadership skills, and strength in women and girls

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



ACCESS

CSC McCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

1,890 PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE CSC McCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP DURING THE 2016 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 and Special Olympics Vermont, created opportunities for over **468 people with diverse abilities** 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 **1,046 participants**, including a special day for seniors through a partnership with AARP Vermont. We welcomed over **274 members** to the waterfront for kayaking, paddleboarding clinics, keelboat rides, and much more.

“The Community Sailing Center introduced me to a sport that I will be passionate about for the rest of my life and helped shape who I am. I owe so much to the Sailing Center, and the desire to give something back is why I wanted to come back as a staff member.”

— Jason Field, CSC staff member



RECREATION

NORTHERN VERMONT HIGH SCHOOL SAILING TEAM

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

49 NVHSST SAILORS

18 NEW ENGLAND REGATTAS

3,276 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!

459 YOUTH SAILING PARTICIPANTS

14,870 HOURS ON THE WATER

PADDLEBOARDING

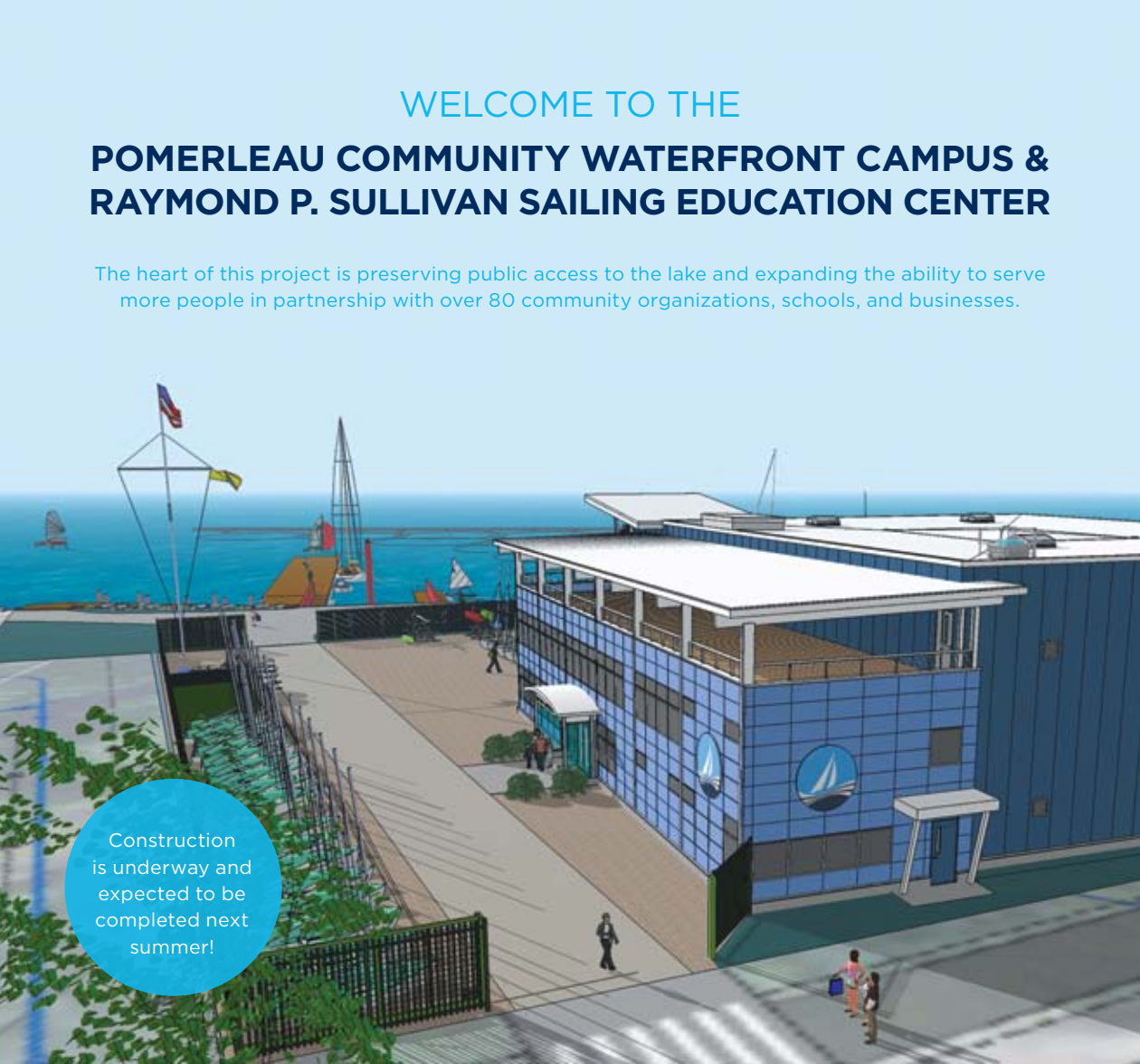
Endless sun and warm temperatures made it almost impossible to resist the lure of cool, fresh Lake Champlain water splashing invitingly on hot sandy beaches. We added **five new SUPs for youth**, allowing kids as young as 6 years old to experience the lake from another vantage point. AARP members also took our fleet of SUP out for an afternoon and proved that it's a **sport for all ages!** Paddle boards played a more central role in several of our signature programs including our Women In Wind Program in partnership with the **Greater Burlington Women's Forum**, and our LeaderSHIP program in partnership with the **CHILL Foundation**.

On the horizon is a new community asset that gives everyone the opportunity to be closer to something they love.

The 22,180-square-foot lakeside hub includes:

- Classroom space for year-round learning, including hands-on science for 4th and 5th graders in the Burlington School District.
- New boats and docks to connect over 6,000 residents and visitors with the lake.
- Accessible features to welcome everyone to the waterfront regardless of physical ability.
- Locker rooms for community use – including the UVM and Northern VT High School Sailing Teams.
- Staff offices where award-winning programming will expand to serve even more of our community.

So far we’ve raised \$5.1 of the \$5.75 million needed. See project updates and make a contribution at loveyourlakevt.org!



Construction is underway and expected to be completed next summer!

2016 DONORS & VOLUNTEERS

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.

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The Community Sailing Center encourages and celebrates the responsible use and long-term stewardship of Lake Champlain by fostering educational and recreational opportunities for all members of our community.

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