

ANNUAL REPORT

# 2019

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON



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2019 was our 25<sup>th</sup>  
year – and we had  
plenty to celebrate!

Last year, we spent our first full season inside our new lakefront community hub, grateful for all of the leadership, support, and vision that has bolstered and grown this organization for a quarter century. We helped more people access and enjoy time on Lake Champlain than ever before. There were more campers, more new adult sailors, more Floating Classrooms students, more LeaderShip participants, and more rental visitors. And our community showed up in a big way to donate, volunteer, and participate as they now have for generations.

2020 looks to be just as exciting, with new programs and even more opportunities to get out onto Lake Champlain. Please join us again this year and help us make a difference in the lives of our children, families and neighbors. With your continued support we can enable Lake Access, Life Lessons, For All.

Sincerely,



Owen Milne  
Executive Director



## 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

**8,156** overall  
participants

▲ 25% increase from 2018

**\$72,537** awarded in  
scholarships

▲ 56% increase from 2018

**2,200** youth and adult  
scholarship recipients

▲ 83% increase from 2018

**123** community  
partnerships

▲ 19.5% increase from 2018

**479** youth  
campers

The highest camp  
participation in CSC history

**Thank you!** Powered by your support and generosity, our impact on Lake Champlain is stronger than ever before. Please consider expanding our efforts in the community further. To make a contribution, please use the enclosed envelope or visit [communitysailingcenter.org/donate](https://communitysailingcenter.org/donate)

**LOVE  
YOUR  
LAKE**



# LAKE ACCESS



*“We have begun to see him socialize more, build a great friend base, think more critically on the fly and troubleshoot, gain a greater sense of self-confidence, navigate proper sportsmanship, and deal with conflict and disagreements appropriately – and just enjoy the lake and life as a teenager.”*

– Christian, Parent

**First Sails** introduced **99 people of all ages** to the wonders of sailing on their very first boat ride, and for some, paved the way for their very first experience on the broad lake.

**Youth Camps** showed more children than ever what independence, resilience, and fun can look like on Lake Champlain. Over a total of **16,119.5 hours** of play, **479 kids** from ages six to sixteen connected with the water and new friends as they took charge of their sense of adventure!

**Adult Courses** taught **254 people** that acquiring a new skill can happen at any age. For many Lake Champlain became a place of connection and a playground for recreation amidst their busy lives.

# LIFE LESSONS



*“Students participating in the Floating Classroom Program look forward to Ms. Hikey’s visits and often report that her lessons were their favorite part of the day!”*

– Colleen, Teacher  
at Founders Memorial School

**LeaderShip** helped **950 youth** (177 more than 2018) expand skills to thrive in school, at home, and as part of a community.

**Floating Classrooms** made Lake Champlain a laboratory for **2,035 students**. These 15 schools and partners participated in **4,764.75 hours of learning** (a 33.6% increase in participants and 40.8% increase in hours from 2018).

**Performance Sailing** provided **64 sailors** from our **Northern Vermont High School Sailing Team (NVHSST)**, **Bic Race**, and **Summer Race programs** the opportunity to work together, seek achievement, and gain independence through responsibility. These programs sailed over the course of **3,000 hours** and competed in **14 regattas**.

# FOR ALL



*“The Sailing Center was the only camp option that could make my son’s summer fun, and also would make him feel included despite his physical limitations. Here my sailor found his passion, and I truly think this place saved him.”*

– Sara, Parent

**The Adaptive Watersports Program**, in partnership with Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports, created opportunities for **177 people with diverse abilities**.

**The CSC McConnell Scholarship** awarded **2,200 individuals** a total of **\$72,537** in scholarships.

**Women in Wind** took **174 women & girls** on the water to build their confidence and resilience through adventure!

The new **Free Fall Sailing Program** aimed to decrease financial barriers to anyone who knew how to sail in our community. In September and October, we served 174 groups on dinghies, keelboats, and paddle craft – a **100% increase from 2018**.

# IN THE COMMUNITY



*“The water feels like the place I should be.”*

– Isobel, Camper, 10

In 2019, the CSC strived to make the waterfront a **place for our community to gather**. Through our events, volunteer program, and community partnerships, our goal was to give people ownership of Lake Champlain.

**An Evening with Laura Dekker**, the youngest person ever to circumnavigate the globe single handedly, was the highlight of an inspiring speaker series on creating your own on-water adventure. Dekker shared her experience to over 300 individuals, one-third of which were children.

**103 volunteers** gave **768.5 hours** of their time to the CSC.

We partnered with **103 community partners** to provide programming and transformative on-water experiences for individuals throughout the area regardless of background. Partners include:

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



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