

DOWNTOWN SAILING CENTER



OUTREACH INITIATIVE

The DSC's is committed to strengthening our communities through high quality educational, recreational and mentoring programs that serve the greater Baltimore area with a focus on youth with limited opportunity and people with disabilities.

This initiative is driven by the greatness we see in others, not by our own greatness. The DSC is positively impacted by those we serve.

Our three core initiatives

ADAPTIVE SAILING



SAILING THROUGH STEM



SAILING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM



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Supporting the Greater Baybrook Alliance's strategic plan, the DSC provides high impact after school programming to K-8 youth in the Curtis Bay and Brooklyn communities. In the 2017-2018 school year we provided a safe and enriching program that runs four days a week for three hours per day for 75 youth. Our program includes educational tutoring, dinner and snacks, educational enrichment, and our Sailing through STEM program.



ADAPTIVE SAILING

Our Adaptive Sailing program provides affordable recreational sailing opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities. The Accessible Program celebrates individuals' abilities rather than their disabilities and gives families a way to enjoy time together. The Accessible Program serves diverse persons who experience the spectrum of physical, cognitive, and developmental disabilities. Our no cost Accessibility Saturdays serve over 100 participants per year, breaking down the barriers that are often felt by people living with disabilities while giving them a place to relax, build confidence, and participate in a new activity.

SAILING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM

The S.I.T. program is dedicated to providing meaningful summer employment to Baltimore City youth. For seven weeks each summer, 15-20 youth receive job training in sailing education, first job support, mentoring, and career/college readiness training. After completing the program, our S.I.T. graduates continue to work with the DSC throughout their young adult life. We have over 20 summer S.I.T. staff (ranging from ages 15-26) who help lead and manage our seasonal operations.



OUR SAILORS COME FROM PARTNERS INCLUDING:

Baltimore City Parks and Recreation
Bay Brook Elementary/Middle
Bridges Program
Best Buddies
Casey Cares Foundation
Cristo Rey High School
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Kennedy Krieger Institute
League for People with Disabilities
Lollipop Kids Foundation
Mayor's Office of Employment Development: Youthworks
Pathfinders for Autism
Safe Alternative
Special Olympics
STEMMA
US Sailing REACH! Program
University of Md. Spinal Cord Injury Unit
W.E.A.N.
Wolfe Street Academy
and so many more.....



"Making Maryland communities stronger through sailing."