



The National Women's Sailing Association was founded in 1990 with the following mission:

***To enrich the lives of women and girls
through education and access to the sport of sailing***

- *developing educational programs and venues for women;*
- *acting as the informational clearinghouse for women who sail*
- *enhancing the life experiences of women through sailing; and*
- *supporting individuals and organizations that involve women in sailing.*

With programs, such as Take the Helm®, all-women sail flotillas, and small workshops which include introduction to navigation; celestial navigation, and hands-on diesel engine, many women have had the opportunity to enhance their sailing skills and knowledge.

In 1996, AdventureSail® a mentoring program for at-risk girls between the ages of 9 and 14, was introduced and has been a resounding success. More than 3,000 girls have participated with their mentors since then, and many long-term mentoring relationships have formed. Life skills, such as leadership, responsibility, teamwork, environmental stewardship, respect for authority and the importance of education are stressed to help these girls grow into successful adults. The goal for AdventureSail® is to continue expanding the program to new areas and to girls' organizations.

Through our raffle and silent auction at the Women's Sailing Conference in Marblehead, MA, and corporate donations to individual events, NWSA has been able to provide T-shirts and lunches for the AdventureSail® program as well as several sailing school scholarships

Organizations that have benefited from the AdventureSail® scholarships are the Schooner Camp in Salem, MA, and sailing schools in Racine, Wisconsin and South Hampton, New York. NWSA would like to be able to offer additional scholarships for sailing, marine biology, and local youth programs as part of the rewarding AdventureSail® program. Attached is a list of the most recent locations where AdventureSail® programs have been conducted.

All NWSA/WSF programs depend on local sponsors and volunteers. Corporate donations and individual memberships are a vital source of NWSA income. We invite you to visit our website at www.womensailing.org to learn more about the Association.



AdventureSail® Scholarship

The Women's Sailing Foundation (WSF) is pleased to offer up to \$500 in an AdventureSail® Scholarship for a sailing course to any young girl between the ages of eleven (11) and fifteen (15) who would like to learn how to sail and who would not be able to do so without financial assistance.

The AdventureSail® Scholarship can be applied to any recognized sailing program that has partnered with the Women's Sailing Foundation in support of AdventureSail®.

Our partners include sailing organizations and community youth agencies who have participated in or sponsored an AdventureSail® event.

An AdventureSail® event usually includes a day where young girls have an opportunity to experience sailing through a safe structured program. More information regarding hosting an AdventureSail® event can be obtained by contacting Amy.Cermak@womensailing.org.

The requirements for the young girl requesting a scholarship are listed below:

- Participate in an AdventureSail® experience.
- Complete the Scholarship application form
- Submit a one page composition - *Why I would like to learn to sail*
- Prove financial need
- Provide parental or guardian written consent
- Provide a letter from affiliated community/Youth program recommending you for a scholarship
- Provide the name of the recognized youth sailing program in which you plan to enroll.

The requirements for the participating sailing organization are listed below:

- Letter to WSF AdventureSail® identifying the student who will receive the sailing lessons
- Confirm that the recipient qualifies to participate in sailing program and registration date
- Provide updated, published costs to participate in youth sailing program
- Provide billing/payment requests in advance of student participating.

Please Note:

The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the identified sailing program.

The sailing program must be a WSF AdventureSail® partner,

The sailing program should have a recognized youth learn-to-sail program at its facility.

Please visit our website www.womensailing.org for a Request for Scholarship Application or contact your local sailing institution where you participated in an AdventureSail® experience.



ADVENTURESAIL® LOCATIONS

Courageous Sailing Center, Boston , MA
The Big Sister Association of Greater Boston

Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA and
the women of Blue Water Sailing
The Spar and Spindle Council

Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA
Girls Inc.

Racine Yacht Club, Racine, WI with West Marine
Racine YWCA

Breakwater Yacht Club, Sag Harbor, Long Island, NY
Girls Scouts, YWCA, local churches, Little Flower children's Home

Gold Country Yacht Club, Grass Valley, CA
The Friendship Club

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Provided scholarships for 2 girls to attend Schooner Camp aboard the Schooner *Fame* in Salem