



# Schooner Camp

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In the Summer of 2011, DC Sail began offering a week-long Sailing and Marine Studies program to youth ages 12 to 17. The five day camp, is held aboard our 65-foot schooner, *American Spirit*, which serves as the educational platform.

After a multi-year hiatus while The Wharf (dock facility) construction was underway, we are delighted to resume Schooner Camp in the summer of 2024! With the completion of The Wharf project, we have a beautiful new facility with ease by way of drop off-pick up areas and we look forward to welcoming area Youth aboard *American Spirit* for high-seas and big-boat sailing!

Campers learn subjects pertaining to sailing a schooner as well as seamanship, local maritime history and marine science with a focus on local flora and fauna. Schooner Camp Director and Counselors provide an emphasis of STEM (“Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics”) curriculum in a fun and engaging environment.

Camp participants assume all crew responsibilities as they learn each day the skills necessary to sail a large sailing vessel. Training includes piloting, navigating, crew coordination, and time spent at the helm.



SCHOONER CAMP	2024	*Schooner Camp Resumed
# of Kids	20	After a Hiatus in 2017*
Value	\$8,000	

**DC Sail’s Schooner Camp holds the distinction of having been named, “Best New Sailing Program” by US SAILING in 2012.**

Schooner Camp Curriculum Includes:

- ☞ Boat Orientation/Safety
- ☞ Intro to Sailing on Schooner
- ☞ Upwind/Downwind Sailing to National Harbor
- ☞ Local History and Orientation to Waterways and Surroundings
- ☞ Seamanship: Lines and Knots
- ☞ Intro to Navigation
- ☞ Water Cycle & Human Impact
- ☞ Fish Biology: Dissection & Species Identification
- ☞ Pirate History/Stories
- ☞ Seamanship
- ☞ “Algae Lab”
- ☞ Marine Mammals & Water Quality



DC Sail is one of only 20 “Sanctioned” US Sailing Community Sailing Centers in the United States. DC Sail earned this honorable distinction with the National Governing Body (NGB) of the sport of sailing based on the staff’s superior community outreach, specifically working with schools and social service organizations in the Washington, D.C. area to provide scholarships at little to no cost to their families. We accomplish this through year-around fundraising initiatives.