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## **DC-AREA HIGH SCHOOL SAILING PROGRAM TO PROFIT FROM “LEARN-TO-SAIL DAY” FUNDRAISER**

- What:** A fundraiser to benefit the National Capital High School Sailing Program. District Community Sailing (DC Sail), the area’s first community sailing program, will host a picnic, silent auction and introductory sailing lessons for DC-area residents. Instruction will be FREE, the picnic will cost \$8 per person, and all donations will subsidize the National Capital High School Sailing Program’s costs to the students.
- When:** National Learn-to-Sail Day, Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 1:30pm to 5:30pm, rain or shine.
- Where:** The Gangplank Marina, 600 Water Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024
- Who:** Community leaders, DC Sail participants, National Capital High School Sailing Program students (Cesar Chavez Public Charter High School, Thurgood Marshall Public Charter School, Bishop Denis J. O’Connell High School, Maret, T.C. Williams, The Seed School and Saint Stephens & Saint Agnes School).
- Why:** DC Sail and NCHSS are both programs of the National Maritime Heritage Foundation. One of NMHF’s primary goals is to grow an active sailing community in Washington DC. The organization believes that this benefit is a great way to introduce and the sport of sailing to the residents of Washington DC.
- Attend:** Sailing and non-sailing members of the media are more than welcome to attend.

### **National Capital High School Sailing Program**

NCHSS was established by the National Maritime Heritage Foundation in 2005 to provide DC-area high school teams with the facilities, equipment and coaching staff needed to maintain a competitive sailing team at an affordable cost. The program provides a positive environment in which all students learn the importance of teamwork, respect, responsibility, leadership, commitment and sportsmanship ([www.nmhf.org/hs\\_sailing.asp](http://www.nmhf.org/hs_sailing.asp)).

### **District Community Sailing**

DC Sail is Washington DC’s first community sailing program. DC Sail provides sailing lessons, boat rentals and fleet racing on the Washington Channel for both youth and adults ([www.dcsail.org](http://www.dcsail.org)).

### **National Maritime Heritage Foundation**

NMHF is dedicated to inspiring minds through maritime educational experiences. NMHF accomplishes this mission by motivating young people to achieve through the sport of sailing, by increasing community awareness of maritime history, and by enhancing the local waterfront ([www.nmhf.org](http://www.nmhf.org)).

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