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New London Community Boating Joining Forces with NESS

New London, CT - New London Community Boating (NLCB) announced today that it will be joining forces with New England Science & Sailing Foundation (NESS), with NESS assuming responsibility for managing the NLCB summer sailing program. NLCB Executive Director Carolyn Leuze and President Katie Bradford are enthusiastic about the alignment, with Bradford envisioning that “under the umbrella of NESS, New London kids will have access to a comprehensive array of programs year round.”

Begun in 1999, NLCB’s mission is “to eliminate...barriers to sailing for the youth of New London by providing sailing lessons free of charge; [and] to develop self-confidence, cooperation, communication and leadership skills in all participants.” After successfully teaching thousands of New London children to sail since then, founder Leuze is passing the torch. She remarked, “We have been a part of many New London activities which give the children a great sense of place and belonging and now NESS will be undertaking the fulfillment of a dream we had so many years ago by continuing our summer sailing program.” NESS President Spike Lobdell added, “Managing NLCB enables NESS to offer a greater variety of programs to enhance year-round learning for the students of New London.”

Even prior to this announcement, NESS had made a considerable commitment to New London, partnering for three years with New London Public Schools and last year expanding their partnerships to include Ocean Beach Park and Mitchell College. NESS offers science and kayaking classes during the summer; science and sailing classes during the school year, including through their AmeriCorps program at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School; and high school sailing team coaching during the fall sailing season.

This latest move means NESS will be adding sailing classes during the summer at Greens Harbor Beach, retaining the New London Community Boating brand name. The community and NLCB students will most likely not notice much of a change. Mark Zagol, NESS’s Sailing Program Director, explained, “We’re currently busy preparing for NLCB’s summer program - hiring staff and as soon as the weather cooperates we’ll be prepping boats. Carolyn and Katie have built a wonderful program, and we’re delighted to add NLCB to our program line-up for New London students.”

Leuze continued, “NLCB would not have been so successful over the years without the support and dedication of so many people and organizations, especially the city of New London and New London Recreation Department. Tommie Major played a huge role in making NLCB such a vital part of the summer scene in New London. Now, by aligning with NESS, NLCB can continue to serve the community for many years to come.”

About New London Community Boating:

NLCB was founded in 1999 “to eliminate the social and economic barriers to sailing for the youth of New London by providing sailing lessons free of charge; [and] to develop self-confidence, cooperation, communication and leadership skills in all participants.” Since then, NLCB has taught thousands of students to sail, free of charge, with financial support from numerous individuals and foundations.

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