
N.M.Y.C. NEWS

Club Members Teach Sailing Class



Olema Edwards, Regional Manager for Collier County Public Services Department came to us in early Spring with an idea. She wanted to add a sailing module to the parks day camper program. The program provides supervised programs for campers from 6 to 12 years and it runs most of the summer at the North Collier Regional Park.

Denis Blaise supervises the North Collier Regional Park Junior Sailing Class

Two NMYC members volunteered to assist in a “teach the teachers” class. **Denny Ginsbrg** and **Denis Blaise** had taught sailing fundamentals in their pre-retirement lives. They contacted Chuck LaMahieu at DragonFlite and Olema was able to purchase six DF-65’s and with help from our team

their fleet was ready to sail by the first class date. Denny and Denis were there for every class session and assisted camp counselors in learning to sail so they could work with the campers in learning the basics. They invented sailing based games e.g. "Chase the Rabbit" that improved the skill of the junior skippers in following the lead boat (the rabbit).

This is our second community activity. Two years ago our club did a one day Sailing Fundamentals display at the **Golisano Children's Museum** where children went to seven different stations for instruction. Once completed ,they were able to use the sign-off card to go over to the pond and try their hands sailing with a one-to-one NMYC coach.

When you come back to Naples for "The Season" also bring your ideas on how our club might help find young members - after all, they are our future!



Excellent Sail Essentials Video

Winston Matthews has found a true gem of a video and he has shared the link. It is two YouTube videos and the titles are Sail Shape I and Sail Shape II. The video is produced by SAIL magazine and can be found by going to YouTube.com. Here is the actual link to the first video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfhahRHj2Zs>

The videos use a combination of actual video shot on board a full-scale Soling paired with diagrams that are overwritten on the video showing the changes in down force versus horizontal by changing different sail adjustments.

Be prepared to watch these videos multiple times if you have always wondered about the magic in sail trimming!