



Dream of Learning to Sail? Here's Your Chance — for Free! 

Apply for the ROGER DUNKERLEY SCHOLARSHIP at Wet Pants Sailing Association, Inc.

If you've always wanted to try sailing – but your family was hesitant of the cost because no idea if you'd like it or want was involved – this is for YOU! **This 100% free Summer 2026 scholarship has a 2-week commitment.**

Wet Pants Sailing Association of Sayville, NY is offering **two full 2-week scholarships** to our summer sailing program - **completely free, between Monday, JUNE 29th – Thursday, August 13th** (valued at over \$555). This opportunity is made possible by a generous endowment from the family of past Wet Pants Commodore, Roger Dunkerley. Roger was the Director of the Long Island Maritime Museum when the “Priscilla” was acquired. He refurbished a beautiful wooden Thistle, named “Preppy” to sail with his daughters. Now they would like to give deserving young people the opportunity to try sailing and experience the joy that they remember so fondly!

FYI we offer a 4-day Sailing Adventures trial experience for \$190, no membership required, open to ALL youth until it fills (2-day \$150 adults) starting in 4 weekday morning sessions June 29th. Visit our website to register!

Program Details

- **2026 Dates:** 2 consecutive weeks between **June 29th – August 13th**
- **Schedule 4 days/wk:** Monday–Thursday mornings, 8–10 AM or 10–12 PM (*based on age & availability*)
- **Location:** 395 Foster Ave, Sayville, NY 11782. End of street in Port O’Call Marina – turn left at guard booth
- **Rain or Shine:** Indoor classroom lessons on poor weather days
- **All Equipment Provided** (life jacket available to borrow if needed)
- Some club volunteering is appreciated at our twice-yearly cleanups or at other events
- The scholarship includes your first year’s annual Family Membership – for your whole family!

Who Can Apply (must be new to Wet Pants Sailing Association)

- Ages **8 - 18**
- Able to **swim**
- Has **transportation** to/from and can commit to attend all 8 classes, held weekday mornings.

Trying a new sport can feel out of reach. It can be hard to justify the expense of trying something new and unfamiliar. Will I even like it? This scholarship will change that for motivated students! Use club-owned boats with other beginners, an instructor on board, safety boats nearby. Enjoy social/youth events. Just bring your curiosity and willingness to learn!

How to Apply

- Complete the **attached Application** (with an essay)
- Write a short **Essay (300-500 words)** that tells us **about you, your interests, why would you like to sail?**

We want to hear your voice - be real, be yourself. It’s not about polish or buzz words, it’s about you.

 **Deadline: July 1st, 2026**

Email your essay to: psc@wetpantssailing.org Subject line: *Roger Dunkerley Sailing Scholarship Application*
Or mail to: **Wet Pants Sailing Association-Roger Dunkerley Sailing Scholarship**; PO Box 484; Sayville, NY 11782



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FIRST & LAST NAME STUDENT (print):

FIRST & LAST NAME PARENTS (print):

MAILING ADDRESS:

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS:

PARENT PHONE #:

STUDENT'S AGE:

GRADE:

SCHOOL:

CAN YOU SWIM? YES / NO HAD SWIM LESSONS? YES / NO COMFORTABLE IN/ON THE WATER? YES / NO

DO YOU HAVE TRANSPORTATION WEEKDAYS? YES/NO CAN YOU COMMIT TO 2 WEEKS/8 CLASSES? YES/NO

IF ANY PRIOR BOATING/SAILING/WATER SPORTS EXPERIENCE, PLEASE DETAIL:

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR INTERESTS!

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN FINANCIAL NEED FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

ATTACH a short essay page (of 300-500 words) that tells us: A bit about **who you are**, why you'd like the opportunity to sail, why you should be selected. We want to hear **your voice**, not,parents, not ChatGPT - be real, be yourself.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ PARENT SIGNATURE _____

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