



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 not sure you'd like it - this could be your moment. **This award is for Summer 2026, a 100% free scholarship, with a 7-week commitment.**

Wet Pants Sailing Association of Sayville, NY is offering **one full 7-week scholarship** for our summer sailing program - **completely free, Monday, JUNE 29th– Thursday, August 13th** (valued at over \$1255). 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 1 deserving young person each year the opportunity to experience the joy of sailing, 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: Weekdays June 29th – August 13th**
- **Schedule:** Monday–Thursday mornings, 8–10 AM or 10–12 PM (*based on age and our 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

Who Can Apply

- Ages **8–14**
- Able to **swim**
- **New** to Wet Pants Sailing Association
- Has transportation & commits to attend **all 7 weeks**

Trying something new like sailing can feel out of reach, especially when cost gets in the way. This scholarship is here to change that for one motivated student. You’ll use club-owned boats with other beginners, an instructor on board, and safety boats nearby. You’ll enjoy social/youth events. Just bring your curiosity and willingness to learn!

How to Apply

- Complete the **attached Application**
- Write a short **Essay (300-500 words)** that tells us **about you**
- Include why you would 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: June 20th, 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 #:

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 THE 7 WEEKS? 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 your short essay page (of 300-500 words) that tells us: A bit about **who you are**, why you'd like the opportunity to sail, and why you should be selected. We want to hear **your voice**, not your parents, not ChatGPT - be real, 😊 be yourself.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ PARENT SIGNATURE _____