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SESSION 2: JUNE 10-21ST, 2023

SESSION 2 UPDATE!

These last two weeks we were so happy to welcome Mission de Faith churches to our camp for their second summer with JMSC!



SCIENCE, SAILING, AND NEW METHODS OF PRACTICE!

We integrated new teaching styles, lessons, and equipment this week- read how this impacted our students learning experience!



INCLUDED IN THIS JOURNAL:

P.1- Session 2: Updates and SCIENCEEE!

Updates and news of the last two weeks as session 2 comes to a close. New science lessons including weather and clouds. SCIENCE!

P.2- This week's sailing report!

A letter from our Head sailing instructor, Caitlin Derby, on the successes and triumphs of our sailors from session 2.

P.3- Sailor-azzi! Photos from our session!

Watch our sailors in action! Photos taken by our sailing instructors (or the sailing paparazzi who are so proud of our students!)

P.4- Presidential post!

A note from one of our co-founders, Bill Sleeman on our program and an opportunity for JMSC supporters!



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SESSION 2 AT-A-GLANCE

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SAILING...



This session we welcomed Mission de Faith churches back for their 2nd summer here at JMSC! We were also so happy to welcome new and returning sailors to this session.

Throughout our session, we were able to learn about how sailors use wind and natural elements to benefit them. These formed our 8 STEM lessons which involved learning about natural process including how wind forms, wind and pressure zones, buoyancy, water quality, and sustainability, and creating scientific equipment to test these topics.



We recently added a lesson on weather and navigating these elements on the water! This included created clouds in a jar and rainstorms in a together in our classes, shown on the right!

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SAILING REPORT:

A word from Caitlin Derby, our head sailing coach, on our sailor's progress and successes this week!

"The past two weeks were perfect for kicking off our first session. The first week gave us some light winds, which allowed for a perfect introduction into sailing. Kids learned parts of the boat and points of sail and caught on to the concepts very quickly. By the second week a few of them were able to sail upwind, which is a tricky skill to learn with the shifty Barlow Lake winds. The kids also enjoyed getting experience at the helm and sailing around the figure 8 courses. We had one windy day that cut short our sailing time but, we were able to work on our seamanship skills instead! Sailing with the Misión de Fe kids was a great time and I'm proud of all they learned and accomplished!"

We are so proud of our student's accomplishments, and that they were even able to dive on their own and "open sail" on the final day of camp! Attached to this page and below are some awesome pictures of our sailors in action during their session!



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SAILOR HIGHLIGHTS!



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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD MEMBER, BILL SLEEMAN

Hello Friends of Jolly!

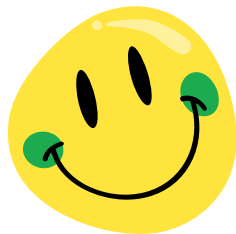
In the Spring of 2020 a diverse group of friends committed to create a program that would give under resourced youth the opportunity to engage in the great team sport of Sailing. Since the Covid restraints were lifted in early 2021, with generous donor support, the Jolly Madison Sailing Club has been successful in removing barriers such as access to coaching, equipment and lakeshore for these young sailors. Now, over only three summers, the volunteers and staff of JMSC has presented almost 200 youth with sailing certificates of accomplishment. Such success is sufficient to qualify the program for application to various financial grants. However, in the mean time, JMSC is still in need of your financial support. Please stay on board and help us maintain our momentum with these deserving youth! Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Be Jolly!
Bill Sleeman

Attached below is our venmo username as well as our venmo QR code which can be used to donate to our organization!



venmo



Venmo- @jollymadisonsailing

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SESSION 3: JULY 26-AUGUST 4, 2023



INCLUDED IN THIS JOURNAL:

SESSION 3 UPDATE!

For session 3, we were so excited to welcome New City Kids back to our summer camp program for their third summer here at JMSC!

 **New City Kids**
loving kids for change

P.1- Session 3: Updates and Be Green Be Jolly! Our sustainability pledge!
How our sailors are showing their commitment to becoming stewards in their community to preserve their planet for current and future sailors!

P.2- This week's sailing report!
A letter from our Head sailing instructor, Caitlin Derby, on the successes and triumphs of our sailors from session 3.

P.3- Session 2: From the eyes of the GoPro!
Watch our sailors in action! Photos taken by our sailors of our sailors using Coach Gabi's GoPro during sailing and swim time!



NEW CITY AND NEW ROLES:

A COMMUNITY IN THE MAKING!

We are so happy to have NCK back with us this summer, including returning and new students, and our 2 summer interns, who were previous NCK sailors! They joined us for the summer and helped with NCK



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SESSION 3 AT-A-GLANCE

SUSTAINABLE SAILORS!

Session 3, we had our biggest group sign the sustainability pledge at once! With 13 signatures and 2 signatures from our Interns, we had a total of 15 new sailors pledge!

Students learned about the importance of caring for our planet, and why we as sailors need to be stewards on and off of the boat to sustain our earth for our use, and the future sailors! Then, we took action cleaning up our own camp and collected 2 bags of trash!



Thank you for making the world a better place

By signing our pledge, our students have shown their commitment to make positive differences for our planet, every day, in order to sustain it for our use, and it's use by future JMSC sailors, and all who share the planet with us!

**YOU ARE NOT JUST A STEWARD IN A BOAT,
BUT AN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD FOR
OUR PLANET,**

Be
Green...

Be Jolly!



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SESSION 3 AT-A-GLANCE

SAILING REPORT:

A word from Caitlin Derby, our head sailing coach, on our sailor's progress and successes of session 3!

"It was great to have such a big group of kids so interested in sailing. We had a lot of returners. come back too, which made it extra fun. The first day of camp was stormy so it gave us plenty of time to learn and go over the basics. From that point on everyone took off. Plenty of the kids had experience to skipper the boat throughout the week, and they really excelled at it! They learned how to tack and jibe. They also had a pretty windy day of sailing and handled the conditions very well. I'm super proud of the sailors from this week and I hope to see them out on the water again soon!"



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SESSION 3: FROM THE EYES OF THE **GOPRO**

SAILING, STEM, SWIM, AND FUN- VIA GOPRO CAMERA:



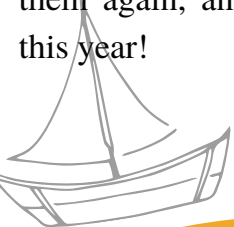
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SESSION 4: AUGUST 7-18, 2023



SESSION 4 UPDATE!

In Session 4, our final session, we welcomed Grand Rapids Young Life back for their 2nd year at JSMC! We are so happy to engage them again, and include so many new faces this year!



CAPTURING THE MOMENT: WITH MARY PARTEE!

We are so thrilled that we were able to work with Mary Partee again this year, one of the leaders and supervisors at Young Life! Not only is she an amazing supervisor and sailor, but an incredible photographer as well! She captured so many wonderful moments of our session, and we wanted to highlight her amazing photography, which we used in this newsletter!

(Check out the camera emoji for photos taken by Mary Partee!)



Mary Partee

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P.1- Session 4: Updates and Weather Warriors!

Updates and news of session 4 and the troubling weather our sailors overcame to be success-full during a rainy session!

P.2- This week's sailing report!

A letter from our Head sailing instructor, Caitlin Derby, on the successes and triumphs of our sailors from session 4.

P.3- Sailor-azzi! Photos from our session!

Watch our sailors in action! Photos taken by our sailing instructors and by Mary Partee, our supervisor and sailor from Young Life!



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SESSION 4 AT-A-GLANCE

WEATHER WARRIORS:



This session we experienced the most diverse weather patterns of any other! With sunny days, cloudy days, a couple days of thunderstorms, and overall very high winds-making it the most diverse session weather wise! But, this did not stop our students from excelling! Just grabbed some sweatshirts and wind breakers and they were off! Our camp is rain or shine, and our campers embraced this mentality to push through. This experience taught our sailors to be adaptive in their sailing, and creative problem solvers as we all worked together to alter plans for our day to accomodate the weather!



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SAILING REPORT:

A word from Caitlin Derby, our head sailing coach, on our sailor's progress and successes of session 4!

"A small but mighty group! This session was a such a high note to end the season on. The kids were full of light and a love to learn sailing. We started out like any group learning parts of the boat and points of sail. They also stepped up right away and braved the capsizing test. Immediately the kids caught on to the material super fast and were sailing on their own by the first few days. By the end of the session they were sailing every which way around the lake. The last day was pretty windy but everyone rose to the challenge to go sailing. This ended with the most fun day of sailing for the session with big puffs of wind and sponge tag. This group had a very bright future in sailing if they decide to keep with it!"



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SESSION 4: MEMORIES, SAILING, AND SWIM!

FEATURING PHOTOS BY MARY PARTEE! (SAILOR/SUPERVISOR)



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR, GABI SLEEMAN ON THE SUMMER PROGRAM.

Wow. What an amazing season! I am so thankful to have been given the opportunity to direct our camp this year! The sailors we engaged this summer were some of the most passionate and dedicated students I have seen in the last 2 years I have been working with Jolly Madison Sailing Club. Allowing them to move at the quickest pace, sailing on their own earlier and learning STEM lessons at a quicker pace. You can tell these campers truly care about their experience with us, sharing this passion with us staff members!

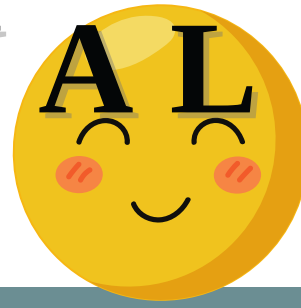
I would also like to highlight the work of our staff member: Caitlin Derby and interns Daisy Torres and Jackie Solis, who were such a big help this season. We could not have done this without our amazing team, and I am thankful for the wonderful staff we had this year! As well as our board of directors, who put in extended hours of work prior to our season to make our program that much better for students.

We are so excited for the future seasons of Jolly as we continue to grow! I can see so much potential in the kids we are teaching, and staff we are working with that there will be so much growth in our future!

Thank you to everyone who engaged with us and made our season such an amazing experience!

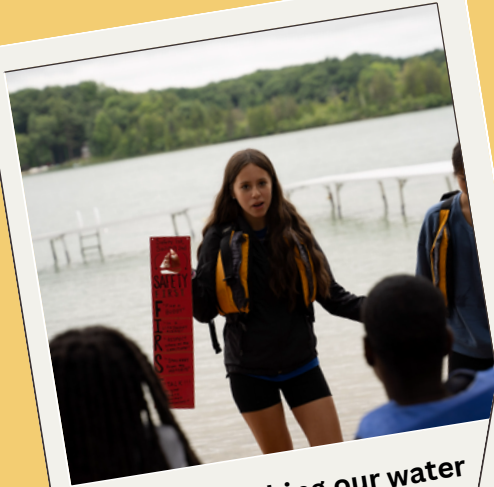
-Gabi Sleeman, 2023 Director

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INTERN SPOTLIGHTS!

As mentioned above, this is the first year we engaged interns in our program. Jackie and Daisy did such an amazing job assisting in lessons, teaching sailing, and being passionate additions to our staff. We could not have done the season without them and wanted to acknowledge their success as interns in this journal! Check out some pics below of them and their engagement this season!



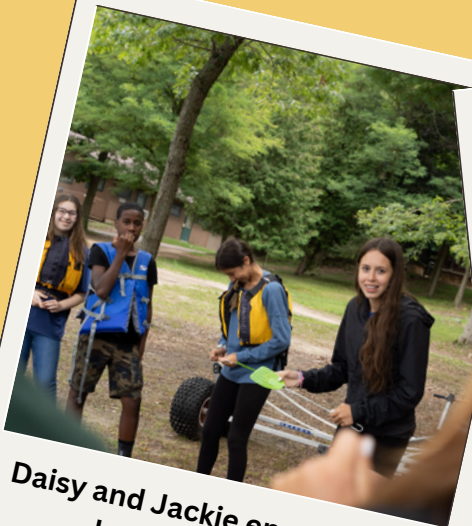
Daisy teaching our water safety rules!



Jackie and Daisy going over water safety!



Jackie teaching a student to rig the jib sail!



Daisy and Jackie engaging in a boat parts game!



Interns swimming and supervising with our sailors!



Jackie sailing with our students during a session!