



Happy Spring!

It has been a productive Winter season at the W&WLC with lots of boat repair, facility updates, curriculum and field trip development, and training for staff with US Sailing and Alabama Water Watch.

We're excited and looking forward to a busy Spring and Summer with our returning Sail Camp Instructors and event volunteers. Water sports, community fundraisers, and environmental education programs are already scheduled through October, so be sure to [check out the Events Calendar](#) on our new city website's WWLC page.

If you would like to join our seasonal staff for the summer, the Specialist I-Sail Camp Instructor job posting is up on the [City of Orange Beach's Jobs page](#). Applications are being accepted until April 14th.

Even with all of these great learning opportunities coming up, there are still some available dates for facility rentals! Schedule your Spring and Summer get-togethers on Wolf Bay before all the dates book up!



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Welcome back, Sail Camp Instructors!



Gavin Faircloth, Head Sailing Instructor
(US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 certified)

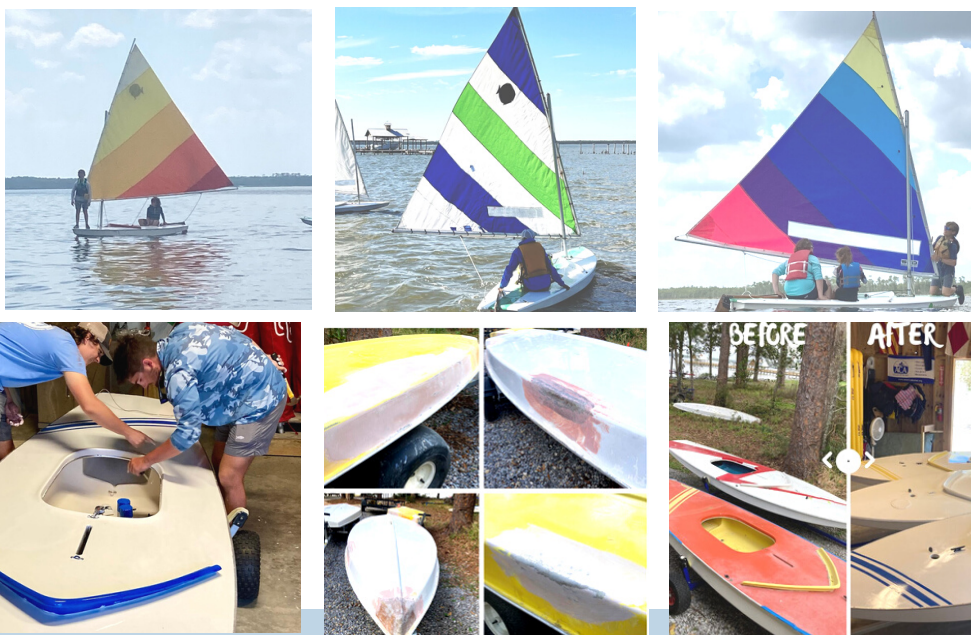


Clara Stone, Sailing Instructor
(US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 certified)



Ian McCrady, Sailing Instructor

Fleet Spotlight: Sunfish



The Sunfish sailboat was designed and introduced by builder Alex Bryan in 1952 (he altered his original 1945 Sailfish design to be more comfortable for his pregnant wife to sail in). After being one of the most popular recreational dinghy boats in the 1960s - 1970s, the Sunfish was recognized as an international fleet in 1984 by the International Yacht Racing Union.

At the WWLC, we teach older youth and adults in to sail in Sunfish. They're great boats for beginners and fun boats for experienced sailors to revisit and perfect basic skills in. Our fleet includes boats from the 1970s all the way up to newer models from the 2000s. After quite a few seasons of Sail Camp, they needed a bit of love (aka=fiberglass repair).

We have spent the winter working on all of the Sunfish, re-glassing and repainting our way through the fleet, boat by boat. We can't wait to see the community sailing on Wolf Bay in them! Thank you to the Coastal Resources Department, Saunders Yachtworks, and WWLC volunteers for helping make this fleet better and brighter for our sailors to be in!

OBHS Mako's Sailing Club

Orange Beach High School students formed the school's first Sailing Club at the start of the Spring 2023 semester. The WWLC proudly serves as the official sailing facility where 9th -12th grade students sail in Club 420 and Sunfish fleets.

Sailing Club founding members:

Mr. B. Cannova (OBHS Teacher & Sail Club Sponsor)

Mr. E. Chase (Commodore)

Mr. J. Peet (Vice Commodore) *not pictured

Ms. C. Stone (Fleet Captain)

Ms. C. Chase (Membership Chair)

OBHS Sailing Club is open to all high school students, no sailing experience required. The goals of the club are to encourage young people to get out on the water, have fun sailing, build skills and confidence in young sailors, and foster waterway stewardship.



Sail Camp Registration is Open! (and filling up fast)



Our Sail Camps introduce newer sailors to the sport or help older campers brush up on the skills they learned last summer in a safe and fun environment. Water safety and good sportsmanship are essential in all of our Sail Camp activities! Campers play sailing games, learn knots, and practice the basics of sailing on Wolf Bay.

This year, campers enroll based on age groups rather than skill level. This allows the WWLC to accommodate more youth and also allows campers to learn more comfortably with kids their own age.

Sandpipers (6 - 8 years old)

Pelicans (9 - 11 years old)

Ospreys (12 - 14 years old)

****New**** High School Sail Week (rising Sophomores - Seniors)

Use the ActiveNet Registration links on the [WWLC webpage](#) to enroll or add your camper to the Waitlist.

2023 Sail Camp Session Dates:

June 5th - 9th, 2023 8:30AM - 11:30AM Sandpipers; 1:30PM-4:30PM Pelicans

June 12th - 16th, 2023 8:30AM - 11:30AM Pelicans; 1:30PM - 4:30PM Ospreys

June 19th - 23rd, 2023 8:30AM - 11:30AM Ospreys; 1:30PM - 4:30PM High School Sail Week

June 26th - 30th, 2023 8:30AM - 11:30AM Sandpipers; 1:30PM - 4:30PM Pelicans

July 10th - 14th, 2023 8:30AM - 1:30PM Pelicans; 1:30PM - 4:40PM Ospreys

July 17th - 21st, 2023 8:30AM - 11:30AM Ospreys; 1:30PM - 4:30PM Pelicans

July 24th - 28th, 2023 8:30AM - 11:30AM Sandpipers; 1:30PM - 4:30PM Pelicans

July 31st - Aug 4th, 2023 8:30AM - 11:30AM Sandpipers



Facility Rentals



Word is getting out that the WWLC is a great little spot to host your small event! You can request dates [HERE](#) on our webpage or call Jackie McGonigal at (251) 424-5909 to check availability. Here's a look at rental pricing:

Weekend Full Day (10am -8pm)	Residents: \$200.00	Non-Residents: \$500.00
Weekend Half Day (5 hours)	Residents: \$100.00	Non-Residents: \$300.00
Week Day (8am - 5pm)	Residents: \$100.00	Non-Residents: \$200.00
Week Day Half Day (4 hours)	Residents: \$50.00	Non-Residents: \$100.00
Week Day Evening Use (5pm - 8pm)	Residents: \$100.00	Non-Residents: \$200.00

Upcoming Summer Events

May

May 8th - 12th ACA Coastal Kayak Instructor Certification workshops

May 13th - 14th Kayaking with Marine Navigation course

June

Sail Camps sessions all month

June 2nd Blessing of the Sail Camp Fleet 3PM - 4PM

June 3rd Full Moon Paddle 6PM - 9PM

June 7th, 14h, 21st, 28th Paddle & Paint Kayak Excursions 530PM - 730PM

June 17th ACA Intro to Kayaking, Safety & Rescue 9AM - 4PM

July

Sail Camp sessions all month (except July 4th week)

July 7th - 8th Women's Sailing Weekend Workshop

July 22nd ACA Intro to Kayaking, Safety & Rescue

July 30th Full Moon Paddle 6PM - 9PM

I hope to see y'all out on the water soon!

Fair winds,

Jackie McGonigal