

# COMMUNITY LEARN TO SAIL

Southern Idaho Sailing Outreach Newsletter | Spring 2022



## Sail On!

The 2022 youth sailing camps are ready to launch. SISO, Boise Parks and Recreation and Idaho State Parks and Recreation are excited to announce **80 Treasure Valley Youth will have the opportunity to learn how to sail this summer.** Scheduled camps include four basic learn to sail camps, one all girls basic learn to sail camp, two intermediate sailing camps and new for 2022, one racing camp.

Youth Sailing Classes begin June 6, 2022. All classes will be held at our Sailing Center at Spring Shores Marina, Lucky Peak State Park. Registration through Boise City Parks and Recreation opens April 18, 2022. Classes fill up quickly. **Help us get the word out to anyone you know that would like to give their kid(s) an opportunity of a lifetime.** For more information about our youth sailing camps and how to register, visit our learn to sail page at [sailingoutreach.org/learn-to-sail](https://sailingoutreach.org/learn-to-sail)

### Camp Schedule

- June 6-10: Basic Sailing Camp
- June 13-17: Intermediate Sailing Camp
- June 20-24: Basic Girls Sailing Camp
- June 27- July 1: Basic Sailing Camp
- July 11-15: Intermediate Sailing Camp
- July 18-22: Basic Sailing Camp
- July 25-29: Racing Sailing Camp
- August 1-5: Basic Sailing Camp



*Youth sailors rigging boats for an afternoon sail*

# Aye on the Wind: Interview with Bob and Dottie Greenwood

By Eric Davis—SISO Board Member, Fundraising Chair

Say 'Greenwoods' to any skier in Boise and they 'know' it's Greenwood Sports on Bogus Basin Road, an institution and resource for ski gear for several generations, beginning in 1957 founded by Bob Greenwood. The store is thriving. Bob and his wife Dottie are now well into their 90's and going strong, living well in Boise's North End in their home of many years. Bob retired in 1985 when he sold the store to their son John and business partner Bill Tregoning.

Bob, 96, skis at Bogus two days each week and golfs all summer with a group of loyal friends.

Lots of people don't know that Bob is a life-long sailor, who began sailing at a very young age in Wisconsin and later, he and Dottie participated in cruising and racing sailboats in Idaho as a member of Southern Idaho Sailing Association, (SISA) with SISA's founding members in the 1970's. What follows is a summary of a two-evening interview with Bob and Dottie who graciously offered to translate their love of the sport of sailing into the language of our mission today, of teaching kids the art and science of sailing and the life-skills that naturally follow.

## Where did you start sailing? How old were you and what triggered the opportunity?

Bob was 6 or 7 years old when he first sailed with his father on Moon Lake north of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. A good family friend, John Gilligan, owned Rhinelander Boat Works and had a cabin on the lake.

## What kind of sailboats have you sailed?

C-Scow, R-Boat as crew, and three different boats he owned over the years; a Snipe which he sailed solo as a kid on Lake Michigan, a Catalina 22 and eventually a Neptune 24.

## What skills did you learn through sailing as a kid that have carried with you through life?

Being around boats and the Rhinelander boat factory, Bob learned carpentry skills, measuring, cutting, how to work with his hands and use tools. He thinks some of this rubbed off on his son, John, who holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

## What would you tell parents today; why should they introduce their kids to sailing?

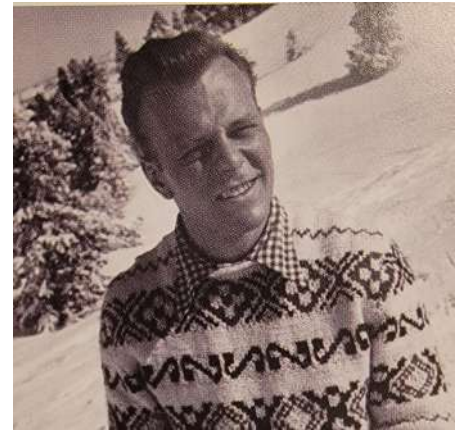
Bob: "Sailing teaches discipline and rules that must be followed on a boat; having to do things a certain way. You learn angles, leverage, forces of the wind, how to pick the most efficient path to your target. Rigging a sailboat also takes skill. Safety, launching the boat, wearing life jackets. It all adds up."

Bob's view is that parents need to understand that availability to a boat is so important. "With that accomplished, kids just need to get out on the water. It doesn't need to be expensive."

"It is imperative that the parents be involved."

## Cell phones and social media seem to dominate kids' lives now. Sailing gets kids off their 'devices'. Thoughts on this?

"Leave the cell phones at home"



Bob Greenwood  
Photo: Building Bogus Basin History Book



Signage above the original Greenwood's Ski Shop located across the parking lot of current location.



Bob and Dottie Greenwood  
Photo: Building Bogus Basin History Book

## Best sailing story as a kid.

Bob described a small, "very fast" sailboat custom made by John Gilligan (Rhineland Boat Works) that had a triangular shaped deck mounted on three pontoons that Bob would sail all over Moon Lake. In 7th grade, Bob and his buddy, Jack Moore, were out on the pontoon 'racer' and got caught in a storm. Heavy winds broke the mast and eventually blew Bob, Jack and the boat to shore, where John Gilligan met them and couldn't stop laughing!

## What advice would you give to students in our program?

Per Bob, having access to one of the RS Zest boats we have today would have been a dream come true in his childhood. His advice to our kids, "If you know how to handle these little one-person boats, you will be able to handle any sailboat with confidence".

## What opportunities opened for you as a young person because you knew how to sail?

A member of the Milwaukee Yacht Club had noticed Bob sailing his Snipe alone on Lake Michigan and invited Bob to crew on his R class racing sloop. These yachts ranged from 38' to 42' in length. He was a teenager and given a lot of responsibility. "Sailing alone, I learned how to be independent, how to think and make decisions by myself."

## You are such a dedicated skier. Many sailors are skiers. Any thoughts on this?

In Bob's mind it's the same love of outdoor sports and challenges of Mother Nature; gravity and wind that skiers and sailors share. "I am a ski bum, a golf bum and would be a sailing bum if I still had a boat. We never met a sailor or a skier that we didn't like!"

## Can you talk about the people you have sailed with over the years, experiences and stand-out memories of the early SISA days?

Bob and Dottie share a past rich in friendships that evolved and were centered around sailing, including SISA regattas and extended family trips on the water. The memories and stories are more than can fit into these pages, but here are a few...

Being introduced to Idaho sailing through cruising the BVI's with SISA members Kit and Bob Hoffmaster from Twin Falls.

Spending a full month sailing the Neptune 24, cruising the San Juan Islands, Canadian Gulf Islands, and eventually sailing across the Strait of Georgia from Nanaimo to Vancouver on a single, port tack. "It was a little rough, but we managed, trimmed sails, and never had to tack! Will never forget that"

Sailing and motoring the C22 across Lake Coeur D'Alene and up the Saint Joe River to St. Maries, Idaho.

Cruising in the San Juan Islands with their family of five aboard the Catalina 22.

Racing. SISA regattas with original members; including Otto and Rachel (SISA Committee Boat namesake) Schild, Bob Entwistle, Doris Denney, Mel Cope, Jimmy Donald. Per Bob, "Racing really teaches you how to sail well".

So many fun regattas at Lake Lowell, Cascade, Payette Lake and CJ Strike; Watching wind gusts turn Hobie Cats end-over-end on Cascade, filling their 18' motor home with over a dozen cold, wet sailors after a stormy day on CJ. And many more....

Author's Note: At Bob and Dottie's suggestion I called their son Jim for perspective on sailing with his family as a kid. Jim's memories included many well attended regattas with his family over his childhood. Kids, parents, friends out sailing, camping by the water, developing sailing skills and life-skills by racing sailboats. This is all the stuff that gives color and encouragement to our work of promoting youth sailing and the continuum of sailing as a family sport.

Many thanks to the Greenwood's for helping keep the Southern Idaho sailing spirit alive.



Bob at Bob Greenwood's Ski Haus



Greenwoods Ski Haus - Bogus Basin Road



Bob Greenwood and SISO Board Member Eric Davis  
January 2022

# THANK YOU!!!!

Thanks to tremendous community support and the generosity of our donors, we were successful in our fundraising efforts and have purchased a new safety/chase boat for our youth sailing program. SISO's number one priority is SAFETY, and the addition of this new boat will provide the ability to respond to a variety of potential emergency situations quickly.

All boats have a name, and the SISO Board thought long and hard about a name for our new vessel. We decided to name her "**Doris D**", in honor of Doris Denney, a long time SISA member and a steadfast SISA supporter. Doris is a strong heartbeat within the SISA alumni, and attended SISO's first fundraising event at Spring Shores. She was acutely interested in the RS Zest student sailboats on display, and had many SISA stories to tell, as well as recalling her indoctrination to sailing on the Charles River while in college.

Doris has been a tremendous SISO mentor and observer: Doris has given encouragement and advice such as embracing SISA alumni and do 'printed' newsletters. She suggested a 'girls only' class and even came to Spring Shores for a day to observe.

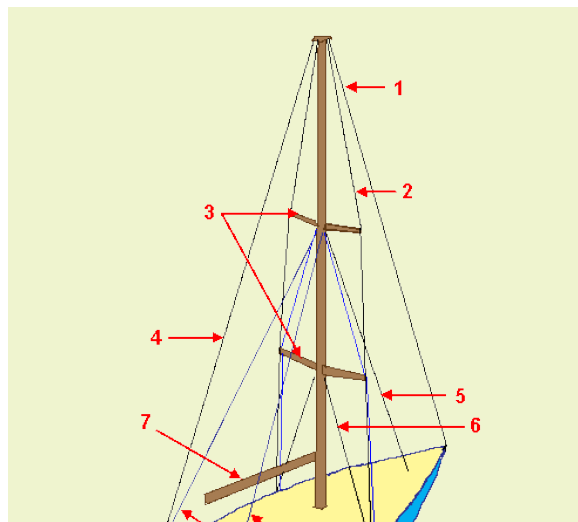
The continuity from young to old, SISA to SISO, loyal sailing enthusiasts to donors is sealed by this naming of the new, indestructible Whaler; Doris D. "Kind of like the Sloop John B." she said. Doris is very happy, looking forward to a christening ceremony.

Doris D. Friend of Rachel. May she ply the waters with safety and enthusiasm while being 'Always Ready' (a nod to the US Coast Guard motto, Semper Paratus).

**We wish to thank all our donors, and especially the anonymous donor who so generously sponsored the matching grant for this fund-raising campaign. Thank you.**



New Safety / Chase Boat DORIS D



## Nautical Knowledge: Standing Rigging

Standing rigging comprises the fixed lines, wires, or rods, which support each mast or bowsprit on a sailing vessel and reinforce those spars against wind loads transferred from the sails. This term is used in contrast to running rigging, which represents the moveable elements of rigging which adjust the position and shape of the sails.

(source: Wikipedia)

### Standing rigging on a rigged sailboat.

Key: ( ) Not considered standing Rigging

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|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Forestay    | 5. Inner forstay     |
| 2. Shroud      | 6. Sidestay          |
| 3. (Spreaders) | 7. (Boom)            |
| 4. Backstay    | 8. Running backstays |

# SISO - US Sailing Instructor Certification Opportunity



Now is the time to join the Southern Idaho Sailing Outreach (SISO) team of ten US Sailing Certified Instructors and our partner City of Boise Parks and Recreation to teach kids the fun and rewarding experience of sailing.

Teaching the skills of sailing to Treasure Valley Youth is an opportunity for you to share your passion of sailing with kids. Teaching kids how to sail a small boat provides a lifetime of skills and adventure that you as a sailor have come to cherish. We need individuals like you.

## What is required from you?

Check out the US Sailing Level 1 course at: [Level 1 Instructor - US Sailing - Education](#) for specifics, including prerequisites and fee information. You will notice the Level 1 course is divided into two sections. The first is an online section and the second is the in-person evaluation.

SISO is working towards hosting the in-person 2-day evaluation of the US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 course at Spring Shores Marina either on July 5-6 or July 7-8. Our first pick will be July 7-8.

Be advised, we need a minimum of 8 individuals signed up to host the in-person 2-day evaluation. If we do not receive a commitment of 8, you would need to sign up for your 2-day evaluation at other venues found on the US Sailing website.

## Meeting the minimum age

All candidates must have reached their 16th birthday within the calendar year that the course is being held in. Candidates under 18 years of age who complete the course will be designated as a Sailing Assistant until their 18th birthday.

Due date: April 15, 2022

The deadline for you to inform SISO of your interest to register is April 15, 2022.

Email Steve Christiansen at [steveskisail@gmail.com](mailto:steveskisail@gmail.com) if you are interested.



# Investing in Treasure Valley Kids through Sailing Education

We couldn't have made youth sailing possible without your financial support.

We have 80+ kids sailing this year including opportunities for previous year graduates to continue their journey of learning how to sail through teamwork, science, adventure and self reliance, all under the watchful eye and coaching/teaching by US Sailing Certified Instructors and volunteers.

Your ongoing donation will assist with operating 2022 sailing camps with safety first and an educational methodology that provides learning in a fun and rewarding way. Funding will help in boat maintenance, fuel, insurance, slip rental, storage and teaching supplies.

SISO is once again participating in Idaho Gives this year. We appreciate your on going support. For more information, visit [idahogives.org/organizations/southern-idaho-sailing-outreach](https://idahogives.org/organizations/southern-idaho-sailing-outreach)



April 23-May 7, 2020

MAY 2-5, 2022



This is Ryan. I am 11. Sailing was amazing ~~and~~ ~~a~~ first time. ~~So far~~. I enjoyed sailing as well as bonding with my instructors and Shipmates. Thank you for making sailing camp possible. Sincerely, Ryan M.

This is Hailey, I am 12. This was my first time sailing, and I really appreciate being able to have this experience. I liked camp because it was fun, but also because it is an experience, that will carry with me for the rest of my life. Thank you for making sailing camp possible.  
- Hailey Fuller

This is Katelyn, age 12, and I have been having so much fun learning in the classroom and going fast on the water. All of us here at the camp appreciate your help in creating the camp and we would like to thank you for making this sailing camp possible!  
Sincerely, Katelyn



Hawaii SISO Style



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1. Teamwork is the collaborative effort of a group to achieve a common goal.

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Through your generous donations, SISO is growing one step at a time. Our future is bright and youth sailing in the Treasure Valley is ALIVE!

### Help Make Youth Sailing Possible

Youth sailing education in Southern Idaho is in great demand. Help make sailing accessible to all Treasure Valley Youth.

### Be part of our success!

SISO is a nonprofit organization that promotes a healthy, active lifestyle through youth sailing education.

Thank you for considering becoming a program advocate today by making a tax-deductible donation.

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## THANK YOU!!

### Your generous financial support gives Idaho's youth the opportunity to learn and grow through sailing.

Youth sailing camps provide lessons in sailing and safety including: discovering how systems like sails and lines work together and how to manage those systems to power a boat; building self-confidence when mastering new skills; and experiencing the adventure of exploring new places and outdoor activities.

We hope that a SISO youth sailor from landlocked Treasure Valley will one day go on to pursue the dream of sailing in the Olympics.

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