



COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER  
INDIA POINT PARK, PROVIDENCE

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Andrea Summers  
Central Falls School District  
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Dear Andrea,

Community Boating Center (CBC) is honored for the opportunity to provide a unique and exciting STEM experience in the classroom and on the Providence waterfront for a full sailing season of sponsored youth. Hands-on, experiential learning is the key to engaging today's youth with STEM education in a personally meaningful way. CBC has recently made great strides in capturing the inherently STEM-friendly components of sailing in a unique curriculum model and pilot program with both US Sailing and the Providence After-School Alliance. We're ready for more – so are the youth we serve.

We employ an inquiry-based learning model to encourage youth to take ownership in their education. We ask them to learn with us every day in a process of continuous improvement. Together, we share the extraordinary experience of daily sailing while investigating the science of the forces at work in and around our boat. We need your help to continue the great work that we have started by helping us to expand our programs to our full season and provide the means to actively advance our curriculum work each session.

We feel strongly that we offer much more than an out-of-school time activity. We view our maritime programs and waterfront facility as an extension of our partner organizations and welcome them to take full advantage of CBC as their own waterfront classroom. Hands-on, experiential learning is a vital component to so many education initiatives. Non-sailors may ask, "why sailing?" when Providence already has organizations that offer a variety of youth sports and recreational programs. There are few, if any, activities that teach so many important virtues and lessons about life the way sailing does: cause and effect, problem-solving, science and technology, teamwork, and much more. We are particularly excited to incorporate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) components into our full season curriculum this year. Sailing offers a myriad of opportunities to balance learning and fun in a dynamic way.

Empower students to skipper a boat on their own and watch their confidence soar! Sailing requires an unmatched mix of physical skills, intelligence, sound judgment, self-reliance and responsibility for vessel, crew and self. Boys and girls from different cultures and backgrounds work together learning tolerance, trust and respect for one another. Plus we invite our partners, school staff, and parents/family to share in the experience with many adult sailing opportunities at CBC.

We're confident you will agree that your choice of CBC as an out-of-school time venue will provide a unique opportunity for learning and recreational services that reinforce your commitment to education excellence. Feel free to contact me at (401) 454-SAIL (7245) or [johnof@communityboating.com](mailto:johnof@communityboating.com) with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John O'Flaherty  
Executive Director  
Community Boating Center