

Kids will be able to “hang loose” with new windsurf boards in their adventure sailing class at Wild Harbor Yacht Club thanks to the grant from Falmouth Road Race, Inc.

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Each summer, North Falmouth’s Wild Harbor neighborhood “turns into the 1950s, with kids riding around on bikes after their sailing lessons with life jackets still on,” muses Megan Connor, the Vice Commodore of Wild Harbor Sailing. “It’s really incredible to see the friendships that form.”

Friendship goes hand in helm with sailing down at their harbor, but once kids get past a certain age it’s harder to rein in their interest. Connor dreamed up the idea of an adventure sailing class to get teens out on the water without the stress of competition.

She started the adventure sailing class this summer with faith that funds would come through to purchase at least two more windsurf boards. The Falmouth Road Race, Inc. Board of Directors saw her vision and granted the program \$3,000 for the boards, much to her delight. Now rather than a more shore-bound lesson, the kids will be out on the water on three brand new boards learning hands-on.

The adventure sailing class started on Monday, June 26 and meets three afternoons a week, open for kids ages 11 to 16. The class will give sailors the knowledge and independence to navigate the waters outside of Wild Harbor, and learn new ways to do so. The new boards will be accessible for all ages and sizes, and they’ll even have one specifically sized for small children.

Next summer, there might even be a class on just windsurfing if the boards are the smash hit Connor predicts. “We are just so grateful to the Falmouth Road Race to offer this opportunity for kids in our community.”