

Setting Sails at SISO Sailing

Smoke-filled skies and times of uncertainty did not dampen the spirit, ambition and vision of SISO this summer. The SISO board and volunteers took advantage of the lull created by COVID to complete another phase of the Sailing Center at Spring Shores Marina.

What was once barren ground has become an outdoor classroom, where Treasure Valley youth will learn the science, engineering and skills of sailing in an environment designed for flexibility and active imaginations.

The outdoor classroom includes a windsock, yardarm and three masts. It's all designed to serve as a teaching space for hands-on learning. Students will be able to practice land-based rigging, tying knots and selecting sails, and learn about sail selection and sun angles. In the process, they'll design and build their own shade structure.

The sailing center venue has one of the best views of Lucky Peak Reservoir. This view provides the perfect location to learn the impacts that topography has on wind and water. It is a perfect location to experience the morning and afternoon wind that provides for sailing opportunities.



Installation of yardarm with windsock



Ready to raise the sails



Sails aloft



Thank you to all those that donated sails to create shade



SISO is up and ready for smooth sailing next year