

Boom Sailing School rigging the sails for future Kincardine sailors

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Life lessons and discipline were the focus at Kincardine's Boom Sailing School.

The Ontario Sailing Association has been bringing the Boom School program to Kincardine for over 20 years.

The week of July 3, 2017 saw students enrolled in the sailing school taught by certified instructors, and they learned there is more to it than just being on the water.

"We teach the importance of being prepared and disciplined," said sailing coach Alex Blechta of the Ontario Sailing Association.

Some students participating had never been on a boat before and quickly learned the lessons in the first couple of days.

"We had some kids who didn't rig their sails properly because they were too excited to go out and they found out the hard way,"



Sailors ages 8 to 14 enrolled in the Ontario Sailing Association Boom School in Kincardine.

said Matt Couchman of the Ontario Sailing Association.

The program is offered as a school opportunity for kids in communities that don't necessarily have a sailing school.

"They're learning the basic sailing skills, by the end of the week we want them sailing around a straight line," said Couchman.

"The program is really just to get kids excited about sailing," he added.

The program focuses of how to rig the sail, points of sail with the various directions you can go in and how to tack.

The Kincardine Yacht Club hosts and subsidizes the sail school in Kincardine.



L-R: Alex Blechta and Matt Couchman are certified instructors of the Ontario Sailing Association.

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Boom Sailing School was once again offered to the Kincardine community for kids who might not otherwise have the opportunity. The Boom School started on Monday July 3, 2017 and runs for the week where students learn the basics of sailing and some other life lessons.