

SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 (SAANICH)
EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE
Report to the Board of October 22, 2025

Committee Members:	Trustee Silzer, Chair – regrets Trustee Vandall, Chair Trustee VanWell
Staff Support:	Helena Takhar , Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovation Melanie Paas, Assistant Superintendent
Partner Representatives:	Kelly de Klerk, SAA STA – Shannon Toronitz CUPE – regrets COPACS – regrets
Other Attendees:	Chair Dunford, Trustee Elder, Trustee Hickman, Peter Westhaver – Assistant Superintendent, Caroline Hassett & Christine Bennett – Parkland

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

A. PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

1. Parkland Sailing Academy

Caroline Hassett and Christine Bennett gave a presentation on the Parkland Sailing Academy, highlighting its seasonal schedule, enrollment trends since 2012—half of which are Parkland International students—and how the program contributes to reporting credits, along with its associated fee. Their presentation sparked interest in having the Parkland Marine Academy present to Ed Directions later this school year.

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No Items.

C. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. Hairstyling Program (Studio 63)

Assistant Superintendent Melanie Paas shared a briefing note announcing that Vancouver Island University will no longer host the Hairstyling Program (Studio 63). In its place, a new partnership has been formed with Vancouver Community College. The program will continue as scheduled, with classes beginning in January 2026.

Motion:

The Committee recommends and I, Trustee Vandall move,
That the Board extend its gratitude to Assistant Superintendent Melanie Paas, Principal Kelly de Klerk and Careers Program Coordinator, Heidi Hackman, for their leadership in securing the new partnership with VCC towards the Studio 63 Hair Stylist Program.

Motion:

The Committee recommends and I, Trustee Vandall move,
That the Board acknowledge and thank VIU for their commitment to student success throughout the 15 year partnership and for their support during the transition.

D. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No Items.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- School Plan Review (November)
- Data Sharing around Strategic Plan Goals – ongoing
- Student Voice Feedback – ongoing
- Benefits of International Student Program

Parkland Sailing Academy

est. 2012



@parklandsailing

Caroline Hassett
Christine Bennett

Parkland Marine



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Parkland Marine

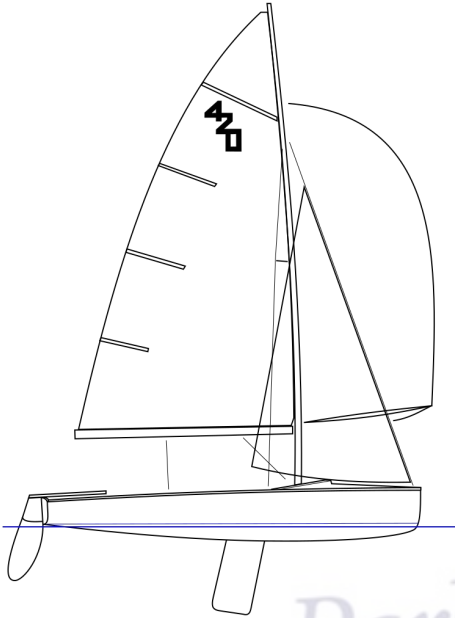


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Our Program



Boats and Crew:



420 Dinghies

2 - 3 people

8 boats available

Parkland Marine



Safety Boats:



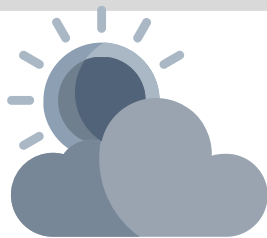
**One of 4 SNSYC
Coach
Boats**



nd Marine



Program Schedule



Fall Community sailing

- ★ 5 weeks
- ★ beginners to advanced
- ★ practice twice a week
- ★ rain or shine!
- ★ Fun, in-house regatta day on the last Sunday of the season

Spring Sailing & Racing

- ★ 9 week program
- ★ beginners to advanced
- ★ practices twice a week
- ★ rain or shine!
- ★ Discovery Cup Regatta in May
- ★ School League Championships in June



Group 1 Wednesdays &
Sunday mornings.



Group 2 Fridays &
Sunday afternoons.

History

2012

**Start of Parkland
Marine with 10
students!**

Lizanne Chicanot
Christine Bennett

**2012-
2019**

**Four schools and
Program growth:**

Parkland Secondary
Stelly's Secondary
Bayside Middle School
North Saanich Middle School

2020

**Covid shut spring & fall
sailing down**

**2021 - Parkland Sailing
2023 Academy resumes**
Open to Parkland Students only

**2023-
present** Program open to middle
schools & Stelly's.

2025

Spring

35 - 45 students



Fall

25-30 students



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The People

Parkland Marine



Community Partners

Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club SNSYC

Head Coach: Kyra Johnson
Sailing School Manager:
Brooke Jangula



Parkland Coordinator

Christine Bennett - command
central since day 1!



Parkland Teacher

Caroline Hassett

Hi! I'm new!

School District **support:**

Parkland staffing

Teacher funded for one block
Mrs. Bennett funded a point time to support the program

International students

Many international students sign up before their arrival due to the proximity of the yacht club to Parkland and their sense of adventure.

Other schools

Any school district 63 student can join the program which means we can grow our program in the future.

Inclusion

We strive to make our program accessible to all students.

Certifications

Coach Kyra Johnson

Sail Canada Certified
Coach Boat Safety clinic
BC Sailing Fundamentals
Can Sail 1-4 technical
10 years sailing experience

Volunteers

Parkland alumni
Racing Team
CanSail 1-6
Enthusiasm
Leadership
Citizenship



Coach Khagan

Sail Canada Certified
Coach Boat Safety clinic
BC Sailing Fundamentals
Can Sail 1-4 technical
4 years sailing experience



Coach Cam

Sail Canada Certified
Coach Boat Safety clinic
BC Sailing Fundamentals
Can Sail 1-2 technical
4 years sailing experience



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Highlights

Parkland Marine



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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