

YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY



Youth Sailing Foundation Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County is to promote and operate a sustainable instructional sailing program for the benefit of local youth. To assure that no child or youth is exempted from participating in our program, solicited community donations provide boats for those who otherwise would be unable to afford them. Our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status provides the tax deduction incentive for donations.

Our goal is to create sailors who will enjoy and contribute to the sport of sailing, their communities and the environment their entire lives. We strive to do this in a fun and safe learning environment, developing competence, character and confidence within our sailors who are mentored by a parent and/or volunteer throughout the process.



WHO ARE WE ?

- 501 (c) (3) organization established in 2009.
- Open to any IRC youngster (regardless of economic status).
- 200 young sailors, parents and volunteers, experienced staff, licensed instructors, and a fleet of Optimist and 420 class boats (and still growing).
- Volunteers from all walks of life (no paid staff).

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- Supervising family projects to construct and sail competitive wooden boats, with children learning new skills and character building.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established the Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County with classroom and on the water training programs.
- Built a fleet of 26 boats.
- Taught children safe boat handling and waterway navigational practices.
- Staffed program with certified U.S. Sailing instructors.
- Awarded a 2011 Heisman grant.
- Participated in regional regattas.
- Have successfully positioned Vero Beach to become a recognized regional sailing center.



WHERE ARE WE GOING ?

- OPTI fleet established:
- Training Classes overloaded.
- Expanding to other classes of sailboats, different age groups and eventually adults.
- Establishing a year round central Sailing Center for the betterment of the community.
- Placing Vero Beach on the map as a premier sailing venue in Florida.



FACILITY NEEDS

- **Immediate:** Our growth exceeding plans.
- **Safer environment for children.**
- Unobstructed water access, & boat storage.



RIVER HOUSE AREA

Ideal location –Access to the water

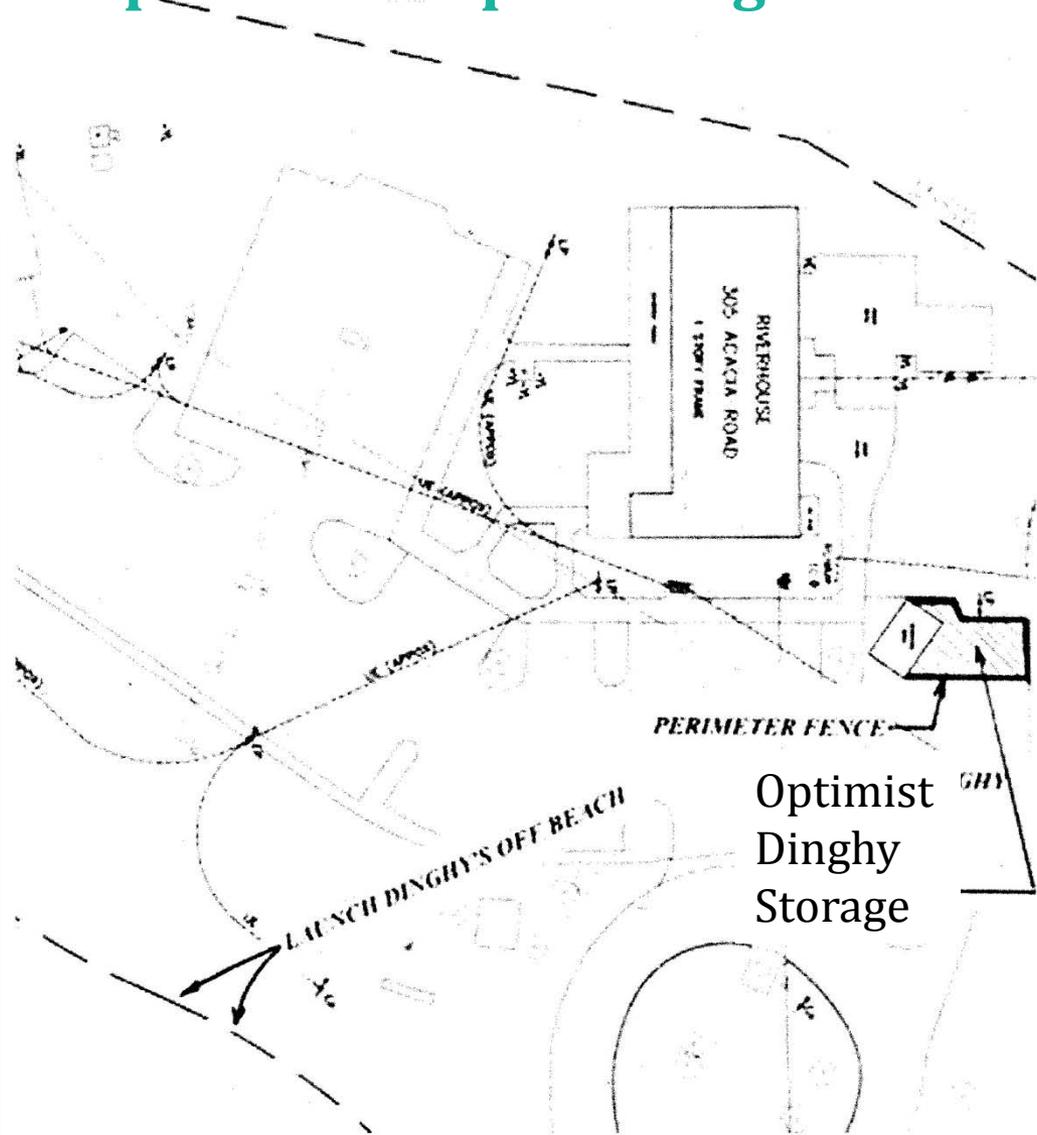
**Only one minor improvement –
Outside storage area behind the
existing shed.**

**Youth Sailing Foundation will not
displace anyone that plans to use
River House.**



**Proposed Location of
storage area
(behind shed)**

Proposed YSF Opti Storage Area



WHAT DOES VERO BEACH GET ?

- **A successful and growing youth program leading to unlimited opportunities.**
- **An attractive functional non polluting waterfront activity.**
- **Complementing existing and planned waterfront facilities.**
- **A proven new colorful venue enticing regional sailors and visitors to our city.**

