



# **THE LWSA DAVID ADAMS MEMORIAL SAILING CENTER**



**IN DAVID'S MEMORY** - - David M. Adams, 25, died on September 27, 2006 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City due to complications associated with a bone marrow transplant. For the past ten years, he has been battling several illnesses, including cancer, but it was not until recently that his doctors determined he had been suffering from an underlying and very rare immune deficiency disorder for his entire life from which he was unable to recover

David was nuts about sailing and a very accomplished racer. He was a student and later, an instructor and competitor in the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association's (LWSA) programs in the 1990's. David, along with several crewmates, went on to win a number of Junior National and Junior Olympic titles in a number of one design classes including; Lightnings, 470's and Windmills.



He also competed for the University of New Hampshire in the collegiate circuit. His accomplishments on the race course brought distinction to himself and to the LWSA and his valiant ten year struggle to defeat one illness after another have given special meaning to the words courage and determination. He will be missed!

**PROPOSED LOCATION** - - In recognition of David's sailing accomplishments and in memory of his courageous battle against the disease that finally took his life, the LWSA's Board of Directors, with the support of its membership and with the permission of Dave's family, recently blessed the concept of establishing The LWSA David Adams Memorial Sailing Center on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee.

The LWSA is currently in negotiations with the State of New Hampshire's Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) to utilize a portion of the waterfront at Ellacoya State Park in Gilford to establish this new center.



Much work remains to be done to gain final approval from DRED and there will need to be a lot of fund raising and grant applications to supply the necessary dollars, but the concept appears to be gaining widespread approval on all fronts. The site is centrally located along Route 11 with existing parking facilities, fully accessible rest rooms and a beautiful beach for launching and retrieving boats. A dug in boat basin, a launching ramp and a classroom building are also planned.

*View up the lake from the beach  
At Ellacoya State Park*



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**THE LWSA YOUTH SAILING ACADEMY** - - The new center would offer a wide variety of on-water and educational programs. The LWSA has operated its Youth Sailing Academy for better than fifteen



years out of Fay's Boatyard in Gilford introducing well over one hundred young people a year to the sport. A new center at Ellacoya would allow this program to grow and to operate more effectively in future years.



**THE CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY SAILING PROGRAM** - - A brand new focus would be the Central new Hampshire Community Sailing Program designed to teach adults from towns around the lake how to sail on weekends and evenings.

**THE LWSA COMPETITION CENTER** - - The LWSA's mission also includes sponsoring amateur race activities through its Performance Handicap Racing Formula program and its "One-Design" fleet competitions. The center at Ellacoya would become a base for these racing activities.

**THE WINNIPESAUKEE ADAPTIVE SAILING PROGRAM** - - Lastly, the LWSA would use a new facility at



Ellacoya to start an Adaptive Sailing Academy. In specially designed and equipped boats, the LWSA plans to introduce sailing to physically and mentally challenged children and adults regardless of the nature or severity of their disabilities. Similar programs around the country have taught sight and hearing-impaired students how to sail. Special Olympics programs are now on the water at a number of facilities. Severely paralyzed individuals, both young and adults can be lowered in their wheel chairs by a small crane into a sailboat that can now be controlled and steered by blowing through a four

chambered straw connected to an on-board computer. A new sailing center at Ellacoya State Park would give the LWSA the physical facility it needs to make all these goals and objectives ultimately attainable.

**WHERE WE GO FROM HERE** - - The LWSA David Adams Memorial Sailing Center will not materialize overnight. The LWSA must first win approval for its facility plan from DRED. Although the DRED staff appears to be supportive of the concept, there are numerous regulatory approvals that will take many months to navigate through and past. It's hard to imagine that the politics of such a plan could be a stumbling block, but it will take lots of meetings and arm twisting to get the politicians solidly behind the concept. Plans will need to be drawn. Engineers will have to prepare applications to the Department of Environmental Services and the Army Corps of Engineers. It will take a lot of time and a great deal of money to fit all the pieces of the puzzle together, but it can and it will come together with the support of all of David's friends and all the

people who treasure the outdoor recreational opportunities provided by the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee. The new sailing center will allow those opportunities to be shared with many others in a fashion that is environmentally sound and aesthetically pleasing.



**HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE** - - The LWSA is seeking widespread financial support for this ambitious undertaking. The LWSA is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt corporation. Donations to the LWSA are, in most cases, tax deductible to the contributor, but each contributor should check with his or her own tax advisor. The LWSA invites individuals who would like to earmark a donation for this new sailing center to make their checks payable to The LWSA David Adams Memorial Sailing Center. Upon receipt, these donations will be deposited into a special fund earmarked for the purpose of establishing

the new sailing center. Contributions in any amount should be sent by mail to:

Adams Memorial Fund  
c/o Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association  
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**CAN YOU HELP OUT?** - - The LWSA is also seeking help and assistance from people who would like to donate their time and energy to this effort. To participate please contact:

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