

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2016 PROJECT SUMMARY

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### **Project Title**

# Do Sail Size and Speed Affect Efficiency?

#### **Abstract**

### **Objectives/Goals**

The objective of this project is to determine advantages of different sails in different scenarios.

#### Methods/Materials

Pool, Boat, 3 Triangular Sails, 3 Rectangular Sails, Large Circular Fan. Recorded the amount of time needed for the various sails to sail 3 and 6 meters.

#### Results

Triangular sails were faster in the 3 meter race with higher acceleration and maneuverability. Rectangular Sails were faster in the 6 meter race with a more constant speed as they moved further away from the fan. Repeated trials were conducted to determine the average speed of each sail.

### **Conclusions/Discussion**

Repeated trials determined the advantages of various sized and shaped sails. These advantages can be translated to using different sails in different scenarios to make sailing more enjoyable.

### **Summary Statement**

I conducted many trials with self-constructed sails and a boat which determined each sails advantages.

## **Help Received**

I received help in constructing the boat and sails and running the trials from my dad.